

NORFOLK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting-February 24, 2026



MINUTES

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** John DeShazo, Virginia Coleman-Prisco, Amy Bennett, Donna Rubin, Walter Godlewski, Jeremy Withnell

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mike Listorti

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:** Kevin D. Case, Superintendent, Lauren Valentino, Principal

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 P.M.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Motion by** W.Godlewski **seconded by** J. Withnell to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2026. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**Correspondence:**

None

**Financial Report:** Superintendent Case reviewed the January 2026 Check Authorization/Bills for Review and the January 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report. After some discussion the Board Chair asked for a motion to approve.

**Motion by** J. Withnell **seconded by** A. Bennett to approve the January Monthly Expenditure Report. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**Superintendent Case reported the following to the Board:**

- Elevator Repair Completed and Inspected by the State.
- Mission Vision Committee Update- The meeting on 02/25/26 postponed. The new meeting dates are 04/01/25; 04/22/26; and 05/20/26
- Minimum Budget Requirement Non- Compliance Update - Superintendent Case reported that he is waiting to hear about possible dates for the meeting and that the First Selectman, Board of Finance Chair and Board of Education Chair have all offered to attend the meeting.

**Principal's Report:**

- Mid-Year Goals Review: Principal Valentino shared with the Board the Mid-Year Goals Review
- Mrs. Valentino reported the Student Council held a "Souperbowl" Food Drive for the Norfolk Food Pantry which was a huge success. Principal Valentino thanked the students, families and staff who contributed to its success.
- A Blizzard of Fun Event was held at Botelle School during WIN Weekend. Mrs. Valentino thanked staff members Holly Alexson, Nicole Partyka, and Erin Dubecky for planning engaging activities for everyone and a big shout out to our custodian Tyler for spending the weekend holding down the fort.

**Presentation of the Superintendent's Proposed 2026-2027 Budget:**

Superintendent Case shared a presentation of the proposed 2026-2027 budget. After discussion with board members the decision was made to hold a special meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> for further discussions and to potentially adopt the budget which will be presented to the Board of Finance at their March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Chair Report:** Board Chair John DeShazo thanked the Superintendent for his work on the budget. Mr. DeShazo also commented on the positive feedback he has received around town for his communications; weekly videos and updates. The Board Chair also thanked the WIN Committee and Superintendent Case and Principal Valentino for their support for WIN Weekend; the Town and School.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Policy:**

First Read of Policies 5114 Suspension and Expulsion/ Due Process; 6171 Special Education; 6159 Individualized Educational Program (IEP's). The committee will meet again in March to review revised policies.

**Health and Wellness:**

Brief policy discussion – will meet again in April to discuss further.

**Affiliation Reports:**

PTO – Play dates are Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Shared Services – Minutes Attached

Board of Finance

EDC- Minutes Attached

**New Business:**

None

**Motion by** A. Bennett **seconded by**, W. Godlewski to adjourn the meeting@ 8:16

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Meeting adjourned@ 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Lippincott

Kathy Lippincott,  
Recording Secretary

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