

Norfolk School Committee
MINUTES
Norfolk Town Hall – Room 124
Tuesday • January 26, 2011 • 7:00 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 7:40 PM and read the Mission Statement. Present: Thomas Doyle, Linda Andrews, Shawn Dooley. Also present: Dr. Claire Jackson. Absent: John Olivieri, Ross Gilleland.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tracey Malloy, Strawberry Lane made a comment to the School Committee regarding the Curriculum Coordinator position. She believes that we need someone looking at students learning from an overall articulated perspective.

ADMINISTRATIVE/REGULAR ITEMS

Announcements: If there is a delay tomorrow based on the weather a connect-ed message will be sent out.

Correspondence: All Committee members reviewed correspondence received. EX. 1

Commendations: Michael Sullivan, a 6th grade student won second place in the Massachusetts Municipal Annual Essay Contest. Dr. Jackson read his prize winning essay.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

2011-2012 School Calendar Ex. 2

MOTION: Thomas Doyle made a motion to approve the school calendar for 2011-2012. Linda Andrews seconded. All in favor. **The motion passed.**

Nominations For Naming New Building Ex. 3

Shawn Dooley gave an overview on the nominations for the name of the new school. He began the discussion and proposed to name new school the Freeman-Kennedy School to honor a former School Committee member, Alvin J. Freeman and join his name to that of Sgt. Adam P. Kennedy a student who gave his life for the country in 2007 in Iraq.

MOTION: Shawn Dooley made a motion to name the new school the Freeman-Kennedy School. Thomas Doyle seconded. Discussion: Linda Andrews requested to put this on hold until the full committee was present. There was no consensus to wait until the next meeting. Vote: 2 - Yes, 1 abstain. **The motion passed.**

NCTV Lease

Shawn Dooley would like to propose a one-year renewal of the NCTV lease for space at the Freeman-Centennial School. They currently pay \$1,100 per month.

MOTION: Thomas Doyle made a motion to increase the rent for NCTV for \$1,200 per month for a period of one year to end June 2012. Linda Andrew seconded. All in favor. **The motion passed.**

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Level Services Budget

In response to Mr. Gilleland's question at the last meeting Dr. Jackson explained that a level service budget estimate would not be recommended under any circumstances because staff changes are imperative but if recommended would cost at least \$500K over current dollars amount due to contract.

Technology Committee/Lease vs. Buy Computers

At the last meeting Mr. Gilleland requested information Mass General Law regarding technology. There is no law, but the DESE does require community involvement. We are meeting recommendations and do have a technology plan through 2015. Dr. Jackson gave the school committee information on leasing and financing computers. Dr. Jackson's opinion is to buy computers. She suggests a rotation schedule to keep everything up to date - computers, books etc.

Policy Readings

KF, Use of Facilities – 1st Reading

Ex. 4

Mr. Dooley recommended adding a sentence to the policy for a reduced rate for ongoing events. This policy will be updated for the next meeting.

GCRD, Private Tutoring For Pay – 3rd Reading

Ex. 5

MOTION: Thomas Doyle made a motion to accept Policy GCRD, Private Tutoring For Pay, Linda Andrews seconded. Discussion: Shawn would like either to allow tutoring or not charge for room rental. Claire explained that lots of school districts do not allow it. Thomas Doyle suggested tabling the motion until next meeting.

DBJ, Budget Transfer Policy – 3rd Reading

Ex. 6

MOTION: Thomas Doyle made a motion to accept Policy DBJ, Budget Transfer Policy, Linda Andrews seconded. All in favor. **The motion passed.**

Policy Discussion

KDCA, Distribution of Material Policy

Ex. 7

Dr. Jackson would like each committee member to read this policy. She recommended allowing only school related events and fundraising material to be sent home with the students. She will draft a revision.

Section B, Approved Policies from 4/28/10

Ex. 8

Shawn Dooley would like to put on agenda for next meeting

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School Building Committee: Pick-Up/Drop-Off at Freeman-Centennial

Shawn Dooley gave an update on school building project. The ground breaking date has not been set yet. The new pick-up and drop-off at Freeman-Centennial School has been determined. The MSBA will be contacted to see if they will approve paying for improvements. The cost of \$1500-\$2000 may be able to be covered by the Maintenance/Repair budget .
MOTION: Shawn Dooley made a motion to pave 2.5 inch binder way for pick-up and drop off. Thomas Doyle seconded. All in favor. **The motion passed.**

Budget Subcommittee

This committee recently met and discussed areas where cuts could be made for the FY12 budget. It is a fluid budget at this point. The date for the Public Hearing will be determined tonight. There is an Advisory Board Meeting scheduled for February 17th. The School Committee will present the FY12 budget.

King Philip Liaison Report

The King Philip School Committee met Monday night. They had presentations from Technology, Principals and SPED with their FY12 budget. There were also four retirements announced. This Saturday, February 5, 2011, there will be a public hearing for budget proposal.

Contract Negotiation Subcommittee

The Negotiation Subcommittee with the NTA twice. The NTA has made initial proposals. There is a meeting next week to discuss the School Committee's proposal to the NTA.

NEW BUSINESS

The date for Public Hearing has been set for February 15th at 7 PM.

DECISION ITEMS

MOTION: Linda Andrews made a motion to approve the minutes from January 4, 2011. Thomas Doyle seconded approval with corrections noted. All in favor. **The motion passed.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION: Mr. Dooley made a motion to enter executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining because an open session will have a detrimental effect on the School Committee's bargaining position not to return in open session. Mr. Doyle seconded. The motion passed.

Roll Call:

Linda Andrews
Shawn Dooley
Thomas Doyle

Exhibits:

1. Correspondence, 2/01/11
2. 2011-2012 School Calendar, draft 1/26/11
3. Nominations: Name for New School, 1/26/11
4. Use of Facilities Policy, KF
5. Private Tutoring for Pay, GCRD
6. Budget Transfer Policy, DBJ

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