



**NORWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Norwood Public School District Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by School Board President, Mr. Morlang.

ATTENDANCE:

President, Mr. Mike Morlang	PRESENT		
Vice President, Mrs. Nichol Bray	PRESENT	Treasurer, Mrs. Regan Snyder	PRESENT
Secretary, Mr. Walt Fourney	ABSENT	Mr. Randy Harris	PRESENT
Superintendent, Mr. Todd Bittner	PRESENT	Principal, Sam Ryan	PRESENT
Amanda Pierce	PRESENT		

Others: Those in person (not listed above) were asked to sign in on the sign in sheet.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All those present cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS: None

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None

CELEBRATIONS

Parent Teacher Conferences: There was a great turnout for parent-teacher conferences. Teachers made phone calls to parents to personally invite them to the conferences.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

None

STAFF REPORTS

None

CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Approval of September 20, 2023, Minutes
- B. Approval September/October General Fund Bills
- C. Approval to change the date of the December Board meeting to December 13, 2023
- D. Approve hiring of Ryan Snell as Technology Director

MOTION: Mrs. Bray made a motion to accept Items A, B, C, and D.

- a. Mrs. Snyder seconded.

Discussion: Mr. Bittner stated the request to change the board meeting date in December is due to the Mill Levy certification timeline as well as the CASB Conference.

Correction to Ryan Shell instead of the misprint on the agenda of Ryan Snell. Mr. Bittner gave a brief explanation of Ryan and his family in the area.

Roll Call Vote: 4 - "Ayes" and 0 - "Nays". Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Election of New Board Members** – Election Day is November 7th. It will take approximately 3 days to certify votes. Mr. Bittner explained that the new board members will be sworn in at the November meeting by Mr. Morlang, with Mr. Morlang and Mr. Forney stepping away from the board at the point. New officer seats will need to take place as first order of business.

OLD BUSINESS

A. **BCB Discussion (Attorney Opinion)**

Mr. Bittner explained the attorney highly suggested leaving the policy as is without edits. The attorney felt that changing the policy would take the power away from board members. It would take away board members away and possibly leave the board without a quorum. The discussion was tabled last month, no action was needed or taken.

PRINCIPAL REPORT (WRITTEN REPORT IN PACKET)

Mr. Ryan discussed the new academic bar that teachers and administration will be raising. Going forward, students will be held to a higher standard than in the past and will have to work for good grades.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT (WRITTEN REPORT IN PACKET)

Transportation – There was a no-fault accident with one of the buses putting the bus out of commission. A Bruin Waste truck clipped the side mirror of the bus causing the mirror to break through the window and through the seat inside the bus. No injuries.

Multiple buses are breaking down causing transportation issues. All the school suburbans are over 15 years old and need to start working on a plan of replacement.

Looking at 2 electric buses that will just be used just for route not long trips due to availability of charging options. Fourteen (14) passenger buses do not need a CDL to drive, which is what we are looking at to help find drivers. Blue Bird is no longer taking orders for buses because of their back logs.

Mr. Morlang brought up the importance of making sure the charging station is hooked to the current meter for power to keep costs low.

Audit - There is a new audit company that the school is using that was referred to by North Park. They were extremely detailed.

Media- Mr. Bittner was on KOTO about the condition of the school is. Additionally, he will be on live on October 31st.

Athletic Survey - Starting at the beginning of the year, the administration is looking at a survey for coaches that will be filled out by athletes and parents in relation to their performance. However, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Bittner will have a survey by the end of the year that will be put out to the community first on their performance.

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mrs. Bray motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:27pm.

- a. Mrs. Snyder seconded.
- b. **Discussion:** None
- c. **Roll Call Vote:** 4 - "Ayes" and 0 - "Nays". Motion Carried.

APPROVED

APPROVED AS CORRECTED

DATE APPROVED:

Minutes Taken by Amanda Pierce