

Natick Public Schools
SCHOOL COMMITTEE RETREAT MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2022

The School Committee held a meeting on Monday, September 28, 2022, at 6:00pm in the School Committee Room, Third Floor, Town Hall. Chair Collins called the meeting to order and took roll call at approximately 6:08pm.

Members Present: Cathi Collins, Dr. Donna McKenzie, Dr. Shai Fuxman, Elise Gorseth, Ms. Brunell, Julie McDonough

Members Missing: Hayley Sonneborn

Others Present: Mr. Tony Bent Consultant

Public Speak

There was no one in person requesting to speak.

School Committee Goals for the 2022-2023 School Year and School Committee Norms

Ms. Collins said she did not anticipate any votes being taken. We were given hard copies of the draft of the norms out together by Dr. Fuxman and Ms. Brunell and read by Ms. McDonough. Mr. Bent suggested taking two or three things from the draft to firm goals for the year. Mr. Bent suggested going through the draft page by page. Dr. Fuxman gave a synopsis of what the draft is and said that Ms. Brunell had already done a lot of this. The Committee took a ten-minute break to read the draft.

October 12th was suggested as a possible date for the next meeting. The meeting will be adjourned as Mr. Bent wanted to meet individually with each member. He commented that there is too much first person singular, and that trust is low, manner if talking to people is not helpful. He commented that there are not enough "cues if belonging". Ms. Gorseth suggested that we introduce our bright spots as Dr. Nolin does. Optimistic opening, interactive opportunity, and something about closings.

At approximately, 9:15pm, Dr. Fuxman motioned to adjourn. Ms. Gorseth seconded. It was unanimously approved 7-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Dr. Donna McKenzie
Clerk, Natick School Committee

Documents Provided in Novus Agenda and materials used at this meeting: None