



The Mission of the Norwood Public Schools is to Foster Success in All Students by Educating Them in a Safe and Respectful Environment.

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

December 12, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by school board president Mr. Morlang.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was said by those present.

B. Request for Additional Items

Ms. Barkemeyer requested discussion on negative account balances for the activity fund be added under new business.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

III. STUDENT REPORTS

Head Girl for Student Council, Jesseca Padgett, reported on Student Council Activities. This week has been Holiday Spirit Week for the students and staff. The students are planning to serve hot chocolate and snacks for finals week. The students will attend a conference in Montrose in January. They also are planning a dance to be held in February.

IV. COMMUNITY REPORTS

None

V. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Jen Nelson reported she took students in grades three through sixth grade to a Lego Conference in Durango. Those who attended had a great time and learned a lot. The students now know what to do for next year.

VI. CELEBRATIONS

Mr. Crews reported our students did complete the ACT on December 8.

We have two participants in the HOBY Conference, Saige Morlang and Jacob Gordon.

A Video on the Rock and Roll Academy was shown to the board and audience. This program has been a great addition to our school. Their first concert will be Monday, December 18 at 6:30 in the Old All Purpose Room.

Mr. Crews showed a "Great Education of Colorado Video" to the board and the audience.

Ms. Gipner explained the funds donated by Ace Hardware; a Garmin InReach Device was purchased for our staff to use on trips to be able to communicate with the school in case of an emergency when there is no cell service.

Mr. Crews stated he appreciated Nikkie McCluer for her interest in serving on the school board for Norwood School District.

VII. APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Approve November 14, 2017 Minutes.
- B. Approve December General Fund bills
- C. Certify the Norwood School District Mill Levy
- D. Approval of 2017 Norwood School District Financial Audit
- F. Approval of Mylon Bruce's Resignation

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve November 14, 2017 Minutes.

Ms. Barkemeyer made a motion to approve the November 14, 2017 Board Minutes with corrections. Seconded by Mr. Olson. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion Carried.

B. Approval of December General Fund Bills

Ms. Barkemeyer made a motion to approve general fund bills for December. Seconded by Mr. Ordean. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion Carried.

C. Certify Norwood School District Mill Levy

Ms. Barkemeyer made a motion to certify Norwood School District Mill Levy. Seconded by Mr. Olson. Mr. Crews explained the changes in the mill levy. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion Carried.

D. Approval of 2017 Financial Audit

Ms. Barkemeyer made a motion to approve the 2017 Financial Audit. Seconded by Ms. McCluer. Roll call vote: “aye’s” 5, “no’s” 0. Motion Carried.

E. Approval of Mylon Bruce’s Resignation.

Mr. Olson read Mr. Bruce’s letter. Ms. Barkemeyer made a motion to approve Mr. Bruce’s resignation. Seconded by Mr. Olson. Roll call vote: “aye’s” 5, “no’s” 0. Motion Carried. Ms. Barkemeyer stated Mr. Bruce will be missed and we were lucky to have had him.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

A. DAAC –Mr. Crews stated the DAAC reviewed data on testing of students. Mr. Rick Williams shared post secondary information with the DAAC members.

B. UNBOCES – Mr. Morlang is currently interim President for the UNBOCES. The next meeting is in February 2018.

C. WSCF – Mr. Crews will reach out to the Early Childhood Personnel to ensure Norwood Preschool is not being forgotten in the passing of the resolution on the ballot.

D. PTA – Meeting was cancelled. Ms. Gipner stated the ladies have been busy with the Santa Workshop.

E. OTHER BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Morlang reported the CASB Winter Conference was phenomenal. The main focus of the conference was school finance and the changes needed.

XI. NEW BUSINESS – School Renovation Best Grant

Mr. Crews stated he had been in contact with Anna Fitzer, our representative for the Best Grant, and she will have an assessor come out to assess our buildings and facilities. This will be the first step to possibly pursue the Best Grant. Anna explained to Mr. Crews the main concern would be for Health and Safety of the students to apply for the grant.

Activity Account Discussion

Ms. Barkemeyer had concerns over the negative balances in the Activity Accounts Ledger. After discussion, Mr. Crews and administration will tighten up accounts and look at adjusting the negative accounts.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

Four Day Week Draft Calendar

A Draft calendar was included in the board packets. Discussion consisted of: Is the four day week best for our students? Are there enough hours of instruction? Will there be an intervention schedule on Friday's that is consistent? The board advised the administrators to do another survey and they will hold two more final Coffee with the Community Forums on the four day week calendar. Dates are January 12 at 9:00 a.m. at the fire hall and January 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the APR. The board would like the community to have every opportunity to voice their ideas and concerns before the final decision is made on the calendar.

XII. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

A. Superintendent Report – In Board Packet

Mr. Crews discussed ideas on school security and what it would take for the district to get started if we are interested in the program.

B. Principal Report

Principal report was in board packets. Discussion was held on how well the ELG was going and how teachers are continuing to work hard. There were two elementary teachers visit an elementary school in Grand Junction and returned with new ideas to use in their classrooms. Ms. Gipner explained the graphs on testing to the board.

XIV. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS –

F. Accept Doug Olson's Resignation Letter

Mr. Olson read the resignation letter. Ms. Barkemeyer made a motion to accept Doug Olson's letter of resignation from the board of education. Seconded by Mr. Morlang. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion Carried

G. Resolution to Declare Vacancy

Mr. Olson read the Resolution to Declare a Vacancy. Mr. Ordean made a motion to approve the Resolution to Declare Vacancy. Seconded by Mr. Morlang. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion Carried

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Barkemeyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Olson. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Epright