

NORFOLK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting –January 7, 2025



MINUTES

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Virginia Coleman-Prisco, John DeShazo, Janet Byrne, Jay Whitaker, Amy Bennett, Walter Godlewski

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Donna Rubin

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

**ADMINISTRATION ABSENT:** III:

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 P.M.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Public in attendance:**

Henry Tirrell  
Sandy Evans  
Avice Meehan  
Johnathan Costa  
Lisa Carter

**Motion by** J. Byrne **seconded by** A. Bennett to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024 regular meeting **abstaining** J. DeShazo, W. Godlewski **MOTION APPROVED.**

**Superintendent's Report:** The superintendent shared her report with the board.

**Principal's Report:** Mrs. Valentino shared her report with the board.

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

Curriculum and Technology  
Health/Wellness  
Safety and Security  
Policy  
PTO

**Unfinished Business:**

Thought Exchange: Johnathan Costa answered board members question regarding the thought exchange survey results.

2025-2026 School Calendar - **Motion by** J. Byrne **seconded by** J. Whitaker to approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar. **abstaining** W. Godlewski, A. Bennett **MOTION APPROVED.**

**New Business:**

Conversation regarding recent meeting with Colebrook about consolidation:

Johnathan Costa discussed with the board of education and two town selectman that were in attendance different options regarding planning and improvement from regionalization to cooperative agreements and answered questions about the process and steps involved.

**Motion by** A. Bennett **seconded by** J. Byrne to adjourn the meeting @ 7:12 pm

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Meeting adjourned @ 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Lippincott

Kathy Lippincott,  
Recording Secretary

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