

# NORFOLK BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Regular Meeting April 6, 2021

### MINUTES

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ann DeCerbo, Jill Hall, Donna Rubin, Virginia Coleman-Prisco

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sally Carr, John DeShazo, Gordon Anderson

**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 by J. Hall seconded by D. Rubin** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 2, 2020 V. Coleman-Prisco, Abstaining. **Approved.**

**Correspondence:** None

**Superintendent's Report:** The superintendent shared her report with the board. The superintendent informed the board that the multi-aged model will be extended to grades 5/6 next year. Dr. Iacobelli shared that enrollment is on a downward trend. The superintendent also shared with the board that the ESSER II grant the school received will fund a summer program for students currently receiving SRBI services.

**Principal's Report:** The principal shared her report with the board. Mrs. Valentino informed the board that Parent Teacher conferences were well attended. Learning walks showing positive gains. Upcoming events include a Botelle Geo-Bee; a collaboration with Salisbury School about James Mars; Ruler Parent Presentation the week of 5/10 and Smarter Balanced Assessment the week of 5/17-5/26.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** The 2021-2022 budget was revised to reflect the reduction to the non-certified "catch-up" retirement plan and the addition to operations and maintenance to upgrade/repair the intercom system. The final budget is \$17,390 less than last year's budget for a -0.71% decrease.

**Motion by J. Hall seconded by D. Rubin** to approve the revised 2021-2022 budget. **Unanimously Approved.**

**Health and Wellness:** Will meet in May.

**Policy:** First Reading of the revised homework policy. Tuition policy revisions will be discussed at the next committee meeting in May.

**PTO:** Information about PTO updates and upcoming events can be found on the Botelle School's website or by following this link <https://www.botelleschool.org/pto> . To support the PTO Garden, go to the Botelle Elementary PTO Facebook page to purchase a brick!

**Safety and Security:** Will meet in April.

**New Business:**

**Healthy Food Certification** – Vote to approve

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

**Motion by** D. Rubin **seconded by** J. Hall to approve the **Healthy Food Certification** for the 2021-2022 school year. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**Food and Beverage Exemption** – Vote to approve.

The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held.

**Motion by** V. Coleman-Prisco **seconded by** J. Hall to approve the **Food and Beverage Exemptions** for the 2021-2022 school year. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**Motion by** V. Coleman-Prisco **seconded by** D. Rubin to adjourn meeting @ 7:08p.m.  
**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Meeting adjourned @ 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Lippincott  
BOE Secretary

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