

NORFOLK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting –May 2, 2023

MINUTES



**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ann DeCerbo, Virginia Coleman-Prisco, John DeShazo, Jay Whitaker, Amy Bennett, Janet Byrne

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Donna Rubin

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

**ADMINISTRATION ABSENT:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 P.M.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Presentation:**

The CT Association of Public-School Superintendents Leadership Award presented by Superintendent Iacobelli was given to Lorelai DeCerbo

The Barbara A. Mulville Award presented by Mrs. Valentino was given to Gudrid Johnson

The Michael J. Mulville Award presented by Mrs. Valentino was given to Belle Bracken

The Norfolk CT Children’s Foundation Award presented by Lynn Satherlie Deasy and Ms. Barbara Perkins was given to Bella Curtis

The Susan A. Brusco Award presented by Mrs. Valentino was given to Cameron Silven and Belle Bracken

**Public Comments:** None

**Motion by J. DeShazo seconded by A. Bennett** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 4, 2023 J. Byrne abstaining **MOTION APPROVED.**

**Superintendent’s Report:** The superintendent shared her report with the board. The Superintendent shared with the board that Linda Snyder a long-time para at Botelle will be retiring in June. Dr. Iacobelli informed the board the 6<sup>th</sup> grade promotion night date needs to be set. After discussion the board decided on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion by J. Byrne seconded by J. DeShazo** to have promotion on June 16, 2023 @ 6:00 pm **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**Principal’s Report:** The principal shared her report with the board. Mrs. Valentino informed the board that Smarter Balance testing will start mid-May.

**Committee Reports:** The following committee chairs reported to the board:

Curriculum and Technology

Policy – 1<sup>st</sup> reading of policy # 3542.43 and 5113.2

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**New Business:**

Get Outside and Play for Children’s Mental Health Day –

The board discussed the Governors act for establishing a day to “Get Outside and Play for Children’s Mental Health” on May 26, 2023 – Grades K-4 will be outside at Roaring Brook Nature Center that day and will plan something for grades 5-6 as well as incorporating the school’s annual field day as a “get outside and play day.”

**Executive Session for superintendent's review:**

**Motion by J. DeShazo seconded by J. Whitaker enter into executive session @ 6:47 p.m.**

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**Motion by J. DeShazo seconded by J. Whitaker to exit executive session @ 7:54 p.m.**

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**Motion by J. DeShazo seconded by J. Whitaker to adjourn the meeting @ 7:54 p.m.**

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Meeting adjourned @ 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Lippincott

Kathy Lippincott,  
Recording Secretary

**THESE ARE NOT APPROVED MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING.**