

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

August 17, 2026

A meeting of the Norwell School Committee was held on Monday, August 17, 2026. The School Committee met in the Meeting Room at Norwell Public Library. Chair Kristin McEachern called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Present were Ms. McEachern, Clerk Scott Dyke, Vice Chair Christina Kane, and Jana McCarthy. Superintendent Matthew Keegan joined the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

At 5:05 p.m., Ms. McEachern moved that the meeting go into executive session for purposes of strategizing on non-union personnel strategy and Section 22 (g)(1) The public body, or its chair or designee, shall, at reasonable intervals, review the minutes of executive sessions to determine if the provisions of this subsection warrant continued non-disclosure. Such determination shall be announced at the body's next meeting and such announcement shall be included in the minutes of that meeting, and to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dyke and passed unanimously on a roll-call vote: Kane, Aye, McEachern, Aye, McCarthy, Aye, and Dyke, Aye. The Committee moved to the local history room. Executive session ended at 6:34 p.m. The Committee returned to regular session in the community 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 July 20, 2026, and to approve accounts payable warrants #4, 5, 6 and 7 signed by Ms. McEachern, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: McEachern, Aye; McCarthy, Aye, Dyke; Aye; and Kane, Aye.

An email from Atty. Spatafore approving the release of Executive Session Minutes from 1997 and 1998 was included in agenda packets. The minutes were in the Google folder for review during Executive Session. Mr. Dyke moved, seconded by Ms. Kane, to approve the release of declassified 1997 and 1998 Executive Session minutes, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: McEachern, Aye; McCarthy, Aye, Dyke; Aye; and Kane, Aye.

Conservation Committee member Will Saunders has requested permission to place a pet waste station near the pathway behind the Middle School. An email from Mr. Saunders, as well as the placement picture, was included in agenda packets. Mr. Dyke moved, seconded by Ms. McCarthy, to approve the Conservation Committee's request to install a pet waste station on the pathway near NMS, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: McEachern, Aye; McCarthy, Aye, Dyke; Aye; and Kane, Aye.

The 2026-2027 Student-Parent Handbooks for second reading were shared with the Committee with the counsel's memorandum on the subject. Mr. Dyke moved, seconded by Ms. McCarthy to approve the 2026-2027 Student-Parent Handbooks for second and final reading, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: McEachern, Aye; McCarthy, Aye; Dyke, Aye; and Kane, Aye.

The final version of the 2026-2027 Resource Guide was distributed to the Committee. Mr. Dyke moved to approve the Norwell School Committee Resource Guide for second and final reading, as proposed. The motion was seconded by Ms. McCarthy, and was approved unanimously: McEachern, Aye; McCarthy, Aye; Dyke, Aye; and Kane, Aye.

Mr. Keegan updated the Committee on schools' reopening plans for the school year. The second page of the school calendar was enclosed in agenda packets and includes the dates of fall open houses, curriculum nights and other important dates. Discussion ensued regarding the Committee's attendance at the open houses in September.

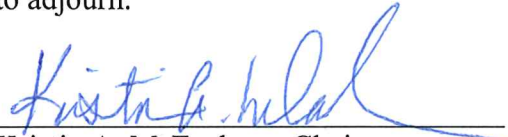
The Committee reviewed Superintendent Keegan's end of year evaluation as a group in Executive Session. Chair McEachern read their statement for the Superintendent's review and merit increase, a copy of which was provided to the recording secretary. Mr. Dyke made a motion, seconded by Ms. McEachern, to extend Superintendent Matthew Keegan a 3.5 percent merit increase as a result of the 2025-2026 evaluation, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: McEachern, Aye; McCarthy, Aye; Dyke, Aye; and Kane, Aye.

The OPM Negotiations Subcommittee met on August 11 and the School Building Committee is scheduled to meet on August 18. A packet of information should ready by the Director of Finance, Operations & Technology Warren MacCallum for the MSBA on August 19, and they should respond before September 14 to let us know if we are invited to the MSBA Board meeting to learn if our OPM selection is approved.

Chair Kane requested public comment on non-agenda and agenda items, and Ms. Kara Vautour, 256 Pine Street, confirmed September 24 elementary schools' curriculum night.

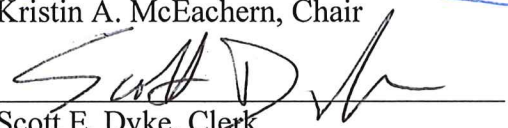
The next meetings of the Norwell School Committee will be held at the Norwell Public Library on September 21 and October 26, 2026.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, at 7:15 p.m. Ms. McEachern made a motion to adjourn.



Kristin A. McEachern, Chair

September 21, 2026



Scott E. Dyke, Clerk

September 21, 2026