

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

**February 10, 2025**

A meeting of the Norwell School Committee was held on Monday, February 10, 2025 in the Meeting Room at Norwell Public Library. Clerk Patrick Reed called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Present were Mr. Reed, Vice Chair Kristin McEachern, Alison Link, and Superintendent Matthew Keegan. Chair Christina Kane arrived at 6:38 p.m.

At 6:35 p.m., Mr. Reed moved that the meeting go into executive session for purposes of strategizing on non-union and collective bargaining negotiations and to return to open session at the conclusion of executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Link and passed unanimously on a roll-call vote: McEachern, Aye, Link, Aye, and Reed, Aye. The Committee moved to Study Room 1. Executive session concluded at 6:59 p.m., and the Committee returned to the regular meeting in the Meeting Room.

Mr. 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 January 27, 2025, minutes of the January 29, 2025 Budget Workshop, Accounts Payable Warrants #31 signed by Mr. Patrick Reed and #32 signed by Ms. Kristin McEachern, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: Link, Aye, McEachern, Aye, Kane, Aye, and Reed, Aye.

A draft calendar was included in agenda packets. The calendar is subject to change as a result of ongoing negotiations with the EAN. Mr. Reed moved, seconded by Ms. Link to approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar for second and final reading, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: Link, Aye, McEachern, Aye, Kane, Aye, and Reed, Aye.

Policies IKF: Graduation Requirements and IKFB: Competency Determination Requirements which were reviewed at the last meeting were included in agenda packets. Mr. Reed made a motion, seconded by Ms. Link, to approve Policies IKF and IKFB for second and final reading, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: Link, Aye, McEachern, Aye, Kane, Aye, and Reed, Aye.

A Legal Alert regarding Title IX Regulations was included in agenda packets. Copies of Policy ACAB: Sexual Harassment/Title IX Policy adopted on June 10, 2024 and August 19, 2020 were in the Google folder. Mr. Reed moved, seconded by Ms. Link, to approve rescinding Policy ACAB adopted on June 10, 2024 and reinstate Policy ACAB to the previous adoption date of August 19, 2020, for first reading, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: Link, Aye, McEachern, Aye, Kane, Aye, and Reed, Aye.

Student Government Representative Holly Panttila reported on student activities at the high school.

A 2025-2026 Hiring Process Update and the Teacher and Specialist Recruiting Information sheet were included in agenda packets. The positions have been posted internally with a deadline of February 28 and will be posted at the beginning of March on the website.

Enclosed in the Google folder were 2024 DESE District Report Card for the schools and district which have been posted on the website. Director of Teaching, Learning & Technology Diane Provenzano presented a PowerPoint to explain how the report cards work and answered questions. School Principals sent information to families regarding the DESE report cards on February 6, 2025. The Committee thanked Ms. Provenzano for the report.

