

**TOWN OF NORWOOD
School Committee Meeting
Coakley Middle School
Wednesday, June 6, 2018**

A meeting of the Norwood School Committee was held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Ms. Myev Bodenhofer. Chair, Mrs. Michele Eysie Mullen, Ms. Maura Smith and Mr. Dave Catania.

Committee Member Excused: Ms. Teresa Stewart (due to a family emergency).

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. Dave Catania made a motion to approve the minutes of May 23, 2018, which was seconded by Mrs. Mullen. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

Correspondence: Chairwoman Bodenhofer acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

Warrants: Chairwoman Bodenhofer informed that there were warrants to be signed. She then read the amounts:

Payroll Warrants:	\$1,401,627.35
	\$ 90,188.92
Accounts Payable Warrants:	\$ 18,647.02
	\$ 1,143.00
	\$ 153,920.65
	\$ 180,627.72
Total Expenditure:	\$1,846,154.66

Public Forum: None.

Announcements: None.

Appearances: Coakley Middle School Activities: Dr. Margo Fraczek, Principal of the Coakley Middle School, welcomed everyone to the Coakley for this evening's School Committee Meeting. She introduced six students from the Coakley Middle School who shared some of the things they liked most about the Coakley as well as some of

the areas they would like to see changes. They also gave a quick update about the recent trip to Washington, D.C. that some of the students went on.

Town of Norwood Recreation Department Update: Mr. Travis Farley, of the Norwood Recreation Department, was here with Ms. Katie Seastedt, Program Director of the Recreation Department. They shared some of the programs available to the students of Norwood and explained that they have already begun coordinating programs for the fall. They also informed that they are trying to plan some field trips for Middle School kids on half days.

2018-2019 Elementary Student Handbooks: Ms. Diane Ferreira, Principal of the Balch Elementary School, was here this evening to present the 2018-2019 Elementary Student Handbooks. She reviewed the changes at each school.

Mrs. Mullen made a motion to approve the Elementary Student Handbooks, which was seconded by Mr. Catania. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

Reports: Athletic Program Committee: Dr. Thomson began by saying that there were 22 Members on this committee, including representatives from youth sports, High School Coaches, Administrators, School Committee Members and parents. Dr. Thomson thanked the Committee Members who could attend this evening's meeting.

Dr. Thomson and Mr. John Longley, Director of Athletics, reviewed the three areas of focus for the committee:

- Successful Programming;
- Financial Consideration; and
- Student Engagement.

The Committee's recommendations include:

- Starting some Middle School Programs;
- Building and expanding Community / Athletic Partnerships; and
- Developing a Culture of Pride at Norwood High School.

Committee Members Allison Doliner, Jim Tighe and Chris LoPiccolo explained in more detail the recommendations and the School Committee Members had an opportunity for questions and comments. One of the recommendations was to have lights installed at the turf field to promote community events that bring the town together.

Dr. Thomson said this was a good start and added that this Committee will continue to work on next steps to develop an action plan as well as monitoring progress and impact.

Superintendent's Report and/or Late Agenda: Dr. Thomson had the pleasure of attending the Citizen of the Month Ceremony this morning. He added it was an awesome morning and Representative Rogers brought citations from the State House for each student.

Dr. Thomson then said he had the privilege of attending the Peabody Scholarship reception last night. He thanked the Committee for inviting him to that.

Dr. Thomson also shared that newly appointed Prescott School Principal Brian Riley, visited the Prescott on Monday. His visit was very well received. Dr. Hugh Galligan, newly appointed principal of Norwood High School, will be spending two days at the High School next week.

Finally Dr. Thomson informed that strategic planning sessions are schedule for June 13th and June 19th.

Dr. Wyeth updated on the Fuse Project. The Committee Members received a flyer from the Fuse Fellows from other districts. The flyer explains what project learning is and what the early adopters are. Our Fuse Fellows will be going to a summer boot camp to get them started.

At the June 20th School Committee Meeting, Members of the Social/Emotional Task Force will be here to update the School Committee.

Dr. Wyeth updated on summer workshops, saying that there were 15 proposals that came in. Unfortunately he needs to cut it back by 50% so that it fits the budget. He will choose the ones that work best with the school's priorities.

Dr. Thomson said he really likes that the Fuse Fellows Program coaches our teachers to become coaches in our school system.

Policy: Food Services Policy (EFDA): Mr. Catania made a motion to approve this policy, which was seconded by Mrs. Mullen.

Ms. Smith said she will again be voting against this policy and she shared her reasons, which included not being able to support any policy in which a child may be penalized due to payment issues.

With regard to the motion on the table, the motion passed 3-1 (Ms. Smith voted against).

Budget: FY18 Budget Update – Circuit Breaker: There are no updates from the State at this point.

FY19 Budget Transfer Vote and FY19 Budget Transfer:

TRANSFER FROM:		TRANSFER TO:	
9069-19 SCH IS/TB – WILLET INST. SUP.	\$184.00	0869-19 SCH IS/TB WILLET	\$3,306.00
0870-19 SCH IS/TB – BALCH	\$615.00	0961-19 SCH IS/TB BALCH INS.	\$4,862.00
0962-19 SCH IS/TB – CALLAHAN	\$135.00	0871-19 SCH IS/TB CALL TXTBK	\$2,012.00
0872-19 SCH IS/TB – CLEVE. TXTBK	\$7,519.00	0873-19 SCH IS/TB OLD. TXT.	\$1,607.00
0963-19 SCH IS/TB – CLEVE. IST	\$4,203.00	0874-19 SCH IS/TB PRES. TXT.	\$1,211.00
0964-19 SCH IS/TB OLDH. INS.	\$416.00	0965-19	

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve transfers, which was seconded by Mr. Catania. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

Budget Sub-Committee Update: Ms. Smith updated on the Budget Sub Committee and shared what they will be focusing on during the summer.

The Chair updated on the Town Wide Balancing Committee, saying that they met this week and there was a lot of talk about what they hope the Committee could achieve. They discussed what the 5-year plan may look like as well as trends.

Old Business: Long Term Agenda Document: Chairwoman Bodenhofer updated that at the next meeting; we will be talking about legal representation. There will be four proposals and we will meet for 20 minutes with each group.

New Business:

Consent Agenda: Acceptance of One Donation: Dr. Thomson recommended accepting the following donations:

- Analog Devices – 146 Copies of “Goodbye, Little Dude”; and
- Bay State Textiles – April Rebate - \$472.25 – System wide.
- High School Student Council for \$600.00 for scholarships.

Mr. Catania made a motion to accept these donations, which was seconded by Mrs. Mullen. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 4-0.

Personnel: Dr. Thomson updated on three resignations effective the end of the school year.

School Committee Addenda: Mr. Catania thanked the Members of Town Meeting for approving the School’s budget and for the Chrome Books. He also said that he was very impressed with our High School graduation ceremony.

Mrs. Mullen congratulated the class of 2018. She really enjoyed watching the students go through the ceremony. She thanked the Coakley Middle School for hosting our meeting this evening.

Ms. Smith echoed her colleagues on congratulating the 2018 graduates. She also thanked those from the Norwood Schools who will be retiring.

The Chair had none.

Executive Session: Chairwoman Bodenhofer informed that there would be an Executive Session for Food Services Contract Negotiations.

Ms. Smith made a motion for Executive Session at 8:40 p.m., which was seconded by Mr. Catania. The Committee members were polled and voted in favor 4-0.

Adjournment: Mr. Catania made a motion for adjournment at 9:00 p.m., which was seconded by Mrs. Mullen. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna G. Doliner, Clerk
Norwood School Committee