

# Northwood School Board Newsletter

MARCH 2026

## Thank You, Northwood!

The Northwood School Board would like to extend its sincere appreciation to the voters of Northwood for your support at the March 10, 2026, town vote. Your approval of the warrant articles for the 2026–2027 school budget and the three-year Northwood Teachers contract reflects a shared commitment to maintaining a strong, student-centered educational program while balancing fiscal responsibility. We are grateful for the time, consideration, and engagement demonstrated by our community throughout this process.

Thank you for supporting adopted budget which was developed through careful review, collaboration, and a focus on prioritizing teaching and learning while responding to rising costs and evolving student needs. The approved teachers' contract, covering July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029, represents a thoughtful investment in our educators—supporting recruitment, retention, and long-term stability for our district. Together, these decisions position Northwood School to continue delivering high-quality educational experiences for all students.

Looking ahead, the School Board remains committed to transparency, responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources, and ongoing communication with the community. We will continue to work collaboratively with district leadership, staff, families, and community members to ensure that Northwood School remains a place of inspiration, innovation, and inquiry. Thank you again for your continued trust and partnership in supporting the success of our students and our school.

I would like to echo the School Board's statement and extend my sincere gratitude to the Northwood community. Your unwavering support for the budget and teachers' contract will enable us to continue providing our students with the exceptional academic opportunities and holistic experiences filled with inspiration, innovation, and inquiry that are essential for their success. I am deeply appreciative of this community investment.

~ Dr. Nate Byrne, Superintendent



## ANNUAL BOARD ASSIGNMENTS UPDATE

*Members of each committee for the  
2026-2027 Board Year were  
determined during the March 18  
Board Meeting.*

### Finance Committee

- Brian Winslow
- Scott Bryer
- Chrissy Vander Hook

### Policy Committee

- Kendra Berry
- Kellen Sawyer

### Student Experience Committee

- Kendra Berry
- Kellen Sawyer

### Facilities and Operations Committee

- Brian Winslow
- Scott Bryer
- Chrissy Vander Hook

### Superintendent Evaluation Committee

- Board Chair, Brian Winslow

# Board Updates

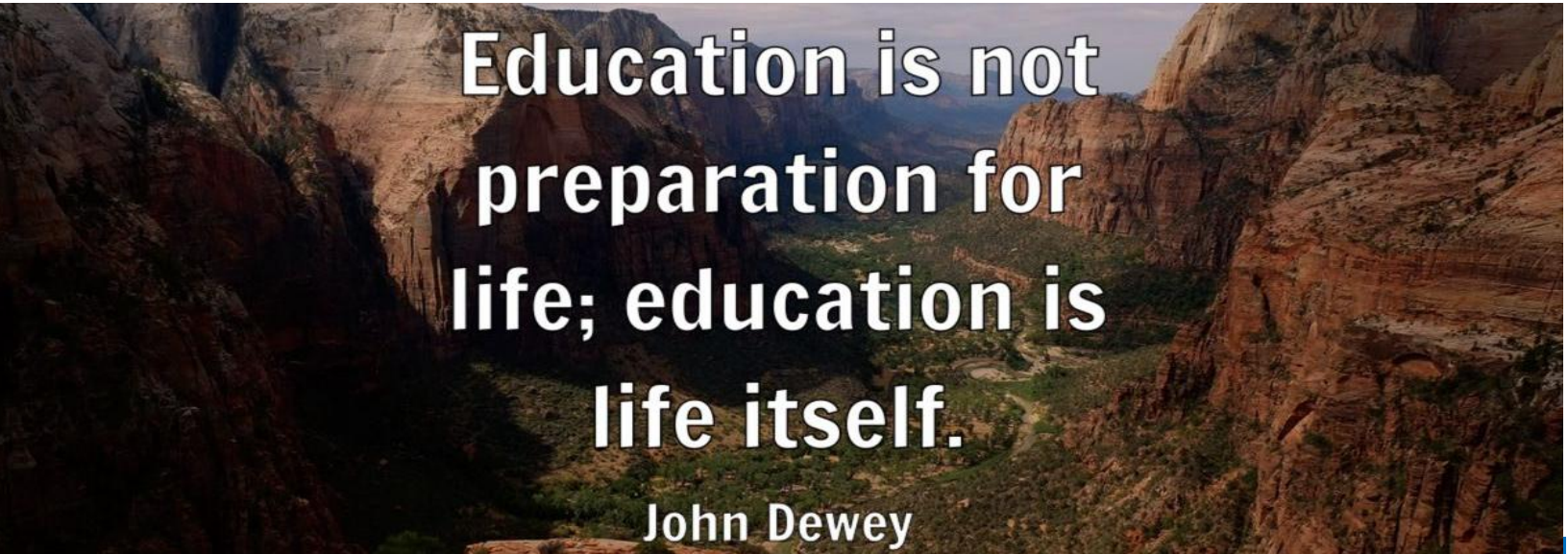
- Great things are happening in Northwood School District!
  - We invite the community to click and review the new [Northwood School District](#) and [Northwood School](#) websites. These offer improved functionality and security.
  - [Northwood Teachers Association Contract](#), as approved by Northwood voters on March 10, 2026 (Effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029)
  - [2026-2027 School Calendar](#) is now available
- SAU #44 the Northwood School District is seeking proposals from qualified contractors to provide all labor, materials, equipment, and services to provide [STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE NORTHWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT](#) for the school as requested. Proposals will be accepted until **2:00 PM on May 1, 2026.**
- We would like to say a special thank you to outgoing Board member, Caitlin Reynolds, for her service to the Northwood Community over the past year.

## Meet the Board

### Kellen Sawyer

Kellen Sawyer was recently elected to serve on the Northwood School Board, bringing both professional expertise and a strong connection to the local community. A graduate of the University of New Hampshire, Kellen has built a career in environmental engineering and water quality research, contributing to projects focused on sustainable infrastructure and public health. He has also been involved in academic and applied research initiatives in New Hampshire, supporting student learning and real-world problem solving.

Kellen is committed to supporting high-quality education, responsible stewardship of district resources, and fostering opportunities that help all Northwood students succeed. Welcome, Kellen!



Education is not  
preparation for  
life; education is  
life itself.

John Dewey

### Unique Impact Awards:

The Northwood School Board proudly supports innovative classroom practices by funding classroom grant awards to Northwood educators. The Board looks forward to reviewing applications for the upcoming school year! Teachers, please contact Ms. Young for an application.

### Contact Us:

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