

TOWN OF NORWOOD
School Committee Meeting
James R. Savage Educational Center
Wednesday, November 19, 2014

A meeting of the Norwood School Committee was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Mr. John Badger, Chairman, Mr. James Gormley, Mrs. Courtney Rau-Rogers and Mr. Michael F. Bergeron.

Committee Member Excused: Mr. Joseph Montesano.

Administrators Present: Mr. James Hayden, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Alec Wyeth, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment; and Ms. Ann Marie Ellis, Director of Finance and Operations.

Minutes: Mr. Gormley made a motion to approve the minutes of November 5, 2014, which was seconded by Mrs. Rau-Rogers. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

Correspondence: None.

Warrants: Chairman Badger informed that there were warrants to be signed.

Public Forum: None.

Announcements: None.

Appearances: Student Representatives - Aloonee Adhikari, Saloonee Adhikari, Hannah Doherty, Viktorija Barone, Elizabeth Wagner: The Student Representatives updated the School Committee regarding the 4 A's at Norwood High School. (Academics, Activities, Arts and Athletics).

Mr. Hayden shared, with the Student Representative, an award received by the College Board that Norwood High School has received for outstanding academics. The Students were going to take the award back to the High School to give to Mr. Usevich.

Mrs. Rau-Rogers made a motion to move *New Business – FY16 Capital Outlay Projects* up in the agenda, which was seconded by Mr. Gormley. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

New Business: FY16 Capital Outlay Projects: Mr. Ricciardi, Director of Buildings and Grounds, was here to update the Committee regarding Capital Outlay Projects being requested for FY16. Priority 1 Items include:

- Willett Trailer;
- Replace 2002 F450 Dump Truck;
- Oldham Floor Tile;
- Cleveland Floor Tile;
- Balch Floor Tile;
- Callahan Floor Tile;
- Willett Floor Tile;
- Coakley Parking lot replacement;
- Willett Classroom Light Replacement;
- Willett Window and Door Replacement;
- Coakley HVAC Replacement; and
- Oldham – replace two 21-year-old boilers.

Mr. Ricciardi also reviewed Priority 2 and Priority 3 projects.

The Members had an opportunity for questions and comments.

Ms. Jane McLucas, Director of Food Services, was here to present FY16 Capital Outlay projects being requested. The priority 1 items are as follows:

- Balch Central Kitchen – replacement of walk-in refrigerator and freezer;
- Balch Central Kitchen – replacement of large equipment and update of kitchen.

The Members had an opportunity for questions and comments.

Mr. Ricciardi congratulated Ms. McLucas for last year's inspection, stating that all 9 schools passed inspection without one single issue. Mr. Ricciardi said that is unheard of.

Reports: Strategic Plan Update: Mr. Hayden gave a combined Strategic Plan Update and High School Visioning Update to the School Committee. The areas discussed were:

- Literacy;
- S.T.E.A.M.; (Strengthen Science, Technology, Engineering, Fine Arts and Math Instruction at all levels).
- Differentiated Instruction;
- Technology Integration;
- Social Emotional Needs of Students;
- Maximize Parent and Community Relationships to Support Student Learning; and
- Facility Improvements and Upgrades.

Mr. Hayden said the search for a new High School Principal knits in with all of these goals.

Superintendent's Report and/or Late Agenda: None.

Policy: None.

Budget: FY15 Budget Transfer: Ms. Ellis requested the following transfer:

<u>TRANSFER FROM:</u>	<u>TRANSFER TO:</u>
1257 15 SCH EQUIP REP- WILLETT...\$1,000.00	0969 15 Sch IS/TB-Willett Inst Supp...\$1,000.00
TOTAL TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM \$1,000.00	TOTAL TO BE TRANSFERRED TO: \$1,000.00

Mrs. Rau-Rogers made a motion for approval, which was seconded by Mr. Gormley. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

FY16 Budget Timeline Progress Report: Mr. Hayden updated the Committee with regard to the FY16 Budget Timeline. Mr. Hayden said he will be meeting with Department Heads this week and he will have more information at the next meeting.

Old Business: Union #50 Contract: Mr. Hayden said this contract has been ratified. There will be a 2.5% increase for this school year and another 2.5% for next school year.

Mr. Gormley made a motion to approve this memorandum of agreement, which was seconded by Mrs. Rau-Rogers. The Committee voted in favor 4-0-1. (Mr. Montesano was not present).

Committee of 21 Meeting (November 12, 2014) update: Mr. Badger updated the Committee regarding the last meeting. The areas the Committee of 21 will be reviewing will be Special Education, Information Technology, facilities and revenue.

They have chosen 6 benchmark towns to compare Norwood with. These towns are: Dedham, Stoughton, Walpole, Milford, Canton and Burlington.

Acceptance of Four Donations: Mr. Hayden informed that in honor of the Norwood Bank's 125th Anniversary, the employees of the Bank have been authorized to donate \$125.0 to the charities of their choice. One employee chose the Prescott Elementary School as their donation choice.

Mrs. Rau-Rogers made a motion to approve this generous donation, which was seconded by Mr. Gormley. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

Mr. Hayden recommended accepting a donation of \$143.25 from Bill McKinney of Marathon Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine for the Norwood High Track and Field Program.

Mrs. Rau-Rogers made a motion to approve this generous donation, which was seconded by Mr. Gormley. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

Mr. Hayden recommended accepting a donation of \$1,500.00 from Eastern Massachusetts Surgery Center, LLC, for Norwood High School's Athletic Program.

Mrs. Rau-Rogers made a motion to approve this generous donation, which was seconded by Mr. Gormley. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

Mr. Hayden recommended accepting a donation from Mylan Specialty of 2 Epi-pens and 2 Epi-pen, Jr.'s for each school in the district valued at \$1,500.00

Mrs. Rau-Rogers made a motion to approve this generous donation, which was seconded by Mr. Gormley. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

Personnel: Mrs. Priscilla Reardon has started her new position in the Superintendent's Office and is doing well.

School Committee Addenda: Mr. Gormley wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and reminded that the Freshmen and JV Football Teams will be playing this Saturday morning. He also reminded that the annual Norwood-Dedham Thanksgiving Day game is home this year.

Mr. Bergeron asked where he could get Madrigal Tickets.

Mr. Hayden said tickets can be purchased at the High School.

Mrs. Rau-Rogers wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Badger also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Executive Session: None.

Adjournment: Mrs. Rau-Rogers made a motion for adjournment at 8:15 p.m., which was seconded by Mr. Gormley. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna G. Doliner, Clerk
Norwood School Committee