

**NORTHBOROUGH-SOUTHBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN MEETING**

Algonquin Regional High School Library
79 Bartlett Street, Northborough, MA
Wednesday, March 20, 2019
7:00 PM

Present: Mrs. Lynn Winter, Mr. Paul Desmond, Ms. Kathleen Harragan Polutchko, Mr. Paul Butka, Ms. Kathleen Howland, Ms. Cathy Kea, Mr. Daniel Kolenda, and Mr. Sean O’Shea

Absent: Mr. John Kane and Mrs. Joan Frank

Also Present: Ms. Christine Johnson, Mr. Greg Martineau, Mr. James Jolicoeur, Ms. Marie Alan, Dr. Sara Praguski Walsh, and Ms. Michelle Tontodonato

Mrs. Winter resumed the Regional School Committee Open Meeting at 7:04 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING FY’20 BUDGET

At 7:04 p.m., Superintendent Johnson shared the following: FY20 Budget Priorities, FY2020 Budget by Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Fund Code Categories. Mrs. Winter asked for audience comment; no one responded; she closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

A. ACTION ON MINUTES:

1. Action on the Open Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2019. Mrs. Winter asked for discussion and action on the minutes.

*Mr. Butka motioned, Mr. Kolenda seconded, and it was unanimously voted,
“To approve the Open Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2019.”*

**MOTION ON
MINUTES**

B. EDUCATIONAL POLICY: (None at this time)

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Algonquin Regional High School Athletic Boosters Club Update - Mr. Tom Spataro provided an overview of the Booster organization and its fund raising efforts by the 28 committees supporting the funding of athletic teams. In 2018-2019, the Boosters raised in excess of \$200,000 in support of the athletic program, which includes funding support for the purchase of equipment, uniforms, and facilities to host tournaments. He acknowledged the parental support and commented on the positive collaboration with Athletic Director, Mike Mocerino. Also, the Booster organization is implementing a new web management software, which will expand its presence within the school community.
2. Fine and Performing Arts Department Presentation – Ms. Amy Collins, Department Chairperson, introduced and thanked members of the department. A PowerPoint was shared which highlighted the Program of Studies and the experience that students have as participants which includes self-esteem building in fine arts, exploration,

quality of life, National Arts Honor Society, Annual Jazz Night, presentation of visual arts in the school community and award celebrations. The evening included three performances by student artists and an art display. (Jazz Combo performers: Mateo Oyola, alto sax; Justin Moyer, trumpet; Scott Alberti, trombone; Ethan Cardillo, guitar; Reed Probst, bass; and Jason Goguen, drums. Art student presenter; Leah Grinblatas, drama student presenter; Katherine Moffa, and, music student presenter; Zachary Entwistle). Committee members thanked all for the outstanding performances and presentation.

3. Program of Studies Guide Review – In packet.
4. Class Rank Update – Ms. Lisa Connery, Guidance Department Chairperson, provided an update on class rank. Dr. Sarah Walsh and Ms. Connery discussed the class selection process including course enrollments, timelines, grade promotion, Advanced Placement registrations, and presented the Program of Studies Guide for 2019-2020. Committee members asked questions and thanked them for the information shared.
5. Student Handbook Review – Ms. Tontodonato discussed the process and handbook changes.

D. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE:

1. Principal’s Report – Dr. Walsh gave an update on activities and events at Algonquin including: arts, canvas robotics, Paint Night, DECA, Junior Prom, International Night, athletics, Boosters, Cheerleading, Career Day, and the Writing Center. Committee members thanked Dr. Walsh for the update this evening.
2. Enrollments – In packet.
3. FY’19 Monthly General Expenditure Report – Mrs. Winter asked for discussion and action.

Mr. Butka motioned, Mr. Kolenda seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To approve the FY’2019 Monthly Expenditure Report as of February 28, 2019 until audited.”

**MOTION ON FY’19
REPORTS**

4. FY’19 Statement of Revenue – Mrs. Winter briefly reviewed and commented on the report.

Mr. Butka motioned, Mr. Kolenda seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To approve the FY’2019 Statement of Revenue report as of February 28, 2019 until audited.”

5. FY’20 Budget Calendar – Superintendent Johnson briefly discussed.
6. FY20 School Committee Approved Budget and Assessments – Superintendent Johnson distributed the approved budget.

E. OLD BUSINESS: (None at this time)

F. POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND/OR DISTRIBUTION:

1. Second Reading

a. K-240 New Advertising, sponsorship and Donations

Superintendent Johnson and committee members discussed the new policy.

G. AUDIENCES: SHARING – Mrs. Winter asked for audience sharing; Ms. Donna Finn Carter, parent of Algonquin student, gave accolades to the fine arts program and its importance for all students. She expressed concerns with the proposed reductions at Town Meeting. Ms. Howland, School Committee Member, commented on the neurological benefits of the arts.

Mr. Butka reminded all about the upcoming Town Meeting in Southborough on Saturday.

H. PERSONNEL:

1. Distribution of Personnel Report – In packet.

I. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Foundation Commission Review Letter

2. Annual Report of the Northborough-Southborough Regional School District

J. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS:

Mr. Jolicoeur had bills and payrolls required approval.

K. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH:

1. Math Department Presentation

2. MCAS Update

3. Seal of Biliteracy

The Committee had no further business to discuss; Mrs. Winter asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Butka motioned, Mr. Kolenda seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To adjourn the Open Meeting of the Regional School Committee."

**MOTION TO
ADJOURN**

The Regional School Committee Open Meeting ended at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Dawson

Recording Secretary

List of documents used at this meeting:

1. Agenda for Northborough-Southborough Regional School Committee Meeting for 3/20/19
2. Northborough-Southborough Regional School Committee Open Meeting Minutes, dated February 27, 2019
3. Changes to Student Handbook 2019-2020
4. FY2020 Budget, Public Hearing Budget, March 20, 2019
5. 2019-2020 Program of Studies Updates and Changes
6. 2019-2020 Program of Studies
7. Principal Report, March 2019
8. Northborough Southborough Regional School District FY2019 Budget Monthly General Fund Expenditure Report, dated February 28, 2019

9. Northborough/Southborough Regional School District Statement of Revenue, dated February 28, 2019
10. School District Algonquin Regional High School Enrollments, actual 2018-2019: enrollments – 3/7/19, actual enrollments as of 10/1/18; and projected 2018-2019 enrollments as of 3/7/19
11. Northborough Southborough Regional FY2020 Proposed Budget Calendar
12. School Committee Approved FY2020 Budget, February 27, 2019
13. Northborough Southborough regional school district FY2020 Budget and Assessments, RSC voted 2-27-19
14. Foundation Budget Letter to Legislators, dated March 12, 2019 on behalf of the Northborough Southborough Regional School Committee
15. Personnel Report, March 20, 2019
16. Second Reading: K-240 New Advertising, Sponsorship and Donations
17. Annual Report of the Northborough Southborough Regional School District, period ending 12-31-2018

Approved: 04/24/2019