

# Norfolk Public Schools: NORFOLK, MASSACHUSETTS

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**Norfolk School Committee  
MINUTES  
Freeman-Kennedy School – Media Center  
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### 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 7:15 PM.

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

Also Present: Dr. Ingrid Allardi, Superintendent and Roxanne Verdeaux, Acting Recording Secretary

### **ADMINISTRATIVE/REGULAR ITEMS**

#### Budget Discussion

Mr. Dooley briefed the School Committee on the School Budget. He explained that the budget needed to be reduced by .5% (from 4.3% to 3.65%). He explained that Dr. Allardi had met with Todd Hassett, Business Manager and her Administrative Team to identify the reductions. Dr. Allardi shared the following recommendations, .1 psychologist, .5 custodian at the Freeman-Kennedy and \$40,000 in extraordinary maintenance earmarked for the deteriorating HOD sprinkler system. Dr. Allardi explained that great care was taken to protect the instructional core. Mr. Dooley also noted that the Board of Selectman agreed that if King Philip only receives a 6% increase in their budget, then the Norfolk Public Schools would get the full 4.3%.

There was general discussion among the committee members on how to generate additional revenue, i.e. BICO.

The School Committee members agreed to have Dr. Allardi explain the reductions to the Board of Selectman and Mr. Dooley would share the School Committee's feelings about the impact that King Philip's Budget continues to have on the Norfolk Public School's budget.

#### Pre-K Re-Structuring

The School Committee spoke briefly about Pre-K Re-structuring.

At 7:40pm the School Committee continued the meeting with the Board of Selectman at the Norfolk Public Library.

The Board of Selectman acknowledged the School Committee at 8:40pm. Dr. Allardi and Mr. Dooley approached the table. Mr. Dooley expressed the School Committee's concerns of the impact that the King Philip budget continues to have on the Norfolk Public School's budget. He appealed to and encouraged the

King Philip School Committee, administrators and teachers to show their due diligence to look towards creating a long term plan to address the King Philip's budget short fall.

Dr. Allardi reminded the Board of Selectman of the flat lining of the Norfolk Public School's budget for the past five years. Even with the 4.3% increase it is still tight in meeting contractual obligations. Dr. Allardi identified the reductions as, 1 psychologist, .5 custodian at the Freeman-Kennedy and \$40,000 in extraordinary maintenance earmarked for the deteriorating HOD sprinkler system.

Clarification was requested by the School Committee and Dr. Allardi that if the other two towns don't agree to an 8% King Philip budget, but agree to only 6%, then the Norfolk Public Schools' budget would be restored to 4% and not 4.3%.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.