

**Northfield Town School District
Board of School Directors' Regular Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2015 – 6:30 PM
Brown Public Library Community Room
Approved: January 4, 2016**

Present: Justin Wrigley, Chair; 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; Susette Bollard, ONSU Superintendent.

1.0 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Justin Wrigley at 7:03 p.m.

2.0 Approve Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Michael Bailey and seconded by Sophia Bennett to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 2, 2015 and the Bills and Order Summary totaling \$144,636.73. Vote: Yes – 5; 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 budget presentation with the Board.

6.0 Board Discussion and Action:

6.1 Discussion and Action on Formation of Governance Study:

A motion was made by Emily Gray and seconded by Peter Evans to withdraw from the Governance Study with Montpelier. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 1; Abstention – 0. Approved.

A motion was made by Emily Gray and seconded by Peter Evans to invite Montpelier to participate as an advisor to Northfield/Williamstown Governance Study, pending Board approval by Williamstown. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 0; Abstention – 1. Approved.

A motion was made by Mike Bailey and seconded by Sophia Bennett to appoint Peter Evans and Emily Gray to the Governance Study Committee as Board representatives. Vote: Yes – 5; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

6.2 Discussion and Action on Graduation Requirements: A motion was made by Emily Gray and seconded by Mike Bailey to approve the recommendation to require one year of foreign language or its equivalent as a graduation requirement. Vote: Yes – 3; No – 2; Abstention – 0. Approved.

6.3 Discussion and Action on Parent Request for Tuition: No action taken.

6.4 Discussion and Action on Out of Country Field Trip Request: A motion was made by Mike Bailey and seconded by Peter Evans to approve the out of country field trip. Vote: Yes – 5; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

6.5 Discussion and Action on Sabbatical Request: A motion was made by Peter Evans and seconded by Mike Bailey to table the request. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

6.6 Discussion and Action on proposed Co—Curricular Compensation Schedule for 2016-2019: A motion was made by Emily Gray and seconded by Mike Bailey to approve the proposed Co-Curricular Schedule for

2016-2019 as recommended. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

5.0 Future Board Meetings:

WSSU	December 21, 2015	NMHS Library	5:45 p.m.
NSD	January 4, 2016	Brown Public Library Community Room	6:30 p.m.
NSD	February 1, 2016	Brown Public Library Community Room	6:30 p.m.
WSSU	February 8, 2016	Roxbury Village School	5:30 p.m.

6.0 Board Evaluation:

8.1 Completion of evaluations for this meeting.

7.0 **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Gray, Clerk