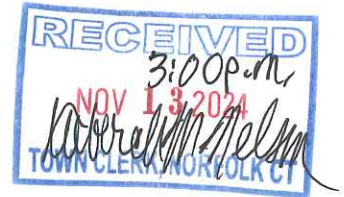


NORFOLK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting –November 12, 2024

MINUTES



**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Virginia Coleman-Prisco, Walter Godlewski, Janet Byrne, J. Whitaker

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** John DeShazo, Amy Bennett, Donna Rubin

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

**ADMINISTRATION ABSENT:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Motion by J. Byrne seconded by W. Godlewski** to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2024 special meeting **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**Superintendent's Report:** The superintendent shared her report with the board. Superintendent Iacobelli informed the board that we have locked in an oil price for next year at \$2.72/gal. The superintendent told the board that the First Selectman informed her of the progress with the new boilers and a decision should be made in the next couple of weeks.

**Principal's Report:** Mrs. Valentino shared the State of the School Presentation- Student Learning and Growth Summary with the board. Principal Valentino informed the board that Botelle has been named 2023-2024 School of Distinction.

**Committee Reports:** The following committee chairs reported to the board:

- Curriculum and Technology- will report at the December meeting
- Health/Wellness
- Safety and Security
- Policy
- PTO

**Unfinished Business:**

Diversity Plan – Vote to Approve: **Motion by W. Godlewski seconded by J. Whitaker** to approve the diversity plan with noted changes. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Thought Exchange Survey --- tabled until the January meeting

**New Business:**

Bus Contract Waiver: Motion to waive the bidding process for bus a new bus contract: **Motion by J. Byrne seconded by J. Whitaker.** **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

BOE schedule of meeting dates: **Motion by J. Whitaker seconded by W. Godlewski** to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month meeting dates at 5:30 pm **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

2025-2026 Draft School Calendar – will discuss at the December meeting.

**Motion by J. Byrne seconded by J. Whitaker** to adjourn the meeting @ 7:27 pm **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Meeting adjourned @ 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Lippincott

Kathy Lippincott,  
Recording Secretary

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