

TOWN OF NORWOOD
School Committee Meeting
James R. Savage Educational Center
Wednesday, May 14, 2014

A meeting of the Norwood School Committee was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Ms. Courtney Rau, Chairwoman, Mr. James Gormley, Mr. Joseph Montesano and Mr. John Badger (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)

Committee Member Excused: Mr. Paul Samargedlis

Administrators Present: Mr. James Hayden, Superintendent of School and Ms. Ann Marie Ellis, Director of Finance and Operations.

Minutes: Mr. Gormley made a motion to approve the minutes of April 30, 2014, which was seconded by Mr. The Committee voted in favor 3-0.

Correspondence: None.

Warrants: Chairwoman Rau informed that there were warrants to be signed.

Public Forum: None.

Announcements: Chairwoman Rau announced the Norwood Orient Lodge of Masons Nominees for Teacher of the Year. She was pleased to inform that Dr. Michael Crowley, teacher at Norwood High School, was chosen as the 2014 Teacher of the Year.

Appearances: Request Approval to Dedicate the Callahan School Library in Memory of Andrea Sullivan: Robert Griffin, Principal of the Callahan School, was here with the Callahan School Council to request permission to name the Callahan Library after the Callahan's beloved, deceased Special Education Teacher, Andrea Sullivan. Donations have been made to the Callahan PTA in Andrea's name. Those funds will cover the plaques both inside and outside of the Library. There has been approximately \$5,000 raised through donations and from selling flowers at Ms. Paula Pelaggi's dance recital. The Callahan also proposes to add a \$500 Scholarship in Andrea's name.

Mr. Montesano made a motion to approve the request, which was seconded by Mr. Gormley. The Committee voted in favor 3-0.

Anti-Bullying Film: Mr. Hayden showed a small clip from a film made by the ABC Club (Anti-Bullying Club) at the Coakley Middle School. The Members complimented the uplifting video.

Reports: None.

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

Policy: None.

Budget: FY14 Budget Comparison Report & April 30, 2014 Monthly Report and FY14 Budget Projections: The Members received the FY Monthly Budget Report dated April 30, 2014 and the FY2014 Actual and Projected as of May 1, 2014. Mr. Hayden reviewed contingency plans, if needed, for the 2014 Budget.

Committee of 21 Update: Chairwoman Rau thanked Bob Thornton and the Finance Commission for their assistance with balancing the budget. Mr. Thornton proposed the idea of forming a Committee of 21 to be put together to take a look at school finances. Chairwoman Rau wanted them to look at town's financing as well, but for right now, the focus would be the school budget. The Town-wide Budget Balancing Committee voted in favor of the Committee of 21. The make up of the Committee of 21 would be 2 Selectmen, the General Manager, the Assistant Town Manager, School Committee Members, and the Town Accountant, Mr. Hayden, Ms. Ellis and some Town Meeting Members. Chairwoman Rau said that it was requested that School Committee submit the names of three Town Meeting Members to serve on the Committee of 21 by the end of next week.

Mr. Gormley made a motion to allow the Chair to submit three Town Meeting Member's names, which was seconded by Mr. Montesano. The Committee voted in favor 3-0.

Chairwoman Rau asked the Members to let her know if they have any suggestions by this weekend.

Old Business: None.

New Business: MSBA Callahan Boiler Report: Inspectors have come out to look at the Callahan boiler. Mr. Hayden informed that there are currently 117 projects being filed under this particular program. Mr. Hayden said a decision should be made sometime in the near future.

Acceptance of One Donation: Mr. Hayden recommended accepting the following donations:

\$5,000 to purchase 14 Nook Simple Touch eBook, covers, protection plans, power adapters and downloadable titles for 14 eBooks;

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

Personnel: Mr. Hayden updated that the Coakley Middle School principal search is under way.

School Committee Addenda: Mr. Gormley had none.

Mr. Montesano had none.

Mr. Badger cheered on the Bruins.

The Chair had none.

Executive Session: None.

Adjournment: Mr. Badger made a motion for adjournment at 7:40 p.m., which was seconded by Mr. Gormley. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna G. Doliner, Clerk
Norwood School Committee