

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

**February 9, 2026**

The Norwell School Committee met in the Meeting Room at Norwell Public Library on Monday, February 9, 2026. Clerk Alison Link called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Present were Chair Kristin McEachern, Ms. Link, Vice Chair Christina Kane, Scott Dyke, and Superintendent Matthew Keegan.

At 6:34 p.m., Ms. Link moved that the meeting go into Executive Session for purpose of MA GL c. 30A, Section 21 (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on bargaining or litigation position of the public body, and to return to open session at the conclusion of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dyke and passed unanimously on a roll call vote: McEachern, Aye, Kane, Aye, Link, Aye, and Dyke, Aye. The Committee moved to the study room 3. Executive Session concluded at 6:59 p.m., and the Committee returned to the large meeting room for Open Session.

Ms. Link moved, seconded by Mr. Dyke, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the meeting with the Select Board on January 21, 2026, Executive and Regular sessions of the Norwell School Committee meeting on January 28, 2026, Accounts Payable Warrants #31 and #32 signed by Ms. Kristin McEachern, and the out-of-state trip requests to Washington, DC on November 4 – 6, 2026 and to Chicago, IL on December 16 – 19, 2026, as proposed. The motion passed unanimously: McEachern, Aye, Kane, Aye, Link, Aye, and Dyke, Aye.

The 2026-2027 School Calendar was enclosed in agenda packets. Ms. Link moved, seconded by Ms. Kane, to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar for second and final reading, as proposed. The motion passed unanimously: McEachern, Aye, Kane, Aye, Link, Aye, and Dyke, Aye.

Student Government Representative Isabel Belisle was in attendance to share a report on activities at Norwell High School.

A 2026-2027 Teacher and Specialist Recruiting Information sheet was included in agenda packets. Mr. Keegan will continue to update recruiting information as needed.

A PowerPoint was included in agenda packets and presented to the Committee by Director of Teaching, Learning & Technology Meredith Erickson for the DESE 2025 District Report Card. The 2025 District Report Card can be found in the Google folder and on the Norwell Public Schools website. Principals will be sending out information to families regarding the DESE report cards on February 10, 2026.

A Summary of Substantive Changes to Norwell High School's 2026-2027 Program of Studies was included in agenda packets and reviewed with the Committee by Principal Marc Bender.

A Summary of Substantive Changes to Norwell Middle School's 2026-2027 Program of Studies was included in agenda packets and reviewed with the Committee by Principal James Dupille.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY'26 Budget Report was included in agenda packets and presented to the Committee by Director of Finance, Operations & Technology Warren MacCallum.

The joint meeting with the Advisory Board will occur on March 3, 2026 at Town Hall. The PowerPoint presented on January 21, 2026 will be finalized for the presentation to the Advisory Board. Ms. Link moved, seconded by Ms. Kane, to adopt a preliminary FY'27 Norwell School Committee Budget for

presentation purposes to the Advisory Board for the March 3 Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously: McEachern, Aye, Kane, Aye, Link, Aye, and Dyke, Aye.

Chair McEachern opened the meeting to public comment on agenda items, and hearing none, proceeded with the agenda.

Ms. Kara Vatour, 256 Pine Street, read a prepared statement from the podium for the public comment on non-agenda items.

Mr. Keegan noted the correspondence provided to the Committee in the Google folder: letter, guide and certification page for Open Meeting Law; letter from the Office of Public School Monitoring Review of DESE; February 6, 2026 Enrollment and Average Class Size reports; and recent school newsletters. A meeting with Advisory Board at Town Hall is scheduled for March 3, and the next Committee meeting will be a Middle School Outreach at the Norwell Public Library on March 9, 2026.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Ms. Link moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.



Kristin A. McEachern, Chair

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Alison L. Link, Clerk

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