

Norfolk School Committee
MINUTES
Norfolk Town Hall – Room 124
Wednesday • May 12, 2010 • 7:00 PM

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Superintendent, Don LeClerc, called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.
He welcomed the new members: Shawn Dooley and Thomas Doyle.

Roll Call: John Olivieri, Linda Andrews, Ross Gilleland, Shawn Dooley, and Thomas Doyle.

Reorganization of School Committee

Exhibits 1, 6

Linda Andrew made a motion to elect Ross Gilleland as Chair.

John Olivieri seconded.

Thomas Dooley made a motion to elect Shawn Dooley as Chair.

Ross Gilleland seconded.

Discussion.

3 in favor; 2 opposed. **It was a vote.**

Linda Andrews made a motion to elect Ross Gilleland as Vice Chair.

John Olivieri seconded.

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

Thomas Dooley made a motion to elect Ross Gilleland as Secretary.

John Olivieri seconded.

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

Ross Gilleland made a motion for the following appointments:

Linda Andrew – King Philip School Committee Member

Ross Gilleland and Shawn Dooley – Policy Subcommittee

Linda Andrews and Thomas Doyle – Budget Subcommittee

Thomas Doyle, Linda Andrews and Ross Gilleland (alternate) – Personnel and Resources Subcommittee

Shawn Dooley, Chair – Public Relations

Shawn Dooley – Legislative Liaison

Shawn Dooley, Thomas Doyle and John Olivieri – Warrant Signers

Thomas Doyle and Ross Gilleland – Strategic Planning Committee

Thomas Doyle and Ross Gilleland – Joint KP-Norfolk Shared Services Study Committee

Ross Gilleland and Shawn Dooley – Norfolk School Building Committee

Linda Andrews seconded.

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

H. Olive Day Trustee appointment was postponed.

Ross Gilleland made a motion to appoint Shawn Dooley to be designated payroll signer and Ross Gilleland as an alternate.

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Thomas Doyle seconded.
All in favor. **It was a vote.**

Unfinished Business

Norfolk Community Day

Exhibit: 2.1

Shawn Dooley will coordinate with Kristen Porell on details for Norfolk Community Day.

Superintendent's Report

Bullying Policy

Exhibit 3

The Superintendent recommends the Policy Subcommittee rewrite/review the Bullying Policy. School Committee discussed incidents of bullying in the district. John Olivieri would like a monthly report from the Superintendent.

Freeman-Centennial Principal

The Principal position has been posted in-house. The Superintendent and Interim Superintendent will collaborate on this position.

Vote Fees: SACC, Pre-K, and Kindergarten

Exhibit 5

The Superintendent request that the School Committee vote fees: Pre-K: \$250 and Kindergarten: \$320. Ross Gilleland would like rates from other communities for comparison and defer to the Budget Subcommittee.

Race to the Top

Ross Gilleland requested an update from the Superintendent regarding Race to the Top Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) applications.

The Superintendent informed the Committee that he has not proceeded on pursuing an MOU and Wrentham and Plainville Superintendents are not interested in the joint project with Norfolk as a result of Norfolk's vote to study shared services with King Philip.

The Committee agreed to reexamine the MOU requirements for the federal Race to the Top grant program.

Committee Reports

Norfolk School Building Committee

The next meeting is May 13, 2010. The architect is finalizing documents. They are going from schematic design stage to design stage. They are working on a preliminary contract for site work to start this summer. Construction will start in the fall. John Olivieri has requested minutes from the School Building Committee.

King Philip Liaison

King Philip has submitted an MOU for the Race for the Top Grant. They are working on a contract with the new Superintendent.

Public Input

None.

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New Business

School Choice Vote

Exhibit 4

The Superintendent requested a vote on school choice.

Linda Andrews reported that a Public Hearing was necessary prior to a vote.

Ross Gilleland read portions of MGL Ch 76 Sec. 12 (b) regarding the language pertaining to Public Hearings.

Thomas Doyle suggested the language could be interpreted to require a hearing only if a student wished to attend school in the district.

Shawn Dooley recommended the Committee postpone the vote until after a public hearing.

The Committee tentatively scheduled the Public Hearing for May 26, 2010.

School Committee Calendar: Summer and 10-11 School Year

The School Committee will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7PM in Room 214 in Town Hall.

School Committee Self Evaluation

The School Committee will work on self evaluations after looking at past tools used for this purpose. The Superintendent will provide the Committee with three different tools that the Committee could choose from.

Draft Guide to Meeting Management

Ross Gilleland would like feedback from the School Committee at the June meeting.

School Committee Evaluation of Superintendent

The Superintendent recommended that the Committee not perform an evaluation, as it would serve no professional value to him since he is retiring. The School Committee will discuss the need for superintendent evaluation with the interim superintendent.

Correspondence Consent Agenda

Exhibit 2

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

Linda Andrews Seconded.

John Olivieri reflected that he observed similar body language from members in the attendance at meetings and suggested that everyone to be mindful of body language and to try not to be so sensitive, as body language is not always controllable or a conscious behavior.

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

Approval of Minutes

Ross Gilleland made a motion *to approve the minutes of April 7, 2010.*

John Olivieri seconded

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

Adjournment

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The Chair made a motion *of Unanimous Consent to adjourn.*

Ross Gilleland informed the committee of MASC's survey on school committee role in student achievement.

Hearing not further objections, the **meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.**

Executive Session

None.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Exhibit and Correspondence Log