

TOWN OF NORWOOD
School Committee Meeting
Norwood High School Auditorium
Wednesday, August 16, 2017

A meeting of the Norwood School Committee was held on Wednesday, August 16, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Ms. Myev Bodenhofer, Chair, Mr. Patrick McDonough, Mrs. Michele Eysie Mullen, Ms. Teresa Stewart and Ms. Maura Smith.

Administrators Present: Dr. Dave Thomson, 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. McDonough made a motion to approve the minutes of July 12, 2017, which was seconded by Mrs. Mullen. The Committee voted in favor 5-0.

Correspondence: None.

Warrants: Chairwoman Bodenhofer informed that there were warrants to be signed and read the totals.

Public Forum: Chairwoman Bodenhofer informed that this was the time in the meeting for members of the public to address the School Committee with items that they would like to see on a future agenda.

Mr. Bill Naumann was here this evening as President of Norwood Youth Hockey. He said he has received a lot of feedback and shared some of the comments he's received regarding the league transfer.

Mr. Clifford concurred with Mr. Naumann that not enough research has been done and suggested a sub committee be put together to gather all the information necessary to make an informed decision.

Mr. Joe Walsh also spoke as a concerned parent and coach. He said he has not seen the High School coaches and athletes working with the youth in town. He believes that would help promote and support the programs.

Ms. Karen Broderick, currently the NHS gymnastics coach and a mother of five, also feels we need to put the brakes on this issue of moving to another league. She said the community should pull together to see what the real issue is and create a three-year plan before leaving the Bay State League.

Mr. Dave Matteo said he asked his son and his son wants to play Walpole.

Ms. Lisa Igoe, parent and former School Committee Member, was here and said she has also had a lot of phone calls regarding the League change. She said she feels the kids are getting the message that they are not good enough to win in the Bay State League. If they don't win in the new League, she asked what will happen then?

Ms. Igoe then informed that there was a meeting Monday evening for any students that may want to try out for cheering. The new cheering coach has given the girls a packet with information that included a statement that said they would not be allowed to go to Nationals this year. She read the reasons given for this decision from the Athletic Director and the High School Principal. Ms. Igoe was very concerned and upset with this decision and found out that this is why last year's coach left.

Ms. Igoe then finished by saying that last year's cheering coach did not get paid but there was a line item in the budget for a winter cheer coach and asked it to be looked into.

Superintendent's Report and/or Late Agenda: Dr. Thomson welcomed the new Willett principal, Ms. Carolyn Roberts, to this evening's meeting.

Ms. Roberts said she is excited to be here and is ready to get started.

Dr. Thomson also said there are about six more positions to fill, but we are on track at this point. Convocation will be September 5th and students will begin on September 6th.

Policy: New Residency Policy: Mr. McDonough and Ms. Stewart said the old residency policy hasn't been updated in a very long time. Mr McDonough said he and Ms. Stewart have been working on this policy, adding that it is a completely new Residence Policy. The members had an opportunity for questions and comments. Mr. McDonough said that the final version will be put on-line and then will be put on a future agenda for vote on the final document.

Officers Jamie Mahoney and Officer Paul Murphy were in attendance and explained how law enforcement is involved in this policy.

The Committee had an opportunity for questions, comments and concerns.

The next Policy Sub Committee Meeting was scheduled for tomorrow.

Ms. Stewart asked everyone to send their feed back to her or Mr. McDonough by September 1st.

Budget: FY17 Budget Closing: Ms. Ellis said the Members received in their packets the Closing information for 2017 and the Opening information for 2018, as well as a Circuit Breaker reimbursement printout. Ms. Ellis explained that of the total budget of \$41,821,612.00, the total activity to date to close out the budget is \$38,911,404.58. She also explained that the Circuit Breaker carry-over balance that will be used in FY18 is \$485,577.68. The Members had an opportunity for questions and comments.

Old Business: Long Term Agenda Document: and New Business: 2017-2018 School Committee Calendar: Chairwoman Bodenhofer suggested making some adjustments to the School Committee Meeting Schedule. There was some discussion.

Ms. Stewart asked that the P.T.O's be invited to present at the travelling school committee meetings. Other items asked to be put on future agendas are
-A community outreach committee be formed; and
-A sub committee be put together to look deeper into the League change.

Chairwoman Bodenhofer said they should be able to be combined into one sub committee and will be added to the next meeting.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 School Committee Meeting Schedule, which was seconded by Mr. McDonough. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 5-0.

School Start Time Sub-Committee Update: There was no update at this time.

Budget Sub-Committee Update: Ms. Smith updated that they had a productive meeting with Ann Haley recently.

Policy Sub-Committee Update: Mr. McDonough said that the minutes should be put on line by tonight.

Consent Agenda:

Acceptance of One Donation: Dr. Thomson recommended accepting the following donation:

-Bay State Textiles	\$572.00
-Norwood Bank	\$1,248.00 (Summer Matters)

Mr. McDonough made a motion to accept this donation, which was seconded by Mrs. Mullen. The Committee voted in favor 5-0.

Personnel: Announcement of New CMS Vice-Principal: Dr. Thomson announced that he has hired a Vice-Principal for the Coakley Middle Schools. He announced

that Mr. Anthony Freeman comes from Everett Public Schools and then shared some of his background and experiences.

School Committee Addenda:

Mr. McDonough had none.

Mrs. Mullen thanked the coaches and parents who came out this evening for taking the time out of their busy lives to come share their thought and concerns regarding the league change.

Ms. Stewart updated that the Summer Recreation Program and camps have been up and running smoothly. She added that the Willett Space Sub Committee met yesterday and gave a short recap.

Ms. Smith thanked Norwood Public Access Television for coming to the High School tonight to cover the meeting. She then wished everyone well as they head back to school.

Chairwoman Bodenhofer wished everyone a great end of the summer and informed that fall sports will be starting next week.

Executive Session: Chairwoman Bodenhofer informed that there would be an Executive Session for the following items:

- Unit A Negotiations;
- Union 50 Negotiations; and
- Individual Contracts

Mr. McDonough made a motion for Executive Session at 9:20 p.m., which was seconded by Mrs. Mullen. The Committee Members were polled and voted in favor 5-0.

Adjournment: Mr. McDonough made a motion for adjournment, which was seconded by Ms. Smith. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna G. Doliner, Clerk
Norwood School Committee