

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NORWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

July 22, 2024

A meeting of the Norwell School Committee was held on Monday, July 22, 2024. The School Committee met in the community room at Norwell Middle School. Ms. Alison Link called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Present were Chair Christina Kane, Vice Chair Kristin McEachern, Clerk Patrick Reed, Ms. Link and Lisa DiFrisco. Superintendent Matthew Keegan arrived at 6:30 p.m.

At 5:36 p.m., Ms. Link moved that the meeting go into executive session for purposes of strategizing on non-union personnel negotiations strategy and strategy with respect to collective bargaining and to review the minutes of executive sessions to determine if the provisions of this subsection warrant continued non-disclosure, and such determination shall be announced at the body's next meeting and such announcement shall be included in the minutes of that meeting, and to return to open session at the conclusion of executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. McEachern and passed unanimously on a roll-call vote: Kane, Aye, McEachern, Aye, Reed, Aye, Link, Aye, and DiFrisco, Aye. Executive session ended at 6:59 p.m.

Ms. Reed moved, seconded by Ms. Link, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the executive and regular sessions of the Norwell School Committee meeting on June 10, 2024, Accounts Payable Warrants 50, 52 and Refund Warrant 52 signed by Mr. Reed and Accounts Payable Warrants 51, 53, 54 and Refund Warrants 53 and 54 signed by Ms. McEachern, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: Kane, Aye, McEachern, Aye, Link, Aye, Reed, Aye, and DiFrisco, Aye.

The 2024-2025 Resource Guide was shared in the Google folder with updated dates and information for Committee review. The FY'26 Budget Development Timeline is preliminary, and will be finalized in September. Mr. Reed moved to approve the Norwell School Committee Resource Guide for first reading, as proposed. The motion was seconded by Ms. Link, and was approved unanimously: Kane, Aye, McEachern, Aye, Link, Aye, Reed, Aye, and DiFrisco, Aye.

The agenda item for the 2nd reading of the 2024-2025 Student-Parent and Athletic Handbooks with district policies was postponed per Mr. Keegan.

The agenda for the 2024 Leadership Team Retreat which was held at Norwell Middle School on July 20 and 21, 2024 was included in agenda packets. Mr. Keegan stated the Retreat focused upon Strategic Planning, budget preparation, goal development, and training meetings for the summer. The administrators reviewed a draft summary document regarding the Norwell 2025 Strategic Plan prepared by the Central Office directors and Superintendent Keegan which was included in agenda packets. The entire team reviewed all relevant documents from DESE as they begin to look forward to a new strategic plan. Consultants from *Teaching Learning Alliance* gave an overview PowerPoint presentation together with a checklist for the upcoming year, copies of which were included in agenda packets.

A copy of the recruiting process update was included in agenda packets. Mr. Keegan stated that the position of speech pathologist at the secondary level is left to fill.


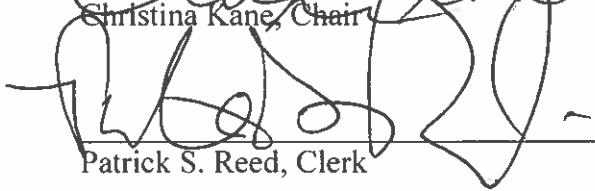
The Superintendent's end-of-year summative and artifacts were made available to the Committee in the Google Drive. The Committee will plan to share their evaluation at the August 19, 2024 meeting.

Ms. McEachern noted the landscaping at the high school and on behalf of the Beautification Committee will reach out to the Trees and Grounds Department to discuss clean up. The PTO leadership at the high school will be split three ways between Mary Ellen Wall, Susan Panttila and Jana McCarthy. Ms. McEachern also raised the subject of the state of the tennis courts at the high school. Mr. Keegan shared the history on the subject. It was suggested that the Athletic Director and Trees and Grounds visit the courts over the summer and possibly put in a request with CPC for funds to make fencing and grounds repairs.

Chair Kane opened the meeting for public comment on non-agenda items and agenda items, and hearing none, proceeded with the agenda.

Mr. Keegan provided an update to the Committee on items which were included in the Google folder: June schools' newsletters; *Business View* magazine article; and a memo regarding FY'25 Financial Signature Authorization and Responsibilities. The New Teacher Academy will be held on August 21 and 22 at Norwell High School from 8:00 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Norwell School Committee will be held at the Middle School community room on August 19, 2024.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, at 7:45 p.m. Ms. Link made the motion to adjourn.


Christina Kane, Chair

Patrick S. Reed, Clerk

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