



NORWOOD, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
January 19, 2015
8:00 PM, APR

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

- Mr. Mathew Ross, President
- Mr. Joel Rubin, Vice President
- Ms. Sally Diaz, Trustee.
- Ms. Elizabeth Giampaglia, Trustee
- Mr. William Snyder, Trustee
- Mr. Michael Sprague, Trustee
- Mr. G.C. Vaghasia, Trustee

Mr. Bert Ammerman, Interim Chief School Administrator
 Mrs. Louise Napolitano, School Business Administrator

CALL TO ORDER:

Time: 8:01pm

FLAG SALUTE:

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE TIME
Mr. Mathew Ross, President	√		
Mr. Joel Rubin, Vice President	√		
Ms. Sally Diaz, Trustee	√		
Ms. Elizabeth Giampaglia, Trustee	√		
Mr. William Snyder, Trustee	√		
Mr. Michael Sprague, Trustee	√		
Mr. G.C. Vaghasia, Trustee	√		

Faculty Members__0__

Community Members__20__

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION MEETING ACT STATEMENT:

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, and it has been delivered to The Record newspaper circulated in the District at least 48 hours prior to the time for this meeting. The Board will meet in executive session immediately following to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

DISCUSSION OF CORRESPONDENCE:**INFORMATIONAL ATTACHMENTS:**

- January 2015 Calendar (Attachment A)
- January Enrollment Report (Attachment B)
- January Child Study Team Student Count (Attachment C)

MEETING CALENDAR

Date	TIME	PLACE	PURPOSE
January 19, 2015	8:00PM	APR	Regular Meeting
February 2, 2015	7:30PM	Library	Work Session Meeting
February 23, 2015	8:00PM	Library	Regular Meeting

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT: Presentation of Retiree Rich Vogler at 8:08pm. Mayor Barsa read a proclamation and thanked Mr. Vogler for all that he has done. Mr. Sprague thanked Mr. Vogler for all of his years of service behind the scenes. Mr. Ross awarded Mr. Vogler with a plaque that thanked him for his many years of service; re-open meeting at 8:22pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Finance Committee**
2. **Building & Grounds**
3. **Negotiations/Performance & Evaluation**
4. **Curriculum/Technology/Policy**
5. **School Business Administrator**-Mrs. Napolitano
6. **Chief School Administrator**-Mr. Ammerman

ACTION ITEMS:

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Motion to Approve the Minutes of:

December 15, 2014 – Regular Meeting and Executive Session

Moved by: Mr. Vaghasia

Seconded by: Mr. Rubin

Vote: All In Favor

BOARD MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Mr. Mathew Ross, President	√			
Mr. Joel Rubin, Vice President	√			
Ms. Sally Diaz, Trustee	√			
Ms. Elizabeth Giampaglia, Trustee	*		*not on the	Board in Dec.
Mr. William Snyder, Trustee	√			
Mr. Michael Sprague, Trustee	√			
Mr. G.C. Vaghasia, Trustee	√			

II. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Administrative Committee recommends the following resolution(s):

Motion to approve Administrative items “A1 – A7 & A9 - A12 & A16”

Moved by: Mr. Rubin

Seconded by: Mr. Vaghasia

Vote: All In Favor

BOARD MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Mr. Mathew Ross, President	√			
Mr. Joel Rubin, Vice President	√			
Ms. Sally Diaz, Trustee	√			
Ms. Elizabeth Giampaglia, Trustee	√			
Mr. William Snyder, Trustee	√			
Mr. Michael Sprague, Trustee	√			
Mr. G.C. Vaghasia, Trustee	√			

A1. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

approve, as per the Chief School Administrator’s report, the following HIB Report for December 2014 as they relate to HIB Policy #5131.8:

Reported Cases: 0

Number of Cases open: 0

Number of Cases closed: 0

Number of Incidents determined to be HIB: 0

A2. Fire and Security Drills

post-approve the following fire and security drills for the month of December:

Fire Drill – December 1, 2014

Security Drill – December 19, 2014

A3. CST Services/Placements (Enclosure 1-updated)

approve the child study team services/placements as per Enclosure 1.

A4. Workshop/Conference

approve and post-approve the following conferences/workshops:

- Name: Bernadette Ricco
Conference: Gifted & Talented Outreach Forum
Location: Northern Valley Curriculum Center – Demarest, NJ
Date: 12/10/14
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Jennifer Kiss
Conference: Using Picture Books
Location: Northern Valley Curriculum Center – Demarest, NJ
Date: 12/10/14
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Bernadette Ricco
Conference: Electronics Planning & Development Meeting
Location: Englewood Cliffs, NJ
Date: 12/11/14
Cost: \$3.72

- Name: Harriet Kaplan, Tracey Preolo
Conference: World Writing Curriculum Writing
Location: Northern Valley Curriculum Center – Demarest, NJ
Date: 12/15/14
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Christie DeStefano
Conference: Implementing Math Practices
Location: Closter, NJ
Date: 12/15/14
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Jamie Kopf
Conference: Regional Professional Development Committee
Location: Old Tappan, NJ
Date: 12/17/14
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Gina McCormack, Fran Orefice, Dana Sir
Conference: DTC PARCC Training
Location: Paramus, NJ
Date: 1/6/15
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Megan O'Neill
Conference: DTC PARCC Training
Location: Paramus, NJ
Date: 1/6/14
Cost: \$6.82

- Name: Marie Cooper
Conference: Painting Techniques & Instruction
Location: Northern Valley Curriculum Center – Demarest, NJ
Date: 1/7/15
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Mauro DeSantis, Christie DeStefano
Conference: Assessment: More than an A
Location: Northern Valley Curriculum Center – Demarest, NJ
Date: 1/7/15 & 1/28/15
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Jamie Kopf
Conference: Vocab & Grammar: Supporting Common Core Lang. Gr 3-5
Location: Northern Valley Curriculum Center – Demarest, NJ
Date: 1/8/15
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Megan O'Neill
Conference: Bergen County K-8 Counselors Assoc.
Location: Oradell, NJ
Date: 1/9/15
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Charmaine Della Bella
Conference: Common Core Math Strategies
Location: Northern Valley Curriculum Center – Demarest, NJ
Date: 1/9/15
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Michelle Rienas, Sean Ulley
Conference: Genocide Studies: Center for Peace, Justice & Reconciliation
Location: Northern Valley Curriculum Center – Demarest, NJ
Date: 1/12/15
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Lauren McKinley
Conference: Opinion Writing
Location: Northern Valley Curriculum Center – Demarest, NJ
Date: 1/12/15
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Fran Orefice & Gina McCormack
Conference: NJ Core Content Standard
Location: Paramus, NJ
Date: 1/12/15
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Tara Cormican, Jennifer Cianfaglione, Danielle Keller
Conference: Assessment: More than an A
Location: Old Tappan, NJ
Date: 1/13/15 & 1/22/15
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Bonnie Malora
Conference: Woodcock Johnson IV and Dyslexia Training
Location: River Edge, NJ
Date: 1/14/15
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Gina McCormack, Fran Orefice
Conference: BCASA Winter Leadership Conference
Location: Paramus, NJ
Date: 1/15/15
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Christie DeStefano
Conference: Search & Swap for Web and Application Based Resources
Location: Demarest, NJ
Date: 1/15/15
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Gina McCormack & Fran Orefice
Conference: Bergen County Principals & Supervisor meeting
Location: Washington Township, NJ
Date: 1/16/15
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Laurie Princing
Conference: Argument Based Writing Workshop
Location: Demarest, NJ
Date: 1/20/15
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Christie DeStefano
Conference: 4-8 Math: Building Instructional Math Practices
Location: Demarest, NJ
Date: 1/23/15
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Mauro DeSantis
Conference: Best Practices in World Language Classroom Technology
Location: Demarest, NJ
Date: 2/3/15
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Bernadette Ricco
Conference: Bergen County Consortium for Teachers of the Gifted
Location: Norwood Public Library
Date: 2/25/15
Cost: \$.00

- Name: Helena Cabiroy, Paula Slagle, Rose Zara
Conference: Int'l Dyslexia Association: Assisting Students with Informational Text Reading
Location: Garwood, NJ
Date: 3/3/15
Cost: \$195.00 each

- Name: Bernadette Ricco
Conference: Bergen County Consortium for Teachers of the Gifted
Location: Garfield, NJ
Date: 6/5/15
Cost: \$3.72

A5. Personnel-New Hire

post-approve and approve the following appointments for the 2014-2015 in accordance with the 2012-2013 salary schedule between the Norwood Board of Education and the Norwood Education Association, until such time as a successor agreement is reached:

NAME	POSITION	RATE	EFFECTIVE
Kathryn Durbec	Instructional Aide	\$16.00/hr. not to exceed 29 hours/week No Benefits	1/5/15
Layla Francesca	Instructional Aide	\$16.00/hr. not to exceed 29 hours/week No Benefits	1/20/15

A6. Stipend Position*

post-approve the following position for 2014-2015:

NAME	POSITION	RATE	EFFECTIVE
Courtney Bullen & Kyle Kubicki	Choral & band directors	\$30.00/hr x 3 hrs each	12/14/14 only
Mauro DeSantis	Spring Athletic Coordinator	\$30.00/hour, not to exceed 35 hours	
Brie Marks	Head Softball Coach	\$2,200.00	

*Stipend amounts are in accordance with the 2012-2013 schedule between the Norwood Board of Education and the Norwood Education, until such time a successor agreement is reached.

A7. School Calendar 2015-2016

approve the school calendar for the 2015-2016 school year as per Enclosure 3.

A8. Leave of Absence - VOTED ON AT WORK SESSION

approve the unpaid leave of absence request from Jason Simodejka to take off from January 12-23 for the purpose of bonding with his newborn child and caring for his wife.

A9. Substitute Teacher

approve the following substitute teacher for the 2014-2015 school year:
Alexandra Peluso

A10. Baseball and Softball Schedules

approve the baseball and softball schedules as per Enclosure 4.

A11. Statement of Assurance re use of Paraprofessional Staff (Enclosure 5)

approve the Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the 2014-2015 school year.

A12. Insurance Coverage

Whereas, the Harlem Wizard basketball team will play a game on April 18, 2015 at Northern Valley High School, Old Tappan, NJ against teachers from various Northern Valley schools, and

Whereas the game will be a fundraiser, and

Whereas, the Norwood Board of Education is in favor of the teachers participating in this event, and

Whereas, various teachers have expressed an interest in participating

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Norwood Board of Education does hereby recognize and endorse the Norwood teachers participation in the Harlem Wizard basketball game, and further

Be It Resolved, that to the extent available via State Statute NJSA 43:15-7, Workers Compensation benefits could be extended to a Norwood teacher injured while participating in this event.

A16. Policy Reading

approve the first reading of Policy # 3281 as per Enclosure 6.

IIa. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Administrative Committee recommends the following resolution(s):

Motion to approve Administrative items “A13– A14”

Moved by: Mr. Rubin

Seconded by: Mr. Vaghasia

Vote: All In Favor

BOARD MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Mr. Mathew Ross, President	√			
Mr. Joel Rubin, Vice President	√			
Ms. Sally Diaz, Trustee	√			
Ms. Elizabeth Giampaglia, Trustee	√			
Mr. William Snyder, Trustee			√	
Mr. Michael Sprague, Trustee	√			
Mr. G.C. Vaghasia, Trustee	√			

A13. Interim Superintendent Appointment

approve Dr. Patricia Raupers as Interim Superintendent/Principal, commencing 8/1/15 through 6/30/16, contingent upon County approval of her contract.

A14. Workshop/Conference

approve and post-approve the following conferences/workshops:

- Name: Kathy Snyder
- Conference: Apps and Strategies for the Middle School
- Location: Northern Valley Curriculum Center – Demarest, NJ
- Date: 12/16/14
- Cost: \$.00

Motion to approve Administrative items “A15”

Moved by: Mr. Rubin

Seconded by: Mr. Vaghasia

Vote: All In Favor

BOARD MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Mr. Mathew Ross, President	√			
Mr. Joel Rubin, Vice President	√			
Ms. Sally Diaz, Trustee	√			
Ms. Elizabeth Giampaglia, Trustee	√			
Mr. William Snyder, Trustee			√	
Mr. Michael Sprague, Trustee			√	
Mr. G.C. Vaghasia, Trustee	√			

A15. Leave of Absence

post-approve the unpaid leave of absence request from Kathy Snyder to take off October 1-3 & 6.

A16. Policy Reading

approve the first reading of Policy # 3281 as per Enclosure 6.

III. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Administrative Committee recommends the following resolution(s):

Motion to approve Curriculum items “C1”

Moved by: Ms. Giampaglia

Seconded by: Mr. Rubin

Vote: All In Favor

BOARD MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Mr. Mathew Ross, President	√			
Mr. Joel Rubin, Vice President	√			
Ms. Sally Diaz, Trustee	√			
Ms. Elizabeth Giampaglia, Trustee	√			
Mr. William Snyder, Trustee			√	
Mr. Michael Sprague, Trustee	√			
Mr. G.C. Vaghasia, Trustee	√			

C1. Course for Approval

approve the following course(s) for approval:

- a. Name: Kathy Snyder
- Course: Basic Algebra II & Applications
- Credits: 3
- Date: 1/2015-5/2015
- Institution: William Patterson University

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Finance Committee recommends the following resolution(s):

Motion to approve Finance items “F1-F6”

Moved by: Mr. Sprague

Seconded by: Mr. Rubin

Vote: All In Favor

BOARD MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Mr. Mathew Ross, President	√			
Mr. Joel Rubin, Vice President	√			
Ms. Sally Diaz, Trustee	√			
Ms. Elizabeth Giampaglia, Trustee	√			
Mr. William Snyder, Trustee	√			
Mr. Michael Sprague, Trustee	√			
Mr. G.C. Vaghasia, Trustee	√			

F1. Disbursements

post-approve December 31, 2014 Electronic Checks totaling \$121,445.35 having been audited and found correct and warrants issued therefore.

post-approve additional December 31, Monthly Disbursements totaling \$22,942.94 having been audited and found correct and warrants issued therefore.

approve January 19, 2015 Monthly Disbursements totaling \$ 474,029.15 having been audited and found correct and warrants issued therefore.

post-approve the wire transfer of funds in the amount of \$488,794.97 from the General Account to Payroll Accounts to cover payroll expenditures for the month of December 2014.

F2. Transfers/Certification of Budgetary Status

authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to make appropriation transfers with the Current Expense account of the 2014-2015 budget as of December 31, 2014 as per Enclosure No. #2.

F3. Financial Reports

accept the Treasurer's and Secretary's Reports for the month of December 2014, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e)*, we certify that as of January 19, 2015, after a review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(b)* and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

F4. SEMI Waiver

Approve the following resolution authorizing the Chief School Administrator to submit a SEMI program waiver:

WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the District's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2014-2015 school year.

WHEREAS, the Norwood Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 30 Medicaid eligible classified students.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Norwood Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2014-2015 school year.

F5. Outstanding Checks

approve voiding the following outdated checks from the Current Accounts:
#005546 from June 2012
#006450 from June 2013

F6. Building Use 2014-2015

RESOLVED, that the Norwood Board of Education Post Approves/Approves the applications for USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES made by the following groups/organizations listed below. The Board reserves the right to schedule school activities at any time:

GROUP/ORGANIZATION	USE/PURPOSE/ROOM	DATES/TIMES	FEE
Girl Scout	Front patio/bake sale	11/16/14; 12pm-1:30pm	None
Region III	CAFÉ/APR Regional Training	1/19/15; 8:00am-3:15pm	None
Cub Scouts	CAFÉ/APR PineWood Derby	2/6/15; 5:00pm-10:00pm	None
PTO	APR Book Fair	4/13/15-4/16/15; 9:00am-4:00pm	None
KPSC	Teacher's Lounge Provide staff w/Lunar New Year Luncheon	2/26/15; 9:00am-2:00pm	None

Motion to approve Finance items "F7"

Moved by: Mr. Sprague

Seconded by: Mr. Rubin

Vote: All In Favor

BOARD MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Mr. Mathew Ross, President	√			
Mr. Joel Rubin, Vice President	√			
Ms. Sally Diaz, Trustee	√			
Ms. Elizabeth Giampaglia, Trustee	√			
Mr. William Snyder, Trustee	√			
Mr. Michael Sprague, Trustee	√			
Mr. G.C. Vaghasia, Trustee	√			

F7. PROPOSED REFUNDING (Enclosure 7)

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE OUTSTANDING CALLABLE SCHOOL BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, DATED MARCH 15, 2006, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$4,747,000, APPROPRIATING NOT TO EXCEED \$3,800,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,800,000 REFUNDING BONDS TO PROVIDE FOR SUCH REFUNDING.

Andrea Kahn, Esq. from McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, Bond Counsel explained that there will be two readings, introduction and adoption at the next meeting in February and there will be a public meeting. The Board of Education will vote to adopt by a 2/3 vote. Essentially it's the same maturity, not extending life of bond, if there is a 3% present value savings of par amount of bonds school has an obligation to generate savings but must have at least 3% savings. Tonight's resolution is just starting process; bonds won't be sold until pricing and underwriting.

Sherry Tracey from Phoenix Advisors, LLC, will do the pricing and up to date rating, along with disclosure document for issuance of the bond. The current interest rates are lower than 2006 so we can go out and refund the bonds and issue refunding. Current bonds are at 4-4.125%, current rates are a blend of under 2-1/2%, rates changing everyday so possible total net savings of about \$234,000, which could reduce debt service \$21,000 per year depending on rates when sale takes place. Final maturity still 2026.

Mr. Sprague spoke about the interest rates being at their lowest and that our projected savings is above 3%. On February 23, there will be a Public Hearing with 5 votes needed to proceed. The timing of this refunding is really the only decision and because interest rates are at a low point it is a good time to proceed.

Mr. Sprague has questions on A1-A7 & A-9-A12 & A16, regarding staff being out of the building, and our trying to maximize contact time. He understands that we must give time and have teacher's education, but it must be balanced. Mr. Ammerman said that almost 90-95% is going to the Northern Valley curriculum center which is no cost to the district. Mr. Ammerman said that he reviewed total absences of every teacher especially in the area of illness, Personal days, and Professional Days.

Joel Rubin asked about the school calendar and any significant changes. If students who do observe and take second day is it excused? Mr. Ammerman will check the with the State to see the number of days allowed.

Mike Sprague asked how the calendar differs from the High School. Mr. Ammerman said minimally; the calendar at the high school has a lot of 1/2day professional development - we combined Halloween with 1/2 day of Professional Development.

The Calendar with respect to Board meetings was discussed and Sally had conflicts with library board meetings, and board members have conflicts with the high school board meetings. We will look at calendar as the dates come up.

New Business - none

Old Business – Mr. Ross congratulated Mr. Rubin as Vice President. The Committees have been formed; Mr. Sprague is chairperson of Building & Grounds and Finance, Mr. Rubin is chairperson of negotiations. Thank you for your support to all Board Members.

Regular Meeting – January 19, 2015

Public Participation

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Time: 8:58pm

Mr. Tony Foschino of Summit Street stated that it's come to his attention that the Northern Valley Board of Education is seeking to occupy Holy Family School. The Valley Program currently at Our Lady of Victories would be moving to this new location. Is the Norwood Board of Education aware of any discussion?

Mr. Ammerman responded that this discussion, regarding OLV, has been going on for many years. Northern Valley High School is the LEA for Region III that controls the funds and makes the final decision. It is the high school that takes the recommendation of the Superintendents of the schools; 7 elementary, Alpine and the High Schools. Discussion has been going on and they asked Mr. Ammerman to come to the meeting. It's almost unanimous that all Superintendents stated that OLV is no longer educationally appropriate for needs and safety factors. There are kids in hallway and makeshift offices. The original discussion was CRS location from December 2013 to May or June but CRS was no longer interested. It was a lease/purchase discussion. The lease for OLV runs out June 30, 2015. OLV wanted a 6 year lease but the Superintendents did not want to commit to that time. To leave in May or June; that was the agreement. They found out that renewable 2 yrs. leases would not be accepted and it was at that point that Holy Family became involved and asked to be considered. Holy Family is much bigger and meets the needs. Who do they decide to go with? - all of those discussions with the superintendents and board of directors and advisors. Larry Hughes and Joannette Femia met with the pastors and they also met with the church committees for each of the buildings about what would be negotiated. They had to make a decision by December 30, 2014. They also had a Joint Boards Committee Meeting where Mr. Hughes presented that they were in negotiations with Immaculate Conception regarding buying the building. All elementary schools decided not to buy. Demarest is doing a referendum next week and the High School in March. They are looking into lease-purchase. No decision was made but to gather information. Valley program is not just Northern Valley program, but takes students from out of district; it's a wonderful consortium. OLV had to have a decision by December 30, 2014 because it has to be rented out if we say no, so all of the superintendents agreed not to sign the lease. The Pastor at OLV was told that we were not looking to resign the lease and trying to finalize agreement with Immaculate Conception. Superintendents were provided with information and made recommendations and our BOE does not have any authority. Let's be CLEAR, the High School Board is not the individual, all 8 superintendents said that we do not want to continue the relationship with OLV.

Mr. Ross stated that if they make a decision to move in, and it's not up to code, then who pays for that? If Leased, you can move in and upgrade over a period of time; it will be a matter of time. Region III said it is a better facility; lease is close to what we had.

Mr. Vaghasia said that the carnival is one of the largest fundraisers. Will the baseball fields and soccer fields all still be accessible?

Mr. Ammerman said he does not know. Students will not come to this school. 4 or 5 students may come in but- will not have an influx - that program is not coming here. We have a Lease from Valley and TIP and they come into classroom if we have the space in our classrooms.

Mr. Ammerman does not know how the lease works for the space, not looking to build anything on, should be fine, would not use fields, etc. Call the pastor re: the carnival.

Mr. Foschino said that they spent a good portion of the week with the discussions regarding the rental agreement - find it bothersome of the decision making process. It was told to him that the majority if not all are bussed into the facility, with our students coming in 25-30 minutes, add more busses and parking at OLV, and church parking lot – parents use the church parking lot and there will be drop off for preschool at OLV- little tots, parents drive the student, 8-3:15 when Norwood Public School is operating, concern for parents and students, This was Not taken into consideration by the supts because of the drop off and pick up. Didn't involve mayor and council and planning, - was our Board of Education involved? The discussion was, which of the 2 parishes would we want to lease? Mr. Ammerman - Question you just asked-- the borough was asked, - please ask the high school the remainder of your questions.

Mrs. Foschino said: I am hoping Monday, that there could be representation of this board as to why this school and our investment, valley tax payers are holding the financial responsibility of all the money that was put into the OLV building. This town will be putting in 20 homes, 35 apt, no impact study.

Mr. Ammerman gave an overview - I would be very disappointed that I am putting this on the high school, Northern Valley; we were not privy to the studies done.

Mrs. Foschino asked were superintendents approached by Region III, OLV or, over the 70 families over here - that's a Holy Family issue. Father Bryan said he would not sign the two year lease? Could the preschool stay at Holy Family?

Mr. Ammerman replied that another tenant in there would be an issue. We were told that it would not be an issue for the existing tenant to leave. Our decision was strictly made on the best interests for the program.

Asked, how many other facilities were looked at? Mr. Ammerman said that they have looked at this in the past, such as industrial parks, etc.

Mr. Ross said that we are not involved in any of the decisions. They could have been doing this for a year, we do not know. The preschool, we don't have control over tenant has with Immaculate Conception Church; we do not have any say with the Holy Family or their tenant.

Mr. Foschino said with all due respect, this impacts Norwood and it is, disgraceful that it was not brought before the residents of Norwood. It is our money that makes these decisions, it is disgraceful, the parking lot alone is not usable. The Norwood Board of Education cannot make a swing of a wand and make a decision and I hope it wasn't brought to the attention because of greed. According to the Archdiocese, maybe lease upstairs only, the Valley Program is steam rolling it through and it's not right.

Mrs. Orrechio said to make the repairs are in such financial problems is horrendous. The Borough Council has had no discussion regarding this. She asked if the Church parking spaces we are using are marked for the teachers. We need the fields for the town. Mrs. Orecchio is very upset to hear this even though she doesn't personally have anyone involved. How could Dr. Nagy vote on this when he was leaving the end of June?

Mr. Ammerman said they are marked where the teachers' parking spots. Dr. Nagy had very frank discussions going on at this time.

Gene Huelster - finds it offensive that this is going on.

Mr. Rubin participated in the joint board members, LEA is the high school - what I walked away from the meeting with, OLV made accommodations, not a viable long term solution, and a number of different options have been explored. Do we lease, do we buy? School information was presented to the Joint Boards by Joannette Femia and Larry Hughes. Joel's first reaction was that we have a great responsive police department.

Mr. Ross said that at points in time over 200 students attended Holy Family school. They did not come here. A number of those students went to other catholic schools. From a traffic control point of view, there was a much larger number of students in the past.

Mrs. Foschino said that there was only 1 kindergarten, when closed & 20 faculty members. Norwood police is phenomenal, but we'll need more policemen on day shift. Norwood tax payers would need to pay for that and it will affect the Norwood tax payers. This should not move ahead without input of Norwood tax payers.

Mr. Ammerman does not see any extra police office has to be hired - it is not a deal breaker. You can ask these questions next week, You don't need any extra police for lockdown.

Mr. Foschino said that he spoke to Alice Comer and that she stated that Norwood will put another police officer on South street. No one brings it to everyone else - it was not done right it should be done with transparency and that is terrible. Will there be any representation from this board of education at the high school meeting?

Mr. Vaghesia stated; Mr. Foschino, it was mentioned to us, we had no way of knowing. The board as a whole was not involved in this issue, there is an advisory board for an

educational view, the other aspects; it will affect my taxes and we were not involved in the process,

Ms. Giampaglia said that she is not educated, in what as a board member of Norwood, she is allowed to do or say but she will attend the meeting at the high school.

Mr. Ammerman said that the time frame is June 30, 2015. There's not much more that can be said and I appreciate the civility. This is not the high school, it is all 8 superintendents that agree; the OLV facility no longer represents the need of the children. It just came about in August or September. Things are not matching up. The parish's decisions are not a concern of ours as far as our say in who they can rent to.

Mr. Ross said he will try to go to the high school meeting also.

The Parent of a kindergarten child asked if her child can be dropped off at 8 am? Can they be here before school starts? Would parents have to pay?

We could put it into place if there was enough interest.

Mr. Fogarty gave a short presentation:

- Talk about 2 provisions under school ethics act and school boards members:
- Meeting of another public body.
- Prohibited acts trained each year.
- Irreconcilable - items that disenfranchises you not mayor and council and school board, cannot be a party to a contract, cannot sue us for money damages - even on behalf of your child.
- Prohibited acts - cannot vote - you have a direct or indirect financial interest or member of your family has an interest.
- Employed in this school district or another district njea spouse or dependent child that lives with you that you are financially responsible.
- Collective bargaining and union matter if spouse works for board.

Closed to the Public

Moved by: Mr. Vaghasia

Seconded by: Ms. Diaz

Time: 9:58pm

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: Ms. Diaz

Time: 10:39pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting from Executive Session

Moved by: Mr. Sprague

Seconded by: Mr. Rubin

Time: 11:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary