

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

**Present:** John Olivieri, Ross Gilleland, Linda Andrews, Thomas Doyle and Shawn Dooley

**Also present:** Dr. Claire Jackson, members of the community and staff

The meeting was called to order by Shawn Dooley, Chair, at 7:08 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ellen Horton, President, NTA stated that the article in the Norfolk Boomerang did not include information that the NTA had attempted to negotiate with the Norfolk School Committee and that she wanted to state for the record that the NTA had attempted to negotiate but that agreement could not be reached.

Community members, while realizing the budget difficulties, voiced dismay at the addition of fees for Pre-K, band and busing.

*Betsy Silvestri questioned all extracurricular fees.*

*Anne Caragliano discussed the bus fee and crossing guards.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE/REGULAR ITEMS**

Correspondence

Exhibit 1

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

**School Building Committee**

Mr. Dooley, Chair, discussed the access road to the construction site for the new school building. Fire Chief Cole Bushnell reported the safety benefits of the access road. The School Committee discussed the benefits of an additional road to access Freeman-Centennial and focused on the safety issues. The Board of Selectman will address the access road at their next meeting on July 12, 2010.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT**

Override Vote

Shawn Dooley discussed the failure of the override vote on June 22, 2010.

BICO Vote – Superintendent

**MOTION:** Mr. Doyle made a motion to appoint Dr. Claire Jackson, Interim Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Directors of Bi-County Collaborative. Linda Andrews seconded. All in favor. **The motion passed.**

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

### Final Reduction List

Exhibit 2

The Superintendent presented her recommended reductions and add-back list to the School Committee.

### Superintendent Search

Exhibit 3

The Superintendent explained the process of the upcoming Superintendent Search. She contacted MASC to access their free services; her recommendation is to start organizing the search to begin in early December. She will provide the School Committee with a firm price from MASC for them to manage the entire search. The School Committee discussed the potential for Dr. Jackson to continue as Interim Superintendent for one more year and the potential for a shared superintendent with King Philip.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Budget Subcommittee

Mr. Doyle discussed the last budget subcommittee meeting held on June 22, 2010 after the override failed. At that meeting the fees for the 2010-2011 school year were discussed. Human Resources will check with DESE about extending the waiver for the current Superintendent.

### **Change in Fees**

The School Committee had a lengthy discussion regarding fees.

Ms. Andrews **made a motion to accept the fees as amended by the Budget Subcommittee meeting on June 22, 2010 as follows:**

**Bus Fee:** \$135

**Band Fee:** \$150 per student grades 5 and 6 only

**Pre-K:** 3 day AM: \$250; 4-day PM: \$275; 4-day extended: \$300

Mr. Doyle seconded. 3 in favor, 1 abstain; 1 opposed. **The motion passed.**

### **School Building Committee**

Mr. Dooley reported that the construction had not begun yet.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Dooley discussed ideas for upcoming School Committee. He suggested a business retreat and a summer barbeque for members of the School Committee, Central Office and their families. Also, on Friday, July 9, 2010, Mr. Dooley has arranged a meeting with Senator Richard Ross to discuss issues related to school funding, etc. Mr. Doyle would like the School Committee to look into the feasibility of a volunteer/coop program to help families cover tuition. The School Committee discussed the possibility of afterschool educational programs.

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## DECISION ITEMS

Approve Budget

**Vote**

**MOTION:** Mr. Gilleland made a motion to approve the budget reduction for FY2011 of \$947,314. Ms. Andrews seconded. All in favor. **The motion passed.**

Mr. Gilleland requested that the budget reductions be translated to cost centers for the next meeting. The Superintendent will give the School Committee a copy of the entire budget for the next meeting.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Community members commented on the band fee and volunteerism at the H. Olive Day School.

*Betsy Silvestri thanked the School Committee for reducing the bus fee.*

*Barbara Snead, President, KPMA discussed curriculum vs. extra-curricular activities as it pertains to fees.*

*Ellen Horton discussed a more organized volunteer program.*

*Kathy Maloof reminded the School Committee about the many afterschool programs at Norfolk Public Schools.*

*Paula Olivieri informed the School Committee of the hundreds of volunteers at the H. Olive Day School.*

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Gilleland made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, strategies for collective bargaining, legal issues, and security and not to return to public session.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM

### EXHIBITS:

1. Correspondence:
  - Strubeck, Band Fee, 6/15/2010
  - Cleasby, Pre-K fee, 6/15/2010
  - Lutes, Band Fee, 6/17/2010
  - Rabasco, Band Fee, 6/18/20
  - O'Connor, Band Fee, 6/19/2010
  - Caragliano, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade restructure, 6/19/2010
  - Desmond, Band Fee, 6/22/10
  - Gallerani, School Committee Behavior, 6/2010
2. Final Reduction/Addback List – FY2011
3. Superintendent Search brochure
4. Map: Preliminary Plan for Access Road to Freeman-Centennial School

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5. DESE Letter: Race to the Top

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