

# NORFOLK BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Regular Meeting – March 1, 2022

### MINUTES

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ann DeCerbo, Virginia Coleman-Prisco, John DeShazo, Donna Rubin, Janet Byrne, Jay Whitaker

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:** Mary Beth Iacobelli, Superintendent

**ADMINISTRATION ABSENT:** Lauren Valentino, Principal

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 P.M.

#### **Public Comments/Correspondence:**

Mr. Chris Snyder submitted a letter to the board which was read in his absence by Mrs. Melissa Asselin.

Janet Byrne submitted a letter from Heather Gomez expressing her interest in filling the board vacancy and nominated her for the position.

Ann DeCerbo submitted a letter from Amy Bennett expressing her interest in filling the board vacancy and nominated her for the position

Nominations for Heather Gomez – Janet Byrne

Nominations for Amy Bennett – Ann DeCerbo; Virginia Coleman-Prisco; John DeShazo; Donna Rubin; Jay Whitaker.

**Motion by** J. Byrne **seconded by** J. Whitaker to appoint Amy Bennett as new board member to fill Gordon Anderson's vacancy. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**Motion by** J. DeShazo **seconded by** D. Rubin to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 1, 2022 **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**Superintendent's Report:** The superintendent shared her report with the board. Dr. Iacobelli's report included a revised draft 2022-2023 school budget; covid update, masks optional; security audit; letter of resignation from day custodian.

**Principal's Report:** Superintendent Iacobelli shared the principal's report in her absence.

#### **Committee Reports:**

The following committees shared their reports:

Finance – Draft budget presentation and discussion with board.

Curriculum & Technology

PTO

Policy

**Motion by** J. DeShazo **seconded by** D. Rubin to approve pending line item changes to the 2022-2023 draft budget to share with the Board of Finance before final vote to adopt at the April 1, 2022 Board of Ed Meeting; V. Coleman-Prisco Abstaining. **APPROVED.**

**Motion by** J. DeShazo **seconded by** J. Whitaker to continue budget discussion at a special meeting on March 17, 2022 @ 5:00 **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**New Business:** Healthy Food Certification

Motion to Accept the 2022-2023 SY healthy food option: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups

**Motion by** V. Coleman-Prisco **seconded by**. J. Byrne to accept the SY 2022-2023 Healthy Food Certification.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Combined Food and Beverage Exemption: Motion to Accept the Combined Food / Beverage Exemptions- The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales

**Motion by** D. Rubin **seconded by**. J. Byrne to accept the SY 2022-2023 HFC Combined Food and Beverage Exemption. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**Motion by** J. Whitaker **seconded by**. J. DeShazo to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Meeting adjourned @ 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Lippincott,  
Recording Secretary

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