



**NORWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
November 15, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by school Board President, Mr. Morlang. Those in attendance: Mr. Harris, Mr. Fournery, Mrs. Bray, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Reams. Guests: Catherine Kolbet, Paul Pyles, Quentin Strand, and Shelley Fournery.

- A. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all in attendance.
- B. Request for Additional Items: Change December board meeting date to December 13th for the purpose of Certifying Mill Levy for 2023.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

III. CELEBRATIONS

A shout out was given to the Lego Robotics teams for doing an outstanding job at regionals! The Electric Cowboys placed 1st out of 45 teams. The Solar Girls placed 7th out of 45 teams. Mrs. Bray explained that there were over 300 students participating at the State Qualifier. This is the 3rd time that Norwood has had a team advance to the State Competition!

Ms. Kolbet reported that she appreciated having the in-person Knowledge Bowl meets again. She thanked the staff and community who participated in helping to make the meet successful.

Mr. Strand reported that he held a Math-a-thon fundraising event. Students were given a one-minute pre-assessment based on grade level, pledge sheets then went out into the community, at the end of the month the students were given a post-assessment. The students showed exponential growth and a total of \$4,100 was raised. Lexi Bray was the top fundraiser earner with \$545. The students were awarded with an ice cream party. There are plans to continue the math-a-thon next year.

Mr. Bittner commended all for a job well done!

Mr. Bittner stated that his son attended the Veteran's Day Celebration and was very touched by the ceremony. He really appreciated that it was celebrated in the school by the students and for the community. The Veterans Day Celebration was well attended and several Veterans ate lunch with the students afterwards.

Mrs. Bray stated that Mr. Bittner did an amazing job at the CASB Conference as a guest presenter. His speech was very inspiring and we are very lucky to have him at the Norwood Public School District. Other schools were impressed and appreciative of his speech.

IV. COMMUNITY REPORTS

A. UnBOCES

Mr. Bittner reported that there has been a 40% decline in Special Education teachers across the country. Special Education is very heavily mandated and we are fortunate to have the UnBOCES team to assist us in the focus of this as it directly affects our school funding.

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Mr. Paul Pyles- Shop Class

Mr. Pyles gave a brief presentation on some of the projects that the shop class has been working on. The students have built newspaper towers, viking ships (from popsicle sticks) which will soon be floated, and are in discussions with Norwood Parks to build a collapsible mobile stage in the future. Mr. Pyles has submitted for different grants, including the Just For Kids Grant, which he hopes will give additional funding for tools and supplies necessary to do larger projects in the class. He also has plans to add 3D drafting and architectural design to the class at some point. In addition to teaching at Norwood Public Schools part-time, Mr. Pyles is an instructor at the Technical College of the Rockies.

V. APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Approval of October 17, 2022 Minutes
- B. Approval of October/November General Fund Bills
- G. Approval of 1st Reading of Policy AC-R-2* Sexual Harassment Investigation Procedures
- H. Approval of 1st Reading of Policy DIA* Online Schools and Online Programs
- I. Approval of 1st Reading of Policy IHBD- Equivalence of Services
- J. Approval of 1st Reading of Policy IKA-R- Grading/Assessment Systems
- K. Approval of 1st Reading of Policy IKF- Graduation Requirements
- L. Approval of 1st Reading of Policy JFABE* Students in Foster Care
- M. Approval of 1st Reading of Policy JFBA- Intra-District Choice/Open Enrollment
- N. Approval of 1st Reading of Policy JLCDB*E- Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students
- O. Approval of 1st Reading of Policy JRCB* -Privacy and Protection of Confidential Student Information
- P. Approval of 1st Reading of Policy KB- Parent and Family Engagement in Education
- Q. Approval of 1st Reading of Policy KDBA*- Parent Notification of Employee Criminal Charges

Blanket motion: Mrs. Bray made a blanket motion to approve action items A, B, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P and Q. Seconded by Mrs. Snyder. Roll call vote: “aye’s” 5, “no’s” 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bray made a motion to approve action item C. Approval of Resolution to opt out of FMLI. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. No further discussion. Roll call vote: “aye’s” 5, “no’s” 0.

Mrs. Bray made a motion to approve action item D. Approval to apply for 2023-2024 BEST Grant. Mrs. Snyder seconded the motion. Mr. Bittner will be in contact with Meg Donaldson from CDE. Roll call vote: “aye’s” 5, “no’s” 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Fournery made a motion to approve action item E. Approval of April Meehan as a Paraprofessional (Lead Teacher) for the after school Mini Mavs program. Mrs. Snyder seconded the motion. Sara Rasmussen will continue to serve as the directing oversight of the program. April will also assist as a Para to meet the needs in Special Ed. Roll call vote: “aye’s” 5, “no’s” 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bray made a motion to approve action Item F. Approval of Cord Colson as the oversight for the weight room after school. Mrs. Snyder seconded the motion. Mrs. Bray and Mr. Harris both stated that they have been hearing good things about Cord being involved and keeping the students focused during weight lifting. There have been approximately 8-12 participants in the evenings.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Best Grant- Property Discussion

Mr. Bittner sent the Board, in advance of the meeting, different options for new facilities. Mr. Morlang stated that a new PreK-12 seems out of reach at this moment. He feels Option C2.2 was a good option. This would allow continued utilization of the football field while construction took place, especially if consideration is given to a two-story facility, which would reduce the overall footprint.

Mrs. Snyder made a motion to direct Neenan to work on some version of C2.2, which would provide new construction for a Grade 7-12 facility on the existing land and a remodel of the PreK-6. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Discussion: Mr. Fournery stated that he is not in favor of additional taxes to the community. Mrs. Snyder explained that we will apply for the BEST Grant and for a waiver simultaneously. The waiver would reduce or possibly eliminate the amount sent for a Bond Issue to the taxpayers. The current bond is also sunsetting in November. Roll call vote: “aye’s” 5, “no’s” 0. Motion carried.

VIII. PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mr. Ryan briefly presented the Unified Improvement Plan that will be submitted to the State. There were 8 incidents (Major office referrals). Attendance is at 89.4% overall.

A Thanksgiving meal will be provided for students and their families this Thursday.

There was a small revision to the school calendar due to parent-teacher conferences.

The elementary Christmas Program and Art Show will be held on December 14th.

Currently the after school program has an attendance of 1 to 6 students.

Mrs. Rasmussen had been delivering Math instruction for the 3rd grade, but Mr. Strand took this over recently.

Mr. Ryan has completed all but 1 Staff observations. These are informal at this time.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Nothing further to add.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Bray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Fourney.

Roll call vote: “aye’s” 5, “no’s” 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Reams