

**Norfolk School Committee  
MINUTES  
Freeman-Kennedy School – Media Center  
Tuesday • January 14, 2013 • 7:05 PM**

**Mission Statement**

The Norfolk Public Schools offers a safe, joyful and challenging learning environment that meets the needs of our diverse students. Through school, family and community partnerships, we provide an education that inspires life-long learners and cultivates caring and productive citizens of our ever-changing world.

**Call to Order**

Shawn Dooley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Roll Call: Jeff Chalmers, Mark Flaherty, Kelly Peterson, Thomas Doyle and Shawn Dooley

Also Present: Dr. Ingrid Allardi, Superintendent and Pam Kinahan, Recording Secretary

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Donations**

**Motion**: Mr. Flaherty made a motion to accept a donation for the Norfolk Public Schools in the amount of \$50.00 from Lueders Environmental Inc. Mr. Doyle second. All in Favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT**

**Troop 74766 Girls Scout Presentation**

As part of the Girl Scout Bronze Award (requires community service) the School Committee was shown a PowerPoint presentation for the installation of a Ga Ga pit at the Freeman/Kennedy School. The Girl Scouts included in their presentation fundraising for the project, building the structure and the benefits to the community.

**Motion**: Mr. Flaherty made a motion to approve the fundraising and installation of a Ga Ga pit at the Freeman/Kennedy School. Mr. Peterson second. All in Favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Motion**: Mr. Flaherty made a motion to approve the fundraising by the Girl Scouts for the Ga Ga pit. Mr. Doyle Second. All in favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

**School Van**

The school van, which is approximately 10 years old, is no longer being used. Currently, SPED has a contract with BICO to transport our out of district students. Dr. Allardi will investigate the options of transferring to another town department and pricing it out for resale.

**Contract Negotiations**

Mr. Dooley reported that contract negotiations would be starting this month.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**Strategic Planning Update**

The Strategic Planning Committee has completed the first draft of the schools strategic plan and will present to the School Committee at the February meeting.

### Quarterly Bullying Report

Dr. Allardi reported that no incidences have occurred at the H. Olive Day School. There was one identified instance reported at the Freeman/Kennedy School. The incident was investigated by the Administration. The appropriate disciplinary action was taken and the issue has been resolved.

### PARCC Assessment

Dr. Allardi reviewed the new on-line PARCC assessment that the state may replace the MCAS with.

**Motion:** Mr. Flaherty made a motion to allow parents to opt out of the PARCC Assessment testing. Second by Mr. Peterson. The voting was 3 yeas and 2 nays. The motion was passed.

### Pre-School Programming

Dr. Tupper reported to the School Committee that the Pre-Kindergarten program has been very successful. She would like to revisit the current program hours. Dr. Tupper will present to the School Committee at the next meeting, a report that shows the changes and comparisons of the present hours.

### Kindergarten Registration

Dr. Allardi informed the School Committee that the Kindergarten registration would be on line within the next few days. This process would give a better projection of the kindergarten enrollment for the fall.

**Motion:** Mr. Flaherty made a motion to approve full day Kindergarten tuition to remain at \$3,600.00 per year. Second by Mr. Peterson. All in favor. The motion was unanimously passed.

Dr. Allardi stated that the non-refundable deposit could not be upheld due to the state regulations for grant recipients.

**Motion:** Mr. Flaherty made a motion to amend the language of the original kindergarten registration form to read, \$100.00 deposit. Second by Mr. Peterson. All in favor. The motion was unanimously passed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### NEST

Mr. Dooley reported that NEST continues to look for more volunteers to join.

### King Philip

Mr. Chalmers reported that 2015 budget was the topic of discussion at the last KP School Committee meeting.

### Policy Sub-Committee

**Motion:** Mr. Flaherty made a motion to accept the incidental changes to Policy JQ. Second by Mr. Doyle. All in favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Mr. Flaherty made a motion to accept the incidental changes to Policy JICB. Second by Mr. Doyle. All in favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Considerations/Criteria for Approving School Partners

Dr. Allardi explained that this attachment would be used as criteria for Policy KBE, for approving of school partners.

### Budget Sub-Committee

Mr. Peterson reminded the committee that there was a Budget Sub-committee meeting following the school committee meeting.

### Technology Sub-Committee

Mr. Chalmers reported that the next meeting would be this Thursday, January 16th.

### Building Sub-Committee

Mr. Doyle reported that the Building Sub-Committee would meet one last time. He also reported that there is anticipation that there will be some money left in the building project. Dr. Allardi stated that this would allow us to present to the selectman recommendations/costs of projects, which need to be completed in the school building.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion:** Mr. Flaherty made a motion to accept SEPAC's renewal application for School Partnership. Second Mr. Doyle. All in favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Mr. Flaherty made a motion to approve the December 18, 2013 School Committee Meeting Minutes. Second Mr. Doyle. All in favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

The next **School Committee Meeting** will be held Tuesday, February 11, 2014. Prior to the School Committee Meeting the Policy Sub-Committee will meet. The Budget Sub-committee will meet at the close of the School Committee Meeting.

**Motion:** Mr. Flaherty made a motion to end the meeting. Second by Mr. Doyle. All in favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **EXHIBITS**

- Exhibit 1 Donations
- Exhibit 2 Policy JQ – Student Costs: Fees, Fines, Tuition, and Charges
- Exhibit 3 Policy JICFB – Bullying Prevention
- Exhibit 4 Attachment to Policy KBE
- Exhibit 5 Special Education Parent Advisory Council School Partnership Renewal Application
- Exhibit 6 School Committee Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, December 18, 2013
- Exhibit 7 2014-2015 Pre-School and Kindergarten Tuition Rates
- ADD Girl Scouts Power Point Presentation – Ga-Ga Pit installation and fund raising for the Freeman/Kennedy School
- ADD Overview – (PARCC) Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers