

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

April 27, 2026

A meeting of the Norwell School Committee was held on Monday, April 27, 2026 in the Meeting Room at Norwell Public Library. Clerk Alison Link called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Present were Ms. Link, Chair Kristin McEachern, Vice Chair Christina Kane, Scott Dyke, and Superintendent Matthew Keegan.

At 6:32 p.m., Ms. Link 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 Mr. Dyke and passed unanimously on a roll-call vote: McEachern, Aye, Link, Aye, Kane, Aye, and Dyke, Aye. The Committee moved to Study Room 3. Executive session concluded at 6:58 p.m., and the Committee returned to the regular meeting in the Meeting Room.

Ms. Link moved, seconded by Mr. Dyke, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the Executive and Regular sessions of the Norwell School Committee meeting on March 30, 2026, Accounts Payable and Refund Warrants #41 and 42, and Accounts Payable Warrant #40 signed by Ms. McEachern, Accounts Payable Warrant #43 signed by Ms. Christina Kane, and the multi-day field trip to W. Springfield, MA on April 15 – April 18, 2026, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: Link, Aye, McEachern, Aye, Kane, Aye, and Dyke, Aye.

In accordance to MGL Chapter 40 Section 4E, a vote needs to be taken annually to appoint Norwell's board member for SSEC. Ms. Link moved, seconded by Mr. Dyke, to approve the appointment of the superintendent of Norwell Public Schools to serve on the South Shore Educational Collaborative Board of Directors for the 2026-2027 school year, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: Link, Aye, McEachern, Aye, Kane, Aye, and Dyke, Aye.

Student Government Representative Isabel Belisle reported on high school events and activities.

A copy of the Town Meeting Information Guide and 2025-2026 Annual Report, which will be posted on the website, was included in agenda packets. Also enclosed was a draft of the School Committee Budget letter to be dated April 28, 2026 to the community. Mr. Keegan noted the Moderator's meeting which will be held on April 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

A PowerPoint from Director of Finance, Operations & Technology Warren MacCallum for the 3rd Quarter FY'26 was included in agenda packets. Presenting the PowerPoint, Mr. MacCallum stated NPS is currently in a good position to close the FY'26 budget and will closely monitor the variances 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. The Committee was in agreement to hold the July and August meetings at the Public Library.

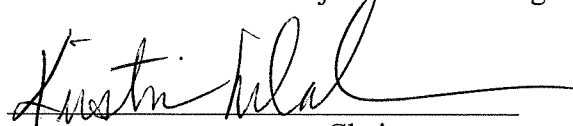
Ms. Kane stated that School Building Committee meetings have commenced and are going well. Mr. Keegan and the Committee presented Ms. Link with a print of the Sparrell Building, and thanked Ms. Link for twelve years of service on the School Committee. Ms. Link shared a few words regarding her time on the Committee and personal experience with the teaching staff. Ms. McEachern also recognized and thanked Ms. Lisa DiFrisco who has served the Committee well in her 3 and ½ years on the Board.

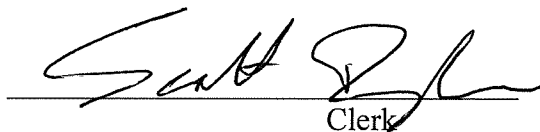
Vice Chair Kristin McEachern opened the meeting for public comment on agenda and non-agenda items, and hearing none, proceeded with the agenda.

Mr. Keegan noted correspondence included in the Google folder: April 6, 2026 Enrollment and Average Class Size reports; a letter to community from Supt. Keegan; and recent schools' newsletters.

The next meetings will be at the Norwell Middle School Community Room on May 4, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Town annual meeting and a regular meeting at the Norwell Public Library on May 18, 2026.

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 18, 2026


Clerk May 18, 2026