TOWN OF NORWOOD

School Committee Meeting

James R. Savage Educational Center

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

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

October 9, 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 Paul Samargedlis.

**Committee Member Excused:** Mr. Joseph Montesano.

**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

September 25, 2013, which was seconded by Mr. Badger. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

**Correspondence:** Chairwoman Rau acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

-A congratulations letter regarding Norwood Day;

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

**Public Forum:**  None.

**Announcements:** Mr. Hayden thanked some of the Elementary Students for their wonderful artwork that has been displayed in the School Committee Meeting Room.

**Appearances:** Technology Plan Presentation: Mr. Joseph Kidd updated the Committee on the Norwood Public Schools Technology Plan. He reviewed the

6 Components regarding this plan:

-Strategic Planning and Budgeting;

-Network Infrastructure;

-Facilities Technologies and Business Applications;

-Student Information, Data and Communications Systems;

-Hardware, Software, Service and Support;

-Professional Development and Curriculum Integration.

Mr. Kidd thanked all the departments and individuals who have been instrumental in moving technology forward in the Norwood School.

The Committee had an opportunity for questions and comments.

Mr. Gormley made a motion to approve the Technology Report, which was seconded by Mr. Samargedlis. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

**Reports:** 2013 MCAS Report: Dr. Alec Wyeth presented the 2013 MCAS test results.

Dr. Wyeth began by updating with regards to the No Child Left Behind Act and Annual Yearly Progress. He explained the formula for Cumulative PPI. Dr. Wyeth explained that Level I and Level II Schools are not sanctioned. Norwood does not have any Level III Schools (which do have sanctions). Our schools fell into the

following categories:

Level I: Callahan, Cleveland, Oldham, and Prescott.

Level II: Balch, Coakley Middle School and Norwood High School

Norwood High School was a Level II school because 2 of 35 students did not participate which brought the participation level down.

Dr, Wyeth reviewed ELA, Math and Science scores grade by grade.

Mr. Samargedlis asked for a comparison of last year’s 3rd grade class with this year’s 4th grade class to see what the changes are in demographics.

There was much discussion regarding this matter.

Chairwoman Rau congratulated the 76 recipients of the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship.

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

**Policy:** None.

**Budget:** The Members received the FY14 Monthly Budget Report, dated September 30, 2013 in their weekly packets.

**Old Business:** Signing of 2013-2016 Collective Bargaining Agreement between Norwood School Committee and Norwood Teachers’ Association (Unit A): Chairwoman Rau said the Members would be signing the Agreement this evening.

**New Business:** MASC/MASS Joint Conference – November 6-9, 2013 & Elect Voting Delegate: Chairwoman Rau said we would need to vote on voting delegates for this conference.

Mr. Badger made a motion to nominate Chairwoman Rau as our voting delegate for this conference, which was seconded by Mr. Samargedlis. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

Chairwoman Rau will do everything in her power to arrange her schedule to attend this conference.

Approval of Four Out-of-State Field Trip Requests: Mr. Hayden recommended the School Committee approve the following Out-of-State Field Trips:

Mr. Usevich requested that 8th-12th grade students be allowed to participate

the U.S. Bands Championship in Bridgeport, CT on October 26, 2013.

Mr. Gormley made a motion to approve this request, which was seconded by Mr. Samargedlis. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

Mr. Usevich requested that 8th-12th grade students be allowed t participate in the U.S. Band Championship in East Rutherford, NJ on November 8-10, 2013.

Mr. Gormley made a motion to approve this request, which was seconded by

Mr. Samargedlis. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

Mr. Usevich requested that the 11th and 12th grade students be allowed to participate In the ACDA Eastern Division Conference in Baltimore, Maryland on February 5-8, 2014.

Mr. Samargedlis made a motion to approve this request, which was seconded by Mr. Gormley. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

Mr. Usevich requested that the 11th and 12th grade students be allowed to

participate in the Student Television National Convention in Orlando, Florida on March 20-23, 2014.

Mr. Samargedlis made a motion to approve this request, which was seconded by Mr. Gormley. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

Acceptance of Two Donations: Mr. Hayden recommended accepting the following donations:

Four epi-pens to each Norwood School from BioRidge Pharma with a retail

value of $5,775.20; and

Four sets of Bose Sound Cancelling Headphones from James L. Carlson, President of Sharon Credit Union;

Mr. Gormley made a motion to approve both of these donations, which was seconded by Mr. Samargedlis. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

**Personnel:** None.

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

Mr. Gormley updated that they had a very nice Athletic Hall of Fame Induction and thanked everyone who helped put it together.

Mr. Samargedlis said Mr. Gormley is being humble, as usual. Mr. Samargedlis then thanked Mr. Gormley for heading up the Athletic Alumni Association and for all he does.

Chairwoman Rau congratulated her sister, Kat on her upcoming wedding this weekend at the Norwood Theatre.

**Executive Session:** Chairwoman Rau informed that there was no Executive Session this evening.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Badger made a motion for adjournment at 8:55 p.m., which was seconded by Mr. Gormley. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna G. Doliner, Clerk

Norwood School Committee