TOWN OF NORWOOD

School Committee Meeting

James R. Savage Educational Center

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

 A meeting of the Norwood School Committee was held on Wednesday,

 July 24, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Ms. Courtney Rau, Chairwoman, Mr. John Badger, Mr. James Gormley and Mr. Joseph Montesano

**Committee Member Excused:** Mr. Paul Samargedlis.

**Administrators Present:** Mr. James Hayden, Superintendent of Schools;

Dr. Alec Wyeth, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment; and Ms. Ann Marie Ellis, Director of Finance and Operations.

**Minutes:** Mr. Gormley made a motion to approve the minutes of

June 26, 2013, which was seconded by Mr. Montesano. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Warrants:** Chairwoman Rau informed that there were warrants to be signed.

**Public Forum:** None.

**Announcements:** Mr. Hayden complimented Norwood Police Chief Brooks and the Police Department on the full-scale drill they hosted today, alongside many other Law Enforcement Agencies. The practice mission was situated at the Cleveland School and was for national certification.

 Mr. Hayden also congratulated Ms. Jane McLucas, Norwood Public School’s Director of Food Services on receiving one of four awards that were recently handed out from the School Nutrition Association.

**Appearances:** None.

**Reports:** None.

**Superintendent’s Report and/or Late Agenda:** None.

**Policy:** None.

**Budget:** FY13 Budget Closeout: Mr. Hayden commended our Business Department and Ms. Ellis, Director of Finance Operations for their hard work closing out the budget.

 Ms. Ellis informed that, as the 2012-2013 School Year ended, we were able to balance out at $0. Ms. Ellis reviewed the end of the year expenditures as well as Circuit Breaker Funds. The Members received the FY Monthly Budget Report, dated June 30, 2013, in their packets. The Members had an opportunity to thank Ms. Ellis and her staff for a great job.

FY14 State Reimbursement: Mr. Hayden and Ms. Ellis updated the Committee with regard to Reimbursements. In the area of Grants, reimbursements are down in the areas of Entitlement Grants, I.D.E.A. Grants, and Title One.

**Old Business:** Cleveland Principal Search Update: Mr. Hayden said he hopes to have an announcement regarding a finalist for the Cleveland School Principal Search very soon. He informed that there are currently three finalists:

 -Ms. Nancy Cappola;

 -Ms. Sue Frederick; and

 -Mr. Kevin Kimmick.

2013-2015 Strategic Plan Update: The Members received an updated Strategic Goals packet that includes the status of the goals. The Members will continue to review these goals at the upcoming retreat.

**New Business:** Legal Services RFP: Mr. Hayden said that it is time to look at the legal services area. He explained to the Committee that he would like to put out two RFP’s, one for Special Education, and one for all other areas.

 Mr. Gormley made a motion to create two RFP’s procuring legal services, which was seconded by Mr. Badger. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

Approval 2013-2016 Connolly Bus Contract: Mr. Gormley made a motion to approve the contract with Connolly Buses, which was seconded by Mr. Montesano. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

2012-2013 Superintendent’s Evaluation: Mr. Hayden explained that the Members need to begin to address the Superintendent End-of-Cycle Evaluation Report. He reviewed the areas to be evaluated.

 Chairwoman Rau said that the Committee can meet and review this evaluation at the upcoming retreat. The Evaluation Committee, Mr. Gormley and Mr. Badger, can collect the information, Chairwoman Rau asked the Members to get their evaluations back to Mr. Badger or Mr. Gormley in early September, to be reviewed at one of the September School Committee Meetings. (The Fall School Committee Schedule will be voted on at the August 28th School Committee Meeting).

**Personnel**: None.

**School Committee Addenda:** Mr. Montesano had none.

 Mr. Badger informed that the Norwood Senior Legion Baseball team will be hosting the State Tournament from Aug. 3 – Aug. 7th at the Balch for anyone who would like to see some great baseball.

Mr. Badger sent kudos to the Norwood Public Schools Art Dept. as his cousin Ian Cardoni, a NPS graduate (2008) and Emerson College graduate, will be continuing his fine arts talents in the new HBO comedy *Clear History*.

Mr. Gormley informed that the Hall of Fame Ceremony will be on Sept 29th at Norwood High School.

 Chairwoman Rau had none.

**Executive Session:** Chairwoman Rau informed that there would be an Executive Session for the following items:

 Unit A Negotiations Update; and

 Building Custodian Contract Matter.

 Mr. Gormley made a motion for Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.,

which was seconded by Mr. Badger. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Badger made a motion for adjournment at 8:40 p.m., which was seconded by Mr. Gormley. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna G. Doliner, Clerk

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