

NORFOLK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting – December 11, 2018

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sally Carr, Carolyn Childs, Kim Crone, Jill Hall, Sara Heller, Ann DeCerbo, Donna Rubin

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Mary Beth Iacobelli, Superintendent, Lauren Valentino, Principal

ADMINISTRATION ABSENT:

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 P.M.

Public Comments: Paul Markel the new Botelle night custodian was introduced to the Board. Matt Riiska informed the Board of the progress being made with regards to the speed limit and school zone signs. He also informed the Board of a grant he is working on with the Dept. of Administrative Services to help offset the cost to remove and replace the underground oil tank. Brian Adams addressed the Board as well as John DeShazo.

Motion by C. Childs **seconded by** K. Crone to approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 27, 2018. **APPROVED.** D. Rubin abstaining.

Correspondence: None

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Iacobelli reviewed her report to the Board. The Superintendent informed the Board they will need to vote on the meeting scheduled for next year as well as the 2019-2020 school calendar. The Superintendent shared the most recent state data which places schools in 1 of 5 categories, Botelle is currently placed in the number 1 category (160 out of 984 schools are placed in category 1). Preliminary work on the 2019-2020 budget has begun in preparation for the regularly scheduled BOE budget workshop meeting on January 22nd and we are currently using a figure of \$2,490,318 as a minimum budget requirement and the Superintendent has asked the town to clarify that number with the State. There will be a Community Budget Forum on January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Hub. In terms of future planning the Superintendent hopes to include funding in the budget to support Enrichment Clusters in response to feedback from parents and board members.

Principal's Report: Principal Valentino reviewed her report to the Board. The student council planned a Blizzard of Kindness campaign. Students in K-6 participated in Hour of Code, a national initiative connected to Technology Education Week.

Unfinished Business:

Building Use Policy – **Motion by** A. DeCerbo, **seconded by** S. Heller to change policy to allow coaches access to the building without custodial coverage. **In favor** C. Childs, A. DeCerbo, S. Heller. **Opposed** S. Carr, K. Crone, D. Rubin, J. Hall, **Motion Denied.**

Motion by K. Crone, **seconded by** D. Rubin to approve the 2019 BOE schedule of meeting dates

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Motion by A. DeCerbo, **seconded by** J. Hall to approve the 2019-2020 School Calendar. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Committee Reports:

Policy:

Motion by K. Crone, seconded by S. Heller to approve the Physical Restraint and Seclusion/Use of Physical Force. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

PTO/After School Programs: Holiday Fair is December 18, 19, 20th The PTO is looking to do a game night.

Curriculum/Technology:

Met in November.

School Security:

Met December 11, 2018 at 4:00

Motion by C. Childs seconded by S. Heller to adjourn meeting at 7:43 p.m. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Meeting adjourned @ 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Lippincott
BOE Secretary

THESE ARE NOT APPROVED MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING.