

*Natick Public Schools
SCHOOL COMMITTEE RETREAT MEETING MINUTES
July 29, 2019*

The School Committee held a meeting on Monday July 29, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Training Room, 3rd floor Town Hall. Chair McDonough called the meeting to order and took roll call at 7:45 p.m.

Members Present: Julie McDonough
Matt Brand
Dr. Donna McKenzie
Henry Hoagland
Hayley Sonneborn
Cathi Collins
Dr. Shai Fuxman

Others Present: Dr. Anna Nolin Superintendent

Public Speak

Chair McDonough began with Public Speak. She asked if anyone was here for Public Speak. No one came forward.

Review and Discussion of 2019/2020 District Goals

Dr. Nolin led the meeting in an initial discussion of District and Superintendent Goals for the 2019/2020 School Year. The School Committee began with a five-minute personality test that was designed to help us understand one another's personalities and working styles.

A brief discussion of norms followed and Dr. Nolin suggested the committee review its own norms.

Dr. Nolin invited the School Committee to opening day with the faculty on Monday, August 26th at noon.

Dr. Nolin presented a comprehensive and data rich power point presentation and suggested the committee spend time studying and analyzing it prior to the next meeting. She shared her analysis of the U.S. News and World Report data explaining that Natick was now considered to be in a wealthier cohort of schools, which means in comparison it lacks the supports and resources of its peers that drive student achievement. Discussion also ensued on AP courses and Dr. Nolin explained that now what is important is the number of students passing AP exams not just the number taking them as in the past.

At approximately 9:30pm, Ms. Collins moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brand seconded. It was unanimously approved by those present 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Donna McKenzie
School Committee Clerk

Documents Provided In Novus Agenda

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