

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

**April 28, 2025**

A meeting of the Norwell School Committee was held on Monday, April 28, 2025 in the Meeting Room at Norwell Public Library. Vice Chair Kristin McEachern called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Present were Clerk Patrick Reed, Ms. McEachern, Alison Link, and Superintendent Matthew Keegan.

At 6:32 p.m., Mr. Reed moved that the meeting go into executive session for purposes of strategizing on 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 3. 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 March 31, 2025, Accounts Payable and Refund Warrants #40 and #42 signed by Mr. Reed and Accounts Payable and Refund Warrants #41 signed by Ms. McEachern, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: Link, Aye, McEachern, Aye, and Reed, Aye.

A recommendation from Director of Finance, Operations & Technology Warren MacCallum regarding the award for the student bus transportation contract was included in agenda packets. The contract will increase by 9%. If the Committee is in agreement with this recommendation, Mr. MacCallum may proceed with finalizing a contract with First Student. Mr. Reed moved, seconded by Ms. Link, to accept the recommendation to contract with First Student for student transportation, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: Link, Aye, McEachern, Aye, and Reed, Aye.

In accordance to MGL Chapter 40 Section 4E, a vote needs to be taken annually to appoint Norwell's board member for SSEC. Mr. Reed moved, seconded by Ms. Link, to approve the appointment of the superintendent of Norwell Public Schools to serve on the South Shore Educational Collaborative Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 school year, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: Link, Aye, McEachern, Aye, and Reed, Aye.

Student Government Representative Holly Panttila reported on high school events and activities. The Committee congratulated Ms. Panttila on her decision to attend Vanderbilt University.

A copy of the Town Meeting Information Guide and 2024-2025 Annual Report, which will be posted on the website, was included in agenda packets. Also enclosed was the School Committee Budget letter to the community.

A PowerPoint from Director of Finance, Operations & Technology Warren MacCallum for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY'25 was included in agenda packets. Presenting the PowerPoint, Mr. MacCallum stated NPS is currently forecasting that it is currently in a good position to close the FY'25 budget with variances still to come as NPS finishes the year.

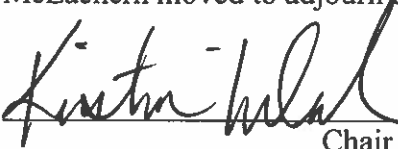
A proposed schedule for next year's School Committee meeting dates was provided to the Committee in agenda packets for review.

Mr. Keegan noted that Chair Christina Kane was attending the 6:00 p.m. Moderator's meeting at Town Hall. Mr. Keegan and the Committee presented Mr. Reed with a print of the Sparrell Building and thanked Mr. Reed for his nine years of service on the School Committee.

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

Mr. Keegan noted correspondence included in the Google folder: April 4, 2025 Enrollment and Average Class Size reports and recent schools' newsletters. The next meetings will be at the Norwell Middle School Community Room on May 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Town annual meeting and a regular meeting at the Norwell Public Library on May 19, 2025.

There being no further business to come before the Committee in open session, at 7:21 p.m., Ms. McEachern moved to adjourn the meeting.

  
Chair May 19, 2025

  
Clerk May 19, 2025