

**Norfolk School Committee  
MINUTES  
Freeman-Kennedy School – Media Center  
Tuesday • February 11, 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 7:17 PM.

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

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

Absent: Jeff Chalmers

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None. Bnm,

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Donations**

**Motion:** Mr. Flaherty made a motion to accept a donation of \$4,116.63 from the Norfolk TPA for the Norfolk Public Schools. Mr. Doyle second. All in Favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT**

**Inspirational Troupe**

Mr. Dooley read a letter from Jonathan Garvin (Inspirational Troupe), asking the Committee to waive the troupe from a building use fee for the remainder of the year. After discussion, the committee agreed to waive 1 month's fee until further information on building use for both schools is presented to the Committee at the next meeting.

**PARCC**

Mr. Dooley read a letter from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The letter states that Norfolk Public Schools does not legally have the right to ask parents if they would like to opt out of the PARCC Assessment. Mr. Dooley wrote a letter to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education stating that the Norfolk Public School's respectfully disagrees with their ruling that parents do not have the legal right to opt out of the PARCC Assessment. All School Committee members signed the letter.

**Donation to Fisher House**

**Motion:** Mr. Flaherty made a motion for the Norfolk School Committee donation of \$100.00 to the Fisher House. Mr. Doyle second. All in Favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Retirement from School Committee**

Mr. Dooley stated that he would resign his position as Chairman of the School Committee as of the May elections. There will be two 3 year positions and one 2 year position available for the School Committee.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

### Staff Resignation

Dr. Allardi presented the Committee with an HOD staff member's letter of resignation. The open position has been advertised.

### Pre-School Tuitions

Dr. Allardi reviewed the table that Dr. Tupper had prepared for the committee. The table showed the recommended changes for the 2014-2015 Pre-School tuition rates and classroom hours.

**Motion:** Mr. Flaherty made a motion to approve the proposed 2014-2015 Pre-School tuition rates and classroom hours. Second by Mr. Doyle. All in favor. The motion was unanimously passed.

### BICO

As a representative of the BICO Collaborative, Dr. Allardi updated the School Committee on the current activities and information regarding BICO.

### Strategic Plan

Dr. Allardi presented a PowerPoint providing an overview of the proposed District Strategic Plan.

**Motion:** Mr. Flaherty made a motion to accept the proposed District Strategic Plan. Second by Mr. Doyle. All in favor. The motion was unanimously passed.

### Friendship Project

Mrs. Altham-Hickey wrote a letter to the School Committee to explain the reasoning behind wanting to postpone the Boston College Friendship Project until the fall of September 2014.

### 2014-2015 Kindergarten

Dr. Allardi reported to the School Committee the Fall 2014 Kindergarten enrollment (84 full day and 6 half-day).

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### NEST

Dr. Allardi reported that NEST is meeting with the Norfolk Teacher-Parent Association to try and find a way to bring the groups together to work collaboratively and provide better services for the schools.

### King Philip

None.

### Policy Sub-Committee

#### **2nd Reading:** Considerations/Criteria for Approving School Partners

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

### Budget Sub-Committee

Mr. Peterson stated that the committee is close to finalizing the preliminary budget and should be completed by the end of the month. He also reminded the committee that there was a Budget Sub-committee meeting following the school committee meeting.

### Technology Sub-Committee

None.

### Building Sub-Committee

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion:** Mr. Flaherty made a motion to accept the Wellness Committee'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 January 14, 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, March 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 at 8:48pm. Second by Mr. Doyle. All in favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **EXHIBITS**

- Exhibit 1 Donations
- Exhibit 2 PARCC
- Exhibit 3 Anna Tupper – Preschool Tuition
- Exhibit 4 BICO Activities and Information
- Exhibit 5 Strategic Plans
- Exhibit 6 Friendship Project – Freeman/Kennedy School
- Exhibit 7 Consideration/Criteria for Approving School Partners – Attachment to Policy KBE
- Exhibit 8 Renewal Application for School Partner – Wellness Committee
- Exhibit 9 January 14, 2014, School Committee Meeting Minutes
- ADD Strategic Plan PowerPoint Presentation and SWOT Analysis