

Norfolk School Committee
MINUTES
Norfolk Town Hall – Room 124
Wednesday • May 24, 2010 • 6:00 PM

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Chair, Shawn Dooley, called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Roll Call:

John Olivieri, Linda Andrews, Ross Gilleland, Shawn Dooley, and Thomas Doyle, and Superintendent, Don LeClerc.

Public Input

None.

Public Hearing: School Choice

Exhibits 7, 11 & 12

The Vice Chair, Ross Gilleland, opened the Public Hearing at 6:07 PM. He explained that the all School Committees in Massachusetts must vote to participate in school choice or not to participate in school choice.

Ellen Horton, teacher and NTA President, recommended not participating in school choice based on the impending budget cuts and increasing class size.

The Superintendent recommended not to participate in School Choice.

The Vice Chair closed the Public Hearing at 6:12 PM.

John Olivieri made a motion *not to participate in School Choice.*

Linda Andrews seconded.

Mr. Olivieri provided Exhibits 11 & 12.

All in favor. **It was a vote.**

Superintendent's Report

School Committee Protocol

The Superintendent recommends all correspondence to the Administrative Office goes through the School Committee Chair.

Ross Gilleland would like all School Committee members to review the Draft Guide To Meeting Management and discuss at the next meeting.

Water Main Emergency

Thursday, May 20, 2010, there was water main break on Boardman Street. Chief Bushnell called the Superintendent at 8:30 AM. The students were dismissed at 10:30 AM after all parents were notified. The Superintendent would like to compliment the Mrs. Altham-Hickey and her staff.

The situation provided a beneficial non-emergency use of the emergency communication procedures and tools. The Committee requested the Superintendent review the emergency call procedures and tools.

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Correspondence Consent Agenda

Exhibit 8

Ross Gilleland made a motion *to approve the Correspondence Consent Agenda and the recommended actions for each.*

Linda Andrews Seconded.

All in favor. **It was a vote.**

Race to the Top

Exhibit 9

Ross Gilleland made a motion *to direct and authorize the Chair and Superintendent to sign and submit the RTTT Grant Memorandum of Understanding between the Massachusetts DESE and the Norfolk Public Schools and the Memorandum of Agreement between the School Committee, Superintendent and the Norfolk Teachers Association, contingent upon a final review of any new guidance including, but not limited to, Massachusetts's Federal Race to the Top Proposal.*

Linda Andrews Seconded.

All in favor. **It was a vote.**

Vote Fees: SACC, Pre-K, and Kindergarten

Exhibit 10

Shawn Dooley, Chair recommends deferring the discussion of increasing fees until after the override on June 22, 2010. The Superintendent informed the School Committee that 39% of the students live within the 2 miles to school and pay the bus fee. This covers \$147,350 of the \$421,000 transportation cost.

Next Meeting

The Committee discussed the proposed next meeting of June 23, 2010 and decided to meet on June 16 in order to provide additional information regarding the budget implications prior to the override vote on June 22.

Public Input

Susan MacKinnon asked if the School Committee had any plans for hiring a Special Education Director.

Approval of Minutes

The Chair made a motion *of Unanimous Consent to adjourn to defer the approval of minutes to the next meeting.*

Hearing no objection, **the minutes were deferred until the next meeting.**

Adjournment

The Chair made a motion *of Unanimous Consent to adjourn to Executive Session not to return to Regular Session to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiation with non-union personnel.*

The Committee adjourned to executive session at 6:50 PM.

Roll Call:

John Olivieri – yes

Linda Andrews – yes

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Ross Gilleland – yes
Shawn Dooley – yes
Thomas Doyle – yes

Attachments

Attachment 1: Exhibit and Correspondence Log