



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
March 17, 2015

The Principals met with the DAAC at 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 pm.

The school board members had a work session from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. All board members were present except Mr. Colson.

Discussion Items:

A. CASB Policy Sections E and G, continued review

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by school board president Mr. Swain. All board members were present except Mr. Colson.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was said by those present.

B. Request for Additional Items

Ms. Barkemeyer made a motion to add to the agenda item G. Set Special Work day. Seconded by Mr. Ordean. Roll call vote: "ayes" 4 "no's" 0. Motion Carried.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD
None

III. COMMUNITY REPORTS
None

IV. STUDENT REPORTS

Student Council Members, Charlie Ragsdale, Amber Padgett, Ethan Shaw, Tara Lee, Jaidyn Gardner and Alex Keeton presented a Power Point Presentation on the CASB conference they attended. The students have started a "Build a Burger" spirit program to encourage all student body to have pride in themselves and the school. The STUCO members feel positive things are happening and the students are enjoying the spirit battle. The STUCO members thanked the board for the opportunity to go to the conference and each member learned new ideas on how to create school spirit and pride. Mr. Ordean stated he was proud of the students and their representation of Norwood High School. Ms. Gipner stated it was a wonderful experience for the students.

V. STAFF REPORTS

None

VI. CELEBRATIONS

Celebrations included: Kids are doing the testing and Mr. Crews appreciates the effort the students are giving. 21 students opted out of the testing. The boys and girls basketball teams had successful seasons. The girls were first at Regional's and Consolation Champions at state and the boy's basketball team played well at regionals. The board presented Mary Anne Krason with a plaque for her retirement and celebrated with cake and punch. Mary Anne will be missed and was thanked for all her dedication and many years of service to Norwood Public Schools.

VII. APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approval of February Minutes
- b. March General Fund Bills
- f. Approval to Ratify Calendar for Snow Day February 23, 2015.

Ms. Barkemeyer made a motion to approve consent items: A, B and F. Seconded by Mr. Bray. Roll call vote: "aye's" 4, "no's" 0. Motion Carried.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

C. Capital Projects Resolution

Ms. Barkemeyer made the following motion. Be it resolved the Norwood School District approves the payment from the Capital Projects Fund to Wings Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$1,850.00 for the bus parking lot project; Red's Welding in the amount of \$1850.00 for the bus parking lot project and to Consolidated Electrical Distributors for \$2,426.40 for the bus parking lot project. Seconded by Mr. Bray. Roll call vote: "aye's" 4, "no's" 0. Resolutions Passed.

D. Approval of Norwood School District Unified Improvement Plan

Mr. Crews recommended the approval of the Unified Improvement Plan. Mr. Ordean made the motion to approve the Unified Improvement Plan. Seconded by Ms. Barkemeyer. Roll call vote: "aye's" 4, "no's" 0. Motion Carried.

E. Approval of Retirement of Carolyn Welsh

Ms. Barkemeyer read the retirement letter from Mrs. Welsh to those present. Ms. Barkemeyer made a motion to approve the retirement letter. Seconded by Mr. Ordean. Roll call vote: "aye's" 4, "no's" 0. Ms. Barkemeyer stated we are losing an amazing paraprofessional. Mrs. Welsh is top notch and will be hard to replace and will be missed!

G. Approve date for Special Work Day

Tabled

IX. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

A. DAAC Report

Discussed the UIP and would like to receive more information over the year on test results as a whole. They discussed teacher appreciation coming up in May.

B. UNBOCES Report

Mr. Crews stated there was no meeting. The UNBOCES is discussing an induction program for all districts to use.

C. WSCF

Nikki McCluer stated they are seeking playground funding. Mrs. Brantingham is helping write grants. Family night was postponed this month. Nikki stated they are going to try Pastries with Parents to get more parent participation. Nikki also stated she is very impressed with the STUCO Leadership and Charlie Ragsdale is a rock star. Mr. Ordean asked Nikki if she would write a letter to the editor of her support of our students. Ms. Barkemeyer thanked Nikki for presenting the opportunity for our students to work in the preschool program.

D. PTA Report

None

E. Other Board Reports

Mr. Ordean discussed material he brought back from the CASB Conference. He stated the negative factor is still very important.

X. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

A. Superintendent Report

Mr. Crews noted his superintendent's report was in the board packet that was sent out to the board members. Mr. Crews stated the email back and forth to board members and superintendent is public record and will work on the policy. The health insurance increase is 9% on PPO4. A PPO5 may be an option we want to look at will have a recommendation at next board meeting. Mr. Crews stated a preliminary budget will be presented at the April board meeting. A draft calendar for the 2015-2016 school year was sent to the board.

B. Principals Report

Ms. Gipner and Mrs. Rasmussen noted their principal report was in the board packet that was sent out to the board members. Mrs. Rasmussen stated the Data Days went well with teachers. The principals are having discussions with teachers on evaluations percentages. The principals have visited with the DAAC on Lemonade Lowdown on April 28.

Mr. Ordean stated he does not agree with the SB191 where 50% of the evaluation is on testing. There are flaws in the system.

Mr. Bray stated he would like to see teacher contracts offered in April instead of May. Mr. Swain said he would like to see a special board meeting in April for teacher contracts.

Ms. Barkemeyer would like to see math data in April.

XI. OLD BUSINESS
NONE

XII. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS
NONE

XIII. ADJOURNMENT
Mr. Swain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Seconded
by Mr. Ordean. Roll call vote: "aye's" 4, "no's" 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Epright