

# NORFOLK BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Regular Meeting –January 2, 2024

### MINUTES

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ann DeCerbo, John DeShazo, Amy Bennett, Janet Byrne  
Walter Godlewski

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jay Whitaker, Virginia Coleman-Prisco

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:** Mary Beth Iacobelli, Superintendent, Lauren Valentino, Principal

**ADMINISTRATION ABSENT:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M.

**Public Comments:** None

Motion to approve the minutes was moved to the February meeting.

**Correspondence:** Principal Valentino received an original program of the graduating class of 1956 from the Norfolk Center School it will be displayed in the cabinet in the Hall of Flags. The school received a gift of a new American Flag in honor of the great grandfather of the Regis children. He was a POW in WWII and taught his children to honor our flag and appreciate freedom.

**Superintendent's Report:** The superintendent shared her report with the board. The superintendent reported on the boilers. The town is looking into grants to help offset cost. Dr. Iacobelli informed the board that the budget process has started for the 2024-2025 school year and suggested the finance sub-committee meet to discuss the budget. The decision was made to cancel the regular scheduled board meeting on January 16. The finance sub-committee will meet on the 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the budget.

**Principal's Report:** The principal shared her report with the board. Principal Valentino shared that a former student Liam Carrigan reached out to her about his Capstone Project which is a new requirement at Northwestern. He made two beautiful signs for our school. One displays the school charter and will be placed in the upstairs hallway; the other sign will be placed down at the green slide and states -- please protect our big green slide; use it appropriately and safely; playground is under surveillance.

### **Committee Reports:**

Curriculum and Technology

**Motion by** J. Byrne **seconded by** J. DeShazo to adjourn the meeting @ 7:13 pm  
**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Meeting adjourned @ 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy Lippincott*

Kathy Lippincott,  
Recording Secretary

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