

Northfield Town School District
Board of School Directors' Regular Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2016 – 6:30 PM
Brown Public Library Community Room
Approved: February 1, 2016

Present: Sophia Bennett, Vice-Chair; Emily Gray, Clerk; Peter Evans; Mike Bailey; Laurie Gossens, Superintendent; Ryan Parkman, NMHS Principal; Wayne Howe, NES Principal; Chris Locarno, Business Manager. Christine Motyko, Community Member. **Absent:** Justin Wrigley, Chair.

1.0 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Sophia Bennett at 6:32 p.m.

2.0 Approve Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Michael Bailey and seconded by Emily Gray to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 7, 2015 and the Bills and Order Summary totaling \$124,878.73. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

A motion was made by Michael Bailey and seconded by Sophia Bennett to remove the Resignations discussion from the Consent Agenda, to be determined as a separate issue. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

3.0 Community Engagement: None.

4.0 Reports:

4.1 Superintendent's Report (District highlights; Board Information): Superintendent Gossens shared her report and FY17 proposed budget with the Board.

4.2 Monitoring Reports

4.2.1 EL.03, "Treatment of Faculty and Staff"

4.2.2 EL.11, "Communication with the Public"

A motion was made by Mike Bailey and seconded by Peter Evans to approve both monitoring reports and to endorse the compliance of the Superintendent. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

5.0 Board Discussion and Action:

5.1 Discussion and Action on FY17 Budget: A motion was made by Peter Evans and seconded by Mike Bailey to table the discussion and action on the FY17 Budget. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

5.2 Discussion and Action on Northfield Public Informational Meeting Warning:

5.3 Discussion and Action on Northfield Annual Meeting Warning:

A motion was made by Emily Gray and seconded by Sophia Bennett to table the discussion and action on both the Northfield Public Information Meeting Warning and the Northfield Annual Meeting Warning. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

5.4 Discussion and Action on School Choice Limits: A motion was made by Emily Gray and seconded by Mike Bailey to continue with the Winooski Valley School Choice Collaborative for the 2016-2017 school year. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

5.5 Discussion and Action on Leave Request: A motion was made by Emily Gray and seconded by Sophia Bennett to approve the international professional study leave of absence without pay or benefits for the 2016-2017 school year contingent on notification of the Superintendent by May 10, 2016. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

5.6 Discussion and Action on Governance Study, Appointment of Committee Members:

A motion was made by Mike Bailey and seconded by Peter Evans to reaffirm the previous motion made and approved on November 2, 2015 to accept the invitation from the Williamstown School District to enter into a formal study as defined by Section 706. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

A motion was med by Peter Evans and seconded by Mike Bailey to appoint Christine Motyka and Patricia Coppolino as members of the 706 study committee with the Williamstown School District. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

5.7 Discussion and Action on Announced Tuition Rates:

A motion was made by Peter Evans and seconded by Mike Bailey to add Announced Tuition Rates for the 2067-2017 school year to the Agenda for discussion and action. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

A motion was made by Peter Evans and seconded by Emily Gray to approve the Tuition Rate of \$11,000 for elementary students and \$16,000 for secondary students for the 2016-2017 school year. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

6.0 Executive Session:

A motion was made by Sophia Bennett and seconded by Mike Bailey to enter into Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. with an invitation to the Superintendent and NMHS Principal. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved. The Board exited Executive Session at 8:22 p.m.

A motion was made by Mike Bailey and seconded by Sophia Bennett to accept the resignation of James Jones, effective January 15, 2016. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

7.0 Future Board Meetings:

NSD	February 1, 2016	Brown Public Library Community Room	6:30 p.m.
WSSU	February 8, 2016	Roxbury Village School	5:30 p.m.
NSD	February 29, 2016	Brown Public Library Community Room	6:30 p.m.
NSD	March 1, 2016	Town Meeting Day, NMHS Auditorium	10:00 a.m.

8.0 Board Evaluation:

8.1 Completion of evaluations for this meeting.

9.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Gray, Clerk