



*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**

**May 17, 2016**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was said by those present.

**B. Request for Additional Items**

It was requested to add the following to the agenda: Under Student Reports: Add Early Graduation Request. Under New Business: Parent Request

**II. OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Parent Michelle Barkemeyer addressed the board as a citizen regarding their consideration and implementation of honorary seating of students who are valedictorian and salutatorian at the graduation ceremony. She also asked the board to remember they cannot reply all to an email or letter from a parent.

**III. COMMUNITY REPORTS**

Jennifer Nelson introduced herself as the G/T Coordinator for the 2016-2017 school year. She informed the board about the plans for the community garden. Jennifer is working on grants to help fund the project. They plan to have raised beds and fruit trees in the garden. The board was in total support of the program.

**IV. STUDENT REPORTS**

Student Zandon Starks presented an early graduation request. Zandon did the research needed to have a good plan in place to succeed. Ms. Gipner stated he will have met all the requirements by December 2017.

Ms. Bruce made a motion to accept the early graduation request for Zandon Starks. Seconded by Mr. Morlang. Roll call vote: “aye’s” 5, “no’s” 0. Motion Carried.

Student Council Members, Deyvn Rummel and Kade Brantingham stated the Student Council has had a successful school year. Participation in activities was very good. Elections were held this last week and the officers will remain the same.

## **V. STAFF REPORTS**

None

## **VI. CELEBRATIONS**

It is OFFICIAL; the district received the Literacy Grant! Principals and teachers are excited for the training and new resources that are going to be available.

Student BBQ was a huge success.

Middle School Lock In – the students had a lot of fun and loads of laughter.

Scholarships - 1.3 Million available for the senior class. Summer opportunities for students include: Hunter Wilson and Colten Butler are attending the Valley Floor Living Classroom Program. Calder Hughes will attend the HOBY Program. JD Brantingham will attend a leadership program. Skyler Kelly, Amber Padgett and Devyn Rummel will attend Pinhead Institute Programs.

## **VII. APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS**

- A.** Approve April Minutes and Special Board Minutes of May 3, 2016.
- B.** April General Fund bills
- C.** Approval of High School Football Coach
- D.** Approve 2016-2017 Norwood School District Calendar
- E.** Approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Policy BE, School Board Meeting Start Times
- F.** Approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Policy JFBB-R, Open Enrollment
- G.** Approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the 2016-2017 Norwood School District Budgets
- H.** Approval of CASB Policy Support

Ms. Bruce made a motion to approve consent items: **A.** April 19, 2016 Minutes, and May 3, 2016 Minutes. **B.** April General Fund Bills. **D.** 2016-2017 School Calendar. **E.** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Policy BE, School Board Meeting Start Times. **F.** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Policy JFBB-R, Open Enrollment. **G.** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the 2016-2017 Budget. **H.** CASB Policy Support. Seconded by Mr. Olson. Roll call vote: “aye’s” 5, “no’s” 0. Motion Carried.

## **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

### **C. Approval High School Football Coach**

Mr. Crews stated Mr. Dave Close will be the football coach. He is a retired teacher and coach. Mr. Close wants to continue coaching and comes to Norwood highly recommended. Mr. Close is going to meet with our student athletes on May 25, along with students at Telluride and Nucla. There will also be a parent meeting that evening. Mr. Morlang made a motion to approve Mr. Close as Football Coach for the 2016-2017 school year. Seconded by Ms. Bruce. Roll call vote: “aye’s” 5, “no’s” 0. Motion Carried.

## **IX. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

**A. DAAC** – Discussed curriculum and the Literacy Grant.

**B. UNBOCES** – Budget was discussed and looking for a full time PT person.

**C. WSCF** – None

**D. PTA** – Jen Dabal reported staff appreciation week was a huge success. PTA has purchased new patio furniture for the students. PTA will sponsor a Year End Celebration for Middle school students at the Livery on May 26. The school sign in the ground will continue to be work in progress.

### **E. OTHER BOARD REPORTS**

None

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

**Summer Board Retreat** – Monday, June 20, 2016

**Parent Request** - Graduation Seating – Overall consensus “this is not a board decision.”

Mr. Bray made a motion to refer the decision back to the administration. Seconded by Mr. Morlang. Roll Call Vote: “aye’s” 5, “no’s” 0. Motion Carried.

## **XI. OLD BUSINESS**

**Curriculum Development** – The principals stated their trip to Moffat County was awesome and they are excited to continue the process.

**Community Communications** – The Principals reported the brochure has been distributed at several school functions and the Happy Beli Deli. The feedback has been positive and it is good to see the new happenings in the school.

**Why We Play Committee Discussion** –Mr. Olson and Mr. Morlang would like to see a mission and vision statement developed. Mr. Crews stated coaches will be attending a clinic at the end of July which includes the Shift Way Program.

## **XII. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

### **A. Superintendent Report**

The Superintendent report was in board packets. Mr. Crews discussed the many summer projects and hope we can complete a few. Mr. Crews stated he would like to see an increase Mental Health Support for our students, and he is looking into splitting this with Telluride and Mental Health.

### **B. Principal Report**

The Principal report was in board packets. Ms. Gipner explained the Moffat County Curriculum and how it worked. Ms. Gipner and Mrs. Rasmussen are excited to continue working on our curriculum. Ms. Bruce suggested we have Mr. Lawrence video the progress of the changes. Mr. Olson stated he was very impressed with Ms. Gipner's and Mrs. Rasmussen's willingness to learn and continue to be excited with the process. Ms. Gipner presented the new logo.

## **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Morlang made a motion for the board to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues as per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (f). Seconded by Ms. Bruce. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion Carried. The board went into executive session at 8:52 p.m. and out of executive session at 9:01 p.m. Those present in executive session were: Mr. Ordean, Mr. Bray, Ms. Bruce, Mr. Morlang, Mr. Olson, Mr. Crews and Mrs. Epright.

## **XIV. ADJOURNAMENT**

Mr. Morlang made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Olson. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Epright