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Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

A Regular meeting of the Norwood School Committee was held on Wednesday, October, 2008. Chairman Samargedlis called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Mr. Paul Samargedlis, Chairman, Mr. Joseph M. Pentowski, Mr. William J. Plasko, Jr., Mr. Mark P. Joseph, Mr. Richard W. Kief, Mrs. Eleanor Travers and Ms. Courtney A. Rau.

Administrators Present: Mr. John Moretti, Superintendent of Schools.

Minutes: None.

Correspondence: None.

Warrants: Chairman Samargedlis advised that there were warrants available for their signatures.

Public Forum: None.

Appearances: None.

Reports: Mr. Moretti said the Members should have received a letter form Mrs. Langone of the Town Wide Budget Balancing Committee.

Mr. Kief made a motion to adopt the items in the Town of Norwood Financial Policies Booklet, which was seconded by Mr. Joseph.

There was some discussion on this item and the Members had some concerns about the title.

Mr. Pentowski made a motion to table this item which was seconded by Mr. Plasko. The Committee voted in favor 6 – 1 (Mr. Kief opposed).

Chairman Samargedlis asked the Members to get their concerns back to him with regards to this item by Monday.

Superintendent s Report and/or Late Agenda: None.

Policy: None.

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9 Information from Finance Commission:

we needed to address the letter by Allan Howard, mission dated October 3, 2008.

Mr. Moretti thanked Mrs. Tina Fitzgerald for putting this information together for this evening's meeting.

(a) Exhibit 1 – Hire Down Comparison
(b) Exhibit 2 – Response to Question #4 – Budget Impact from Contracts
(c) Exhibit 3 – Transfers to P7017 – School Committee Reserve
(d) Exhibit 4 – Transfers from School Committee Reserve (P7017).

Mr. Plasko made a motion to transfer $449,481 from Instructional Salaries to P-Account 7017 School Committee Reserve, which was seconded by Ms. Rau. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 7 – 0.

Mr. Plasko made a motion to transfer from Salary Miscellaneous Account P0917 the amount of $56,000 to P-Account 7017 School Committee Reserve, which was seconded by Mr. Kief. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 7 – 0.

Mr. Plasko made a motion to transfer from P-Account 0950 the amount of $39,000 to P-Account 7017 School Committee Reserve, which was seconded by Mr. Kief. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 7 – 0.

Mr. Plasko made a motion to transfer the amount of $329,591 from School Committee Reserve P7017 to the accounts listed on Exhibit 4 dated October 17, 2008, which was seconded by Mr. Kief. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 7 – 0. (See attached Exhibits 1 – 4).

Mr. Plasko thanked Mr. Moretti, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Chairman Samargedlis and the Budget Sub Committee for all their work cleaning up and clarifying the budget.

Technology Capital Expenditures: Chairman Samargedlis updated with regard to the mini lap tops for the elementary schools. Chairman Samargedlis said that he spoke with Dr. Doherty and when she goes to purchase the 40 lap tops for the elementary schools, he wants her to negotiate the upgrade capability when we purchase more in the future.

Mrs. Travers made a motion to appropriate the amount of $137,250 for the purchases of Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Elementary level technology capital expenditures, which was seconded by Mr. Pentowski. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 7 -0.

Commissioner's State Budget Update: Mr. Moretti updated with regard to the Commissioner's State Budget Update.

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lding Project Update: Mr. Kief updated with at the group meets every Monday but next e a combined meeting with the Committee of 21 and NPA-TV will be covering the meeting, which will be at the Police/Fire Community Room. Many items will be discussed at Monday's meeting including plans for the fields.

There will be another public meeting on November 5th for the abutters and neighbors and it will also be covered by NPA-TV.

There will be many other meetings coming up in November. Mr. Kief said by December 31st, they expect to have all the plans completed.

New Business: None.

Personnel: Mr. Moretti updated with regard to Personnel.

Exhibit 1 Middle School Intramural/Interscholastic Appointments: Joseph Downs, Nancy Roberts, Robert Lyons, Katie Lenart, Joseph Chiodo, Darlene Dion, Rebecca Spillane, Mary Parlato, Suzanne Ryan, April Collins, Emily Clarke.

Exhibit II Middle School Clubs & Organizations Appointments: Hellas Assad, Jennifer Telles, Cristina Serradas, Laura Donlan, Bonnie Branson, Joanne Barrett, Tara Picozzi, Donna Castillo, Barbara Dupre, Kate Mooney, Susan Benson, Terence Martin, Shawn Famiglietti, Rachel Siegel, Robert Lyons, Christine Dineen, Nancy Roberts.

Exhibit III Music and Fine Arts Stipends: Steven Conant, Chuck Moulton, Ashley Nelson, Catherine Moen, Laura Henry, John Quinn, Ian Cardoni, Francis Sheehan, Jerry Sykes, Monique Lariviere, Chris Martin, Dean Calusdian, Elana Swardlick, Chris Holland, Katherine O'Toole, Chris Lawlor, Kevin Kernen, Grace Allendorf, Alison MacLeay, Andrew MacLeay, Jack Tolman, Samantha Wade, Christoopher O'Hara, Seth Adams.

Exhibit IV After School Music Instructor Appointments: Laura Doyle, Christopher O'Hara, Seth Adams.

Exhibit V Extended Day Appointments: Marcia DiMaria, Beth Ann Kelly, Kristina Parks, Paula DiGiandomenico, Janet Lynch, Ruth McHugh, Catherine Barnicle, Jaclyn Ignachuck, Kerri Pritchard, Deborah Saunders, Linda Carta, Laurel Oberg, Linda Schatz, Joanne Tirrell, Vicky Henry, Deborah Holzendorf, Denise Kascavitch, Joan MacLean, Vivian Boutros, Halloun ElDoueihy, Keri Fredericks, Nevine Gadalla, Imelda Gay, Mary Anne Kenney, Nichole Kenney, Patricia Mahoney, Patricia McHoul, Amanda Michienzi, Carole Riley, Meagan Schnelle, Sheryl Sullivan, Sarah Taggart, Bonnie Vincent.

Exhibit VI Leave of Absence: Deanna Cusano

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The Members asked Mr. Moretti to review where the funds were coming from for all the above-mentioned stipends.

School Committee Addenda: Mr. Pentowski complimented the Superintended for streamlining these accounts this evening.

Mrs. Travers said that it was so nice to see so much school and community spirit school this past weekend at the Norwood/Walpole Football Game and then congratulated Coach Duffy on being honored in such a nice way. Mrs. Travers congratulated the Field Hockey Team on their tie with Nantucket. Mrs. Travers then congratulated the band on their exceptional job this weekend at the football game and then again at their competition on Sunday. With regards to the new recycle program, Mrs. Travers suggested dropping off newspapers and magazines to the dumpsters at the schools as it will help bring in more money to the schools.

Mr. Joseph said this past week, parts of your purchases at Hannafords Supermarket went to the Norwood Schools, and Mr. Joseph thanked Hannafords. Mr. Joseph then explained that we hosted the peer leadership program recently with District Attorney Keating. Many of our Norwood students participated in this great program. Mr. Joseph congratulated Kevin Murphy on his retirement after 30 years, adding that he's been a great family friend.

Mr. Kief had none.

Mr. Plasko thanked Chairman Samargedlis for putting together such a great day for Coach Duffy Doherty, adding that it was a great amount of work done in a short period of time. Mr. Plasko said the Cleveland School is still looking for volunteers for the Monster Mash this Friday evening. Mr. Plasko suggested the Chairman sending a letter to the Board of Selectmen to start an open dialogue to discuss the assets of the Town that the Schools may need to tap into while Norwood High School is under construction.

Mr. Plasko congratulated the Norwood Youth Football Cheerleaders on their great competitions this past weekend, saying that the "B" Team Cheerleaders won first place.

Ms. Rau, in full costume, plugged the "Haunted House" at the Norwood Civic this weekend and next weekend.

Chairman Samargedlis said that there is no need for a meeting next week, and after some discussion, it was decided to cancel October 29th and November 5th. A meeting for Monday, November 3rd will be added.

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Brian McDonough, Coach Curran, the football ing coach for all helping to make the day great.

edlis informed that there would be an Executive Session regarding a Separation Agreement.

Mr. Pentowski made a motion for Executive Session at 10:35 p.m., which was seconded by Mr. Joseph. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 7 – 0.

Adjournment: Mr. Pentowski made a motion at 11:45 p.m. for adjournment, which was seconded by Mrs. Travers. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Doliner, Clerk
Norwood School Committee