

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
April 21, 2015**

The school board members held a work session at 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. All board members were present. The board continued review on CASB Policy Section E and F. There was discussion on the 2015-2016 District Calendar. A special board meeting was discussed and date set for April 28, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by school board president Mr. Swain. All board members were present.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was said by those present.

B. Request for Additional Items

Mr. Swain made a motion to add the following to the agenda: Under Action Items, Item E. Approve date for special board meeting to approve contracts. Item F. Approve Teacher Non-renewal. Item G. Accept Teacher Resignation Letter. Item H. Approve to offer contract for the HS English Position. Item I. Approve to offer contract for the Elementary Physical Education Position. Seconded by Mr. Ordean. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion Carried.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD

None.

III. COMMUNITY REPORTS

None.

IV. STUDENT REPORTS

None.

V. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Barkemeyer stated she took the secondary Gifted and Talented students to a conference in Denver. It was an amazing opportunity for our students and they represented Norwood Public Schools very well. Ms. Barkemeyer read a thank you note from Mary Anne Krason thanking the board for the plaque and well wishes in her retirement.

VI. CELEBRATIONS

Celebrations included: Ms. Gipner said Prom was a huge success and the junior's did an exceptional job with the decorations. The students were well behaved. After Prom party was successful as well. Ms. Gipner also reported on the Freedom from Chemical Dependency (FCD) presentation were fantastic for our students. The students were told real life stories, learned about social norms and how important they are. Students had a chance to be open and honest with their feelings. Ms. Barkemeyer stated she thought the program was well run and beneficial for our students.

VII. DISCUSSION – 2015-2016 DISTRICT BUDGET

Mr. Crews presented the preliminary budget for 2015-2016 school year. A discussion over all the various revenues, expenditures, and changes made to the budget. Mr. Crews made the board aware of changes made and it is a constant work in progress. First reading of the budget will be in May 2015.

Short break at 8:48

Reconvened at 8:53

VIII. APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS

- a. March Minutes
- b. April General Fund Bills
- c. Capital Project Fund Bills
- d. Health Insurance
- e. Approve April 28, 2015 for Special Board Meeting
- f. Approve Teacher Non-renewal
- g. Approve Teacher Resignation
- h. Approve to offer contract for High School English
- i. Approve to offer contract for Elementary Physical Education

Mr. Bray made a motion to approve consent agenda Items:

A. March Minutes, B. April General Fund Bills and E. Approve April 28, 2015, Special Board Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Ordean. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion Carried.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

- C. Capital Project Fund Bills.

Ms. Barkemeyer made the following motion. Be it resolved the Norwood School District approves the payment from the Capital Projects Fund to Williams Construction Contractors in the amount of \$425.00, to Souther Brother Construction, Inc in the amount of \$445.00, and Chase Visa Card in the amount of \$1,054.62 all for the bus parking lot project. Seconded by Mr. Colson. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motioned Carried.

D. Health Insurance Approval

Mr. Crews recommended approving the Health Insurance and remaining on PPO 4. Mr. Bray made a motion to approve the Health Insurance. Seconded by Mr. Colson. Roll call vote: "ayes" 4, "no's" 0. Motion Carried. (Ms. Barkemeyer abstained.)

F. Approve Teacher Non-Renewal

Mr. Swain made a motion to approve the non-renewal of Sharon Mertes elementary counselor. Mr. Ordean asked if the proper provisions were going to be met for elementary students. Mr. Crews stated the needs will be covered from the existing staff. Mr. Ordean made a motion to go into executive session for personnel CRS 24-6-402(4) (f). Seconded by Mr. Bray. In at 9:04 p.m. with board members, Mr. Crews, Ms. Gipner and Mrs. Rasmussen. Out at 9:24 p.m. The Non-renewal was seconded by Mr. Colson. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion Carried. Ms. Barkemeyer stated Mrs. Mertes had done a great job here at Norwood School District.

G. Approval of Teacher Letter of Resignation

Ms. Barkemeyer read a letter of resignation from 5th grade teacher Wynn Hurd. Mr. Ordean made a motion to approve the resignation. Seconded by Mr. Bray. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion Carried.

H. Approve Contract Offer for High School English Position

Ms. Barkemeyer made a motion to offer contract to Ryan Patrick. Mr. Crews, Ms. Gipner and Mrs. Rasmussen stated Mr. Patrick is highly qualified and will be a great asset for the district. Seconded by Mr. Ordean. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion Carried.

I. Approve Contract Offer for Elementary Physical Education Position

Mr. Colson made a motion to approve contract offer for Elementary Physical Education to Andrew Parlagreco. Seconded by Mr. Ordean. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion Carried. Ms. Gipner stated Andrew is very energetic and will be a good fit for Norwood School and he has seven years of experience.

X. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

A. DAAC Report

Mr. Crews stated they went over the preliminary budget and talked about staff appreciation.

B. UNBOCS Report

None

C. WSCF

Mr. Crews met with Nikki and they discussed possible grants pertaining to playground improvement.

D. PTA

Mr. Crews said the PTA would like to investigate the DARE Program.

E. OTHER BOARD REPORTS

NONE

F. OLD BUSINESS
NONE

XI. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

A. Superintendent Report

Mr. Crews stated he had given his report to the board members earlier. Mr. Crews reported the Transportation Audit was complete and the transportation department has a few housekeeping items to clean up. Overall it went very well. Mr. Swain and other board members would like to see how the district could recognize individuals for their support of Norwood School. Plans are in progress.

B. Principal Report

Ms. Gipner and Mrs. Rasmussen stated their report was in the board packet. Ms. Gipner presented other information on testing and explained the results. Ms. Gipner stated the 2015-2016 schedule had been presented to the staff and it was looking good. Mrs. Rasmussen presented more testing information for the elementary and discussed the results. She also stated they are still working on communicating with parents and sees improvement. Lemonade Lowdown is postponed. The principals would like to possibly start a focus group during the summer months.

XII. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS (If Needed)

None.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Swain made a motion to go into executive session to continue to discuss personnel as per C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f). Seconded by Ms. Barkemeyer. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion Carried. Those present in executive session were: Mr. Crews, Mr. Bray, Mr. Colson, Ms. Barkemeyer, Mr. Swain, Mr. Ordean, Ms. Gipner, Mrs. Rasmussen and Ms. Meahm. The board went into executive session at 9:57 and remained in executive session until 10:15. No votes were taken following the executive session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Colson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Bray. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Epright