

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

**January 15, 2026**

The Norwell School Committee met in the Meeting Room at Norwell Public Library on Thursday, January 15, 2026. Clerk Alison Link called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. Present were Chair Kristin McEachern, Ms. Link, Scott Dyke, and Superintendent Matthew Keegan.


At 4:41 p.m., Mr. Dyke moved that the meeting go into Executive Session for purposes of discussion of MA GL c. 30A, Section 21 (a)(l) "To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual." - Open Meeting Law complaint, and to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Link and passed unanimously on a roll call vote: McEachern, Aye, Link, Aye, and Dyke, Aye. The Committee moved to the local history room. Executive Session concluded at 4:55 p.m., and the Committee returned to the Meeting Room for Open Session.

Mr. Link moved, seconded by Mr. Dyke, to approve the out of state trip request to Providence, RI on January 25, 2026, as proposed. The motion passed unanimously: McEachern, Aye, Link, Aye, and Dyke, Aye.


Enclosed in agenda packets was the *FY'27 Executive Budget* PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Keegan stated that it is a level funded budget. Discussion, questions and answers ensued regarding the *FY'27 Executive Budget* between the Superintendent, members, Athletic Director JJ Niamkey, and the Director of Finance, Operations & Technology Warren MacCallum. The presentation will be shared with all Advisory Board members and will be posted on the website. A vote on Capital, Articles and Other Requests will be taken at the January 26, 2026 meeting.

Chair McEachern opened the meeting to public comment on agenda items. Ms. Kara Vatour, 256 Pine Street, asked a question regarding two capital budget articles, and Advisory Board member Stephen Bright asked a question regarding the text line. Mr. Keegan responded to the questions.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Ms. Link moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

  
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Kristin A. McEachern, Chair

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Alison L. Link, Clerk

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