

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

June 8, 2026

A meeting of the Norwell School Committee was held on Monday, June 8, 2026 in the Meeting Room at Norwell Public Library. Chair Kristin McEachern called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Ms. McEachern, Elizabeth Bersell, Clerk Scott Dyke, Jana McCarthy, Vice Chair Christina Kane, and Superintendent Matthew Keegan.

At 6:30 p.m., Ms. Ms. McEachern 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. Bersell, and passed unanimously on a roll-call vote: McEachern, Aye, Bersell, Aye, Kane, Aye, McCarthy, Aye, and Dyke, 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. Dyke moved, seconded by Ms. Kane, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the executive and regular sessions of the Norwell School Committee meeting on May 18, 2026, and Accounts Payable Warrants #47 signed by Ms. Kane and #48, and #49 signed by Ms. McEachern, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: McEachern, Aye, Kane, Aye, Dyke, Aye, Bersell, Aye, and McCarthy, Aye.

Enclosed in agenda packets was the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Norwell School Committee and the Education Association of Norwell Secretaries and Aides, the term of which were agreed to by the EAN. Ms. McEachern and Mr. Scott Dyke had served this past year on the negotiation's subcommittee. Mr. Dyke moved, seconded by Ms. Bersell, to ratify the September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2029 Memorandum of Agreement as negotiated between the Norwell School Committee and the Education Association of Norwell Secretaries and Aides, amended to correct the 6.10 to 6.33 in #5, and contingent on the EAN ratification of the Agreement, and to authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Norwell School Committee, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: McEachern, Aye, Kane, Aye, Dyke, Aye, Bersell, Aye, and McCarthy, Aye.

Enclosed in agenda packets were the summary of proposed changes to the student-parent and athletic handbooks. Several items are to be determined as guidance from the state is received. A legal review will also need to occur before the second reading. All handbooks will include aligned health language. Mr. Dyke moved, seconded by Ms. Kane, to approve the 2026-2027 Student-Parent Handbooks and Athletic Handbook, for first reading, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: McEachern, Aye, Kane, Aye, Dyke, Aye, Bersell, Aye, and McCarthy, Aye.

Enclosed in agenda packets were the 2025-2026 School Improvement Plan Status reports with status updates and drafts for the 2026-2027 School Improvement Plans. Each school principal reported out on the status of this year's plans and highlighted areas for next year. Questions and comments ensued. Mr. Dyke moved, seconded by Ms. Kane, to approve the 2026-2027 School Improvement Plans, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: McEachern, Aye, Kane, Aye, Dyke, Aye, Bersell, Aye, and McCarthy, Aye.

Enclosed in agenda packets was new Policy KBG: Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) and current and revised Policy JKAA: Time-Out, Seclusion, and Physical Restraint of Students, which goes into effect on August 17, 2026. Director of Student Services Suzan Theodorou was in attendance to update the Committee on these policies. Mr. Dyke made the motion, seconded by Ms. Kane, to approve Policies KBG and JKAA, for first reading, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: McEachern, Aye, Kane, Aye, Dyke, Aye, Bersell, Aye, and McCarthy, Aye.

Director of Teaching, Learning & Technology Meredith Erickson presented utilizing a PowerPoint presentation of her Entry Plan. Highlights from her first year in Norwell Public Schools, actions taken this year, and goals and objectives for next year were shared.

Superintendent Keegan provided a recruiting update for 2026-2027 school year. Last minute resignations will be addressed over the next few weeks.

Mr. Keegan updated the Committee on the recent School Building Committee meetings and the OPM process.

Mr. Keegan and High School Principal Marc Bender explained the senior week's lineup of events.

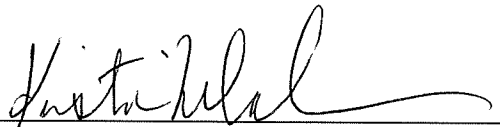
Enclosed in agenda packets was a quarterly update from the South Shore Educational Collaborative. Quarterly updates will be shared with the Committee from the SSEC going forward in the information and presentation section of the meeting.

Committee members shared information on the events attended.

Chair McEachern opened the meeting to public comment on non-agenda and agenda items. Ms. Kara Vatour, 256 Pine Street, commented on AP classes, GPA's and the college application process.

Mr. Keegan noted correspondence included in the Google folder: letters to staff achieving Professional Status; schedule of meetings for 2026-2027 School Committee meetings; and recent schools' newsletters. The Celebration of Success will be held on June 9 at the Norwell Middle School. The next regular meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Norwell Public Library on July 20 and August 17, 2026.

There being no further business to come before the Committee in open session, at 8:24 p.m., Ms. McEachern moved to adjourn the meeting.



Kristin A. McEachern, Chair

July 20, 2026



Scott E. Dyke, Clerk

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