

TOWN OF NORWOOD
School Committee Meeting
Savage Educational Center
Wednesday, November 28, 2018

A meeting of the Norwood School Committee was held on Wednesday, November 28, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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. Catania made a motion to approve the minutes of November 28, 2018, which was seconded by Ms. Smith. The Committee voted in favor 5-0.

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:

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| Payroll Warrants: | \$1,446,644.47 |
| | \$ 91,751.77 |
| Accounts Payable | \$ 36,325.19 |
| | \$ 1,180.84 |
| | \$ 37,847.88 |
| | \$ 106,846.89 |
| | 334,467.78 |
| | 98,513.66 |
| Interdepartmental Invoices | \$ 5,985.89 |
| | \$ 988.67 |
| Total Expenditure of: | \$2,160,553.04 |

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.

Ms. Judith Howard, Town Meeting Member – District 3 was here this evening to request lights at the Callahan School. She started by saying that it was a pleasure

meeting with Dr. Thomson and Mrs. Brown recently. She informed that Norwood has a young man from Norwood serving in Afghanistan from the Callahan District. She thought the lights (that would be powered by solar power) would be a nice way for Norwood to honor Lieutenant Firefighter Mawn while he is serving.

Mrs. Howard asked if she could be notified when the decision is made, as she understands this is not an item that would be voted on this evening.

Announcements: None.

Appearances: Presentation of PPG Grant Check for \$9,500.00 - (Pittsburgh Plate and Glass Company) – Dr. Wyeth introduced Mr. Tripp Rudolph who is a Norwood resident and works for PPG. He said PPG is very excited to partner with the Norwood Schools. He shared that there are classroom grants available each year as well as industry grants. He said that two of PPG’s Engineers would be visiting the High School to attend a Career Day Event.

Dr. Wyeth explained how this grant would be divided:

- \$2,000 – HS – 3D printers;
- \$4,000 – CMS – dynamic wind tunnel;
- \$3,500 – for Elementary School to expand maker spaces.

Dr. Wyeth said he looks forward to a wonderful partnership with PPG.

Reports: MCAS Improvement Plans: Mrs. Diane Ferreira said that the Members have received all of the MCAS Improvement/Growth Plans for each of the elementary schools. Each plan included breakdowns of supporting data and action plans.

Some of the actions plans include:

- Continue to review test questions that have been released as well as practice test questions for 2019;
- Engaging students in weekly writing across curricula;
- Providing parents with information on MCAS expectations for writing and sharing with parents how they can help their children at home.

Dr. Margo Fraczek and Dr. Hugh Galligan updated on the Coakley Middle School and Norwood High School MCAS Growth Plans for ELA, Math and Science.

The Committee Members had an opportunity for questions, comments and suggestions.

At this point in the meeting, Ms. Smith made a motion for a five-minute recess, which was seconded by Mr. Catania. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 5-0.

Superintendent’s Report and/or Late Agenda: Dr. Thomson updated regarding a Cleveland School Special Education Bus issue, saying that another van driver has been hired so all the students are not all on one bus anymore.

Dr. Thomson then updated regarding the last Strategic Planning Meeting, saying that he has received feedback from the schools and he will be putting the information into the *Planning for Success Format*. He plans on presenting the Strategic Plan at the December 19th meeting.

Policy: None.

Budget: FY19 Budget Transfers & Circuit Breaker Update:

| <u>Transfer From:</u> | | <u>Transfer To:</u> | |
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| 0857-19 SCH IS/TB- CMS Eng. Txbk | \$2,700.00 | 0931-19 SCHIS/TB-CMS Adm. In. Sup | \$2,700.00 |
| 0857-19 SCH IS/TB- CMS Eng. Txbk | \$ 309.00 | 0653-19 SCH INS. Sal-Conf. CMS | \$ 309.42 |
| Total To Be Transferred From: | \$3,009.42 | Total To Be Transferred To: | \$3,009.42 |

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Ms. Stewart. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 5-0.

| <u>Transfer From:</u> | | <u>Transfer To:</u> | |
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| 0901-19 SCH IS/TB SHS ADM Inst. Sup. | \$200.00 | 0638-19 SCH Inst Sal-Conf/Other SHS | \$200.00 |
| Total To Be Transferred From: | \$200.00 | Total To Be Transferred To: | \$200.00 |

Ms. Stewart made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Catania. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 5-0.

Ms. Ellis updated regarding Circuit Breaker, saying that we have been informed that will be receiving \$2,157,257.00 in Circuit Breaker reimbursements. She reminded that we estimated that we would be receiving \$1.8 million. Ms. Ellis said that would leave a carry-over amount of \$1.327 million.

Budget Balancing Update: Chairwoman Bodenhofer reminded that the Budget Balancing Committee would be hosting their Informational Meeting tomorrow night at Norwood High School at 7:30 p.m.

The Chair updated that the last Budget Balancing Meeting was held on November 19th and they talked about what will happen at the Information Meeting tomorrow night, adding that there will be presentations by Tony Mazzucco and Dr. Thomson.

The next Budget Balancing Meeting will be on Monday December 10th at 6:00 p.m. The BBC will be deciding on what recommendations to make.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Out of State Field Trip Request: - Norwood High School – STN Convention, Seattle – March 28-31,2019:

Mr. Catania made a motion to approve this field trip, which was seconded by Mrs. Mullen. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 5-0.

Consent Agenda: Acceptance of Seven Donations:

Norwood Elks – 85 Dictionaries – Gr. 3 Cleveland School Students;
Walmart (Walpole) School Supplies – Cleveland School;
Clay Subaru of Norwood – 150 Books and School Supplies – Cleveland;
Bank of Canton - \$600.00 – Balch PTO;
Ohiopyle Prints - \$81.24 – Norwood High School;
Dedham Savings Bank - \$1,000.00 – CMS Student Math Team;
Mrs. Anne Haley – 2 books – “Michah – The Mighty Marathoner”.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve these donations, which was seconded by Mrs. Mullen. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 5-0,

Personnel: Dr. Thomson updated on new hires and retirements.

School Committee Addenda: Mr. Catania will reserve his comments for tomorrow night’s meeting.

Mrs. Mullen had none.

Ms. Stewart read a prepared statement regarding the positive experience she had at the MASC/MASS Conference. She said she would share more on the conference at a later time. She did share her thoughts on one particular session she attended at the meeting.

Ms. Stewart shared what the differences were between equity and quality. She asked that as we discuss numbers and balancing the budget, we also consider the words “quality” and “equity”. We are talking about children and the opportunities that will help or hinder them for the rest of their lives.

Ms. Smith thanked the Town for getting the information out there about tomorrow night’s Informational Meeting. She encouraged everyone to invite others who may not be planning on attending, as we need to hear a wide variety of voices. She asked everyone to think about the kind of Norwood that they would like to see in five years. This question will help to guide the discussion.

The Chair agreed with Ms. Smith that we hope to have a wide variety of voices attending the meeting. The Chair reminded that the next School Committee Meeting would be one week from tonight at the High School in the auditorium

Adjournment: Mrs. Smith made a motion for adjournment at 9:15 p.m., which was seconded by Mr. Catania. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna G. Doliner, Clerk
Norwood School Committee