



**NORWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
October 17, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by school board Vice President, Mrs. Bray. Those in attendance: Mr. Harris, Mr. Fourney, Mrs. Bray, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Reams. Guests: Catherine Kolbet

- A. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all in attendance.
- B. Request for Additional Items: Add approval of Mike Rummel as an activity driver (Item D) and add Approval of Christa Copeland as a Substitute Teacher for the 22-23 SY (Item E)

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

III. STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Bittner discussed the possibility of joining the Chamber of Commerce. The Board was in favor of this and delegating someone to attend if Mr. Bittner could not. We will join in January 2023.

IV. CELEBRATIONS

Mrs. Snyder reported that MS Volleyball had an awesome season (going 8 wins/2 losses) and the team is looking strong for next year!

Mr. Bittner and Mr. Ryan gave a shout out to Ben Kirk and Brit Traucht for their diligence and hard work in helping to make Homecoming week a success!

Mrs. Bray asked Ms. Kolbet about how the knowledge bowl is going. Ms. Kolbet stated that the MS has 6 students, the kids are working really well as a team. The HS has several students participating with more participation anticipated once the volleyball season ends.

There are approximately 5 students participating in secondary robotics on Fridays. They are learning basic skills, teamwork skills, some coding and drafting skills as well.

V. APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Approval of September 20, 2022 Minutes
- B. Approval of September General Fund Bills
- C. Approval of Purchase of 19 acres from Town of Norwood
- D. Approval of Mike Rummel as an Activity Driver for 22-23 SY
- E. Approval of Christa Copeland as a Substitute Teacher for 22-23 SY

Blanket motion: Mr. Fourney made a motion to approve action items A and B. Seconded by Mr. Harris. Roll call vote: “aye’s” 4, “no’s” 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Fourney made a motion to approve action item C. Approval of Purchase of 19 acres from Town of Norwood. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Discussion: The amount of purchase is \$11,000 per acre with a contingency on moving the fire hydrant once construction commences (this does not include the pump station). Mr. Bittner stated that we will have soil testing and civil engineering once purchase has been made. Mr. Fourney requested a copy of the contract. Roll call vote: “aye’s” 5, “no’s” 0. Mr. Morlang voted via telephone to Mr. Bittner. Motion carried.

Mrs. Snyder made a motion to approve action item D. Approval of Mike Rummel as an Activity Driver for 22-23 SY. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Mr. Fourney requested a “scorecard” or roster that indicates who is coaching and driving each sport. Roll call vote: “aye’s” 4, “no’s” 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve action item E. Approval of Christa Copeland as a Substitute Teacher for the 22-23 SY. Mr. Fourney seconded the motion. Mr. Bitter stated that Ms. Copeland is very reliable and has done a great job in the past. Roll call vote: “aye’s” 4, “no’s” 0. Motion carried.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Policy Discussion-** Mr. Bittner sent policies to the Board that need to be read and adopted. Discussions on the policies will take place in the upcoming Board meeting(s).

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Early Child Care-** The Mini Mavs after school program is now begun. Sara Rasmussen is providing the after school supervision until we are able to find someone else.
- B. **Pinon Park Housing-** Mr. Bittner reported that the contract to purchase a home at Pinon Park has been signed and the earnest money is being sent. In the months to come we will need to discuss and develop the landlord process, an employee tenant selection process, and the rental charge of the home.
- C. **BEST Grant-** Mr. Bittner stated that he would like to schedule a zoom call with Meg Donaldson from CDE to discuss the BEST grant. The Board chose Monday, October 24th @noon for this call.

VIII. PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mr. Ryan briefly discussed the unified improvement plan with the Board.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Bittner reported that Carla was successful in obtaining a library grant within a very short timeframe. The financials are being combed through carefully. We are still in the midst of the financial audit. The transportation audit has been completed. Mr. Ryan has been filling a void in subbing while many staff members are out, and doing a great job.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Bray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Fourney.
Roll call vote: “aye’s” 4, “no’s” 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Reams