

**NORWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NORWOOD, NEW JERSEY 07648  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2010**

The Board of Education of the Borough of Norwood, County of Bergen, New Jersey met in combined Work Session/Regular Meeting on December 13, 2010, in the Library in the Norwood Public School, Summit Street, Norwood, New Jersey at 8:00 PM.

Mr. Sprague, President of the Board, called the meeting to order and announced pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of New Jersey 1975, notice of this meeting, its date, time and place have been posted on the Board's official bulletin board, the municipal building's official bulletin board, and it has been delivered to the Press Journal newspaper circulated in the District at least 48 hours prior to the time of this meeting. Mr. Sprague announced that the Board will meet in executive session immediately following this session to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

Present at roll call were Mr. Sprague, Mr. Ross, Mr. Rubin, Mrs. Krapels, Mrs. Kumhwa Kim and Mrs. Kyung Kim, Mr. Hausmann arrived at 8:35. Also present were Dr. Feifer, Interim Superintendent, Mrs. Femia, Business Administrator and Mrs. Grossman, Interim Principal.

**Motion to Approve the Minutes of:**

November 8, 2010 Work Session  
November 22, 2010 Regular Meeting  
November 22, 2010 Executive Session

Moved by: Mrs. Kumhwa Kim  
Seconded by: Mr. Rubin  
Vote: All in Favor

**Discussion of Correspondence: None**

**Principal's Report**

Mrs. Grossman commented on the following:

Grandparents Day experienced a Norwood tradition - singing/poetry

Lenape Workshop with John Kraft for 4th grade which complements the Social Studies curriculum, courtesy of the PTO

Winter Concert

Sample work Van Gogh flowers by the 3rd grade

6th grade Social Studies - higher level thinking--inferences with data in a cooperative group setting

Writing-Mrs. Puliatte's class working with 8th graders

Second graders use their spelling words and write me letters & poetry writing

4th graders are involved in Kid's Council to problem solve and discuss how to make our school better. Mrs. Cicchetti and Mrs. Stanzione run this.

Mark Lampert, Behavioral Consultant from Valley -workshop with staff on strategies in the classroom

Jan. 17 - Day will be devoted to our district goals, writing in the AM, technology in the PM

**Superintendent’s Report**

Dr. Feifer reported on the following:

December 2010 Calendar

Enrollment

Valley Program Interaction Report

Regional Meetings

Administrative Team Meetings

Unacceptable Behavior Report

Status of budget plans for 2011-2012 school year, 2% cap and uncertainty of State Aid

Chief School Administrator Contract

Revised Job Descriptions- CSA-Administrative Principal, CSA-Superintendent/Principal, and Supervisor

Chief School Administrator Resolution

Searches for Chief School Administrator Secretary and Supervisors

Scholastic Book Fair

Student Calendars 2011-2012

Course Approval

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Administrative**

**Board Action:**

Motion to approve Administrative items “A1 to A4”

Moved by: Mrs. Krapels

Seconded by: Mr. Ross

Vote: All in Favor

**A1. New Policy (Enclosure No. 7)**

approve the first reading of Policy File Code 4119.26/4219.26 – Staff Use of Internet Social Networks and Other Forms of Electronic Communication.

**A2. Substitute Teacher**

approve the following substitute teacher for the 2010-2011 school year: Amanda Fulmer

**A3. Student Evaluations (Enclosure No. 8)**

approve the enclosed Child Study Team requests for student evaluations.

**A4. CSA Candidate Negotiations** (Enclosure No. 8A)

approve Resolution No. 8A authorizing the Board to enter into Negotiations with Brian Gatens, candidate for the position of Superintendent of Schools/Principal.

**Curriculum & Instruction**

**Board Action:**

Motion to approve Administrative item "C1-C2"

Moved by: Mrs. Krapels

Seconded by: Mr. Ross

Vote: All in Favor

**C1. Orton Instruction**

approve Orton-Gillingham instructional time for a classified student in grade one. This will enable the student to remain in the least-restrictive environment.

Time: Two instructional periods of 45 minutes each per week

Cost: Not to exceed \$1,890 (21 weeks @ 2 sessions/week @\$45/session)

Instructor: Paula Slagle (during preparation time)

**C2. Field Trip**

approve the following field trip:

Destination: Bergen Performing Arts Center

Classes: Grade 1

Cost/Pupil: \$18.60

Cost to the District: 0

**Business Administrator's Report**

November financial reports will be on the January agenda.

**FINANCE**

**Board Action:**

Motion to approve Finance items "F1 to F3 "

Moved by: Mr. Ross

Seconded by: Mr. Rubin

Vote: All in Favor

**F-1. Disbursements**

post-approve November end of month disbursements totaling \$120,610.95 having been audited and found correct and warrants issued therefore.

approve December 13, 2010 disbursements totaling \$228,258.17 having been audited and found correct and warrants issued therefore.

post-approve the wire transfer of funds in the amount of \$478,838.40 from the General Account to Payroll Accounts to cover payroll expenditures for the month of November 2010.

**F-2. Transfers/Certification of Budgetary Status (Enclosure No. 9)**

authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to make the following appropriation transfers with the Current Expense account of the 2010-2011 budget as of 11/30/10 as per Enclosure No. 9.

**F-3. 2010-2011 NCLB Funds**

accept the NCLB Funds as follows:            Title III (LEP and ESL Students)    \$6,723.00

and approve the following budget for these grants as follows:

20-245-100-600-009                    +\$6,723.00

**BUILDING USE INFORMATION****2010-2011**

- use of the lunchroom for the purpose of PTO Brunch on Friday, 12/17/10 from 8-11AM.

**New Business: None**

**Old Business: None**

**Public Participation**

Moved by: Mrs. Krapels

Seconded by: Mr. Rubin

Time: 9:10PM

Members of the Public had questions regarding the Calendar and snow days, the Teacher's contract, how are students selected for the Talented and Gifted program. Dr. Feifer explained that students are observed starting in Kindergarten and there are a variety of tests that determine who is selected. Questions were asked regarding the use of the library instead of the APR room for the Boy Scouts. Questions were also asked regarding the time frame of the Principal/Superintendent's contract. – 3 to 5 years according to State law.

**Closed to the Public**

Moved by: Mrs. Krapels

Seconded by: Mr. Rubin

Time: 9:20PM

**Adjournment to Executive Session**

**RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L., the Board has the authority to adjourn to closed session to discuss matters pertaining to Legal/Contractual/Personnel Issues. Said matters will be made public upon their disposition.**

Moved by: Mr. Rubin

Seconded by: Mrs. Krapels

Time: 9:20PM

Motion to adjourn the meeting from Executive Session

Moved by: Mr. Rubin

Seconded by: Mrs. Krapels

Time: 10:05PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joanette Femia

Business Administrator/Board Secretary