

TOWN OF NORWOOD
Training for Elected Officials and Public Employees
By: Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance
Norwood Police / Fire Community Room
Wednesday, January 9, 2019

A training was held on Wednesday, January 9, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

School 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

Also in attendance were:

General Manager:

Tony Mazzucco

Assistant General Manager:

Mr. Bernard Cooper

Member of Board of Selectmen

Bill Plasko

Members of the Finance Commission:

Alan Slater

Ann-Marie Haley

Robert Donnelly

Judith Langone

David Hajjar

Town Clerk: Mr. Thomas McQuaid

Jody Smith, President of the Norwood Teachers' Association

Mr. Jason Tait of the Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance was at this evening's meeting to provide training and ground rules for campaigning and supporting ballot questions.

Public Employees are prohibited from soliciting or receiving contributions directly or indirectly 24/7 (elected officials are exempt)

Solicitation:

Fundraising Calls are prohibited;

Selling tickets to a fundraiser (solicitation and receipt)

Public Employees and Social Media

Soliciting by public employees on social media is prohibited even from personal accounts.

The solicitation or receipt of campaign contributions is prohibited in buildings used for governmental purposes. Prohibited even during non-working hours.

Public Resources: Public resources may not be used for political campaigning purposes.

Example of Public Resources:

Phones, copiers, paper, vehicles, labor and employee time and postage

Public Employees can:

- donate to a committee,
- hold signs on their own time, they can take a position on their own time
- discuss a ballot question with parents during pick-up
- support/oppose ballot questions on social media
- attend a PTO meeting to discuss a ballot question on own time
- analyze the impact of a ballot question
- provide copies of an agency's analysis/position ballot question to people attending public meetings of a government entity
- speak to the press

Use of facilities is all right as long as there is equal access.

Ballot Questions Committees:

M101 Form – fill out and file with Town Hall to form a Ballot Question Committee.

- Organize the Committee;
- Open up a bank account;
- Record keeping and recording of all money;

M102 – Campaign Finance Report:

- 8 days before election this report will be do.
- Post election report is due 30 days after election

Attendees had a chance to ask questions.

This training ended at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna G. Doliner, Clerk
Norwood School Committee