

Northfield Town School District
Board of School Directors' Regular Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2016 – 6:30 PM
Brown Public Library Community Room
Approved: December 5, 2016

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

Community Members: Charles Morse.

1.0 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Justin Wrigley at 6:30 p.m.

2.0 Approve Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Mike Bailey and seconded by Sophia Bennett to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2016; the Bills and Orders Summary totaling \$974,160.99. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

3.0 Community Engagement:

Justin Wrigley read the letter from Charles Morse concerning Northfield considering an advisable status to the Roxbury/Montpelier study. Mr. Morse commented on his letter seeking a pledge to commit to looking at all options for merger.

A motion was made by Peter Evans and seconded by Sophia Bennett to add a discussion of the possibility of requesting advisable status with the Roxbury/Montpelier study to next month's agenda. Vote: Yes – 3; No – 2; Abstention – 0. Approved.

Community Member, Trish Coppolino requested to add the ECO program to the budget for grades K-2.

4.0 Reports:

4.1 Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Laurie Gossens presented her report to the Board.

4.1.1 NES Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Presentation: NES Principal, Wayne Howe, presented to the Board the digital Multi-Tiered System of Supports Plan process for students at NES.

Laurie Gossens gave a brief overview of the first draft of the proposed FY18 budget.

5.0 Board Discussion and Action:

5.1 Discussion and Action on First Reading of GP.08 Code of Conduct Policy (Exhibit 5.1): A motion was made by Mike Bailey and seconded by Peter Evans to approve the First Reading of GP.08 Code of Conduct. Vote: Yes – 5; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

5.2 Discussion and Action on Appointment of Truancy Officer: There was discussion among the Superintendent and the Board regarding the appointment of a Truancy Officer as required. A motion was made by Mike Bailey and seconded by Sophia Bennett to appoint the Northfield Police Chief and/or his designee as the Truancy Officer. Vote: Yes – 5; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

5.3 Discussion and Action on NMHS Mission Statement (Exhibit 5.3): A motion was made by Emily Gray and seconded by Mike Bailey to approve the NMHS Mission Statement as revised by the NMHS NEASC Committee. Vote: Yes – 5; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

5.4 Discussion and Action on Co-Curricular Ski Program: A motion was made by Sophia Bennett and seconded by Peter Evans to table the discussion on the addition of a Co-Curricular Ski Program. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 1; Abstention – 0. Approved.

6.0 Board Work Session:

6.1 Act 46 Study Committee Update: Based on earlier community input no further discussion was held.

7.0 Future Board Meetings:

WSSU	December 5, 2016	Brown Public Library Community Room	5:30 p.m.
NSD	December 5, 2016	Brown Public Library Community Room	6:30 p.m.
NSD	January 3, 2017	Brown Public Library Community Room	6:30 p.m.

8.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Gray, Clerk