

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Norton, Massachusetts

NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

Date of School Committee Meeting: Monday, March 8, 2010

Location: Norton Middle School Library

Attending: Committee Members: Chairman Thomas Golota, Vice Chairman Andrew Mackie, Mrs. Elizabeth McManus, Mr. Deniz Savas, and Mrs. Margaret Werner. Student Representative Joseph Petrelli was also present. Dr. Ansay was absent.

Call to Order: Chairman Golota called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vote to Approve Minutes of Prior Meetings:

Mr. Mackie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Savas, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2010 meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Mackie made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Werner, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2010 meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Approval of Budget Transfer:

Chairman Golota gave the details of the transfer of funds from salary accounts to various school supply lines. Mrs. Werner made a motion to approve the transfers, seconded by Mr. Mackie. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Thank You from School Committee Members - Mr. Pat Coleman:

The School Committee invited Coach Coleman to publicly thank him for his outstanding accomplishments with the wrestling team. The team has only been in existence for a few years but has managed to win three straight Tri-Valley League championship titles. Mr. Coleman displayed the many trophies won by the team.

Vote to Approve Adoption of High School AP English Textbooks - Mr. Richard Godmintz:

English Academic Coordinator Richard Godmintz gave his rationale for the recommended textbooks for the AP Literature and Composition course and also AP Language and Composition course and informed the Committee that there is currently no textbooks for the courses. Mr. Mackie felt there should have been samples provided for the Committee's review. Mrs. Werner suggested that they postpone the vote until the Committee reviewed the texts. The article was tabled until the March 22nd meeting.

Vote to Approve Overnight Field Trip Competition – Miss Kyla Polak:

Miss Polak was unable to attend the meeting. Chairman Golota informed the Committee that two students have been accepted into the Massachusetts All State Musical Competition that is held in Boston yearly. The festival will be held on March 18-20th, concluding in a concert on March 20th at Symphony Hall in Boston. The students will pay for their own expenses, and the only cost to the district will be for a substitute teacher for Miss Polak. Mr. Savas made a motion to approve the field trip provided there is adequate supervision at the hotel. Mr. Mackie seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0 in favor.

Vote to Approve 5-Year Capital Improvement Request:

Chairman Golota reviewed items on the list noting that the main item is a pick-up truck for the grounds crew. Mrs. Werner is the School Committee representative to the Capital Improvement Committee. Mr. Mackie made a motion to accept Dr. Ansary's recommendations for the 5-year plan and to direct Mrs. Werner to present them to the Capital Improvement Committee. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McManus. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Vote to Approve FY '11 School Calendar:

The 2010-2011 school calendar was reviewed by the Committee. Students will return to school on the Wednesday after Labor Day and the day before Thanksgiving will be a full day off. The last day of school is scheduled for June 20th provided there are no snow days. Mrs. McManus made a motion to accept the 2010-2011 school calendar as presented, seconded by Mr. Mackie. The vote was 5-0.

Personnel:

Mr. Mackie read the personnel changes.

Retirement:

- Mrs. Bonnie Tarnopol, HAY classroom teacher, after 32 years of service, effective June 30, 2010

Appointments:

- Ms. Dinelle Eaton, JCS Long-Term Substitute SPED Teacher, effective February 8th
- Mr. Luke Burgoyne, NHS Technology Technician, effective February 8th
- Ms. Sarah Lizio, ABA District-wide, effective January 12th
- Mrs. Amanda Rebelo – LGN Preschool Long-Term Substitute Teacher, effective February 11th
- Ms. Amanda Davis, HAY Grade 4 Long-Term Substitute Teacher, extended through the end of the school year.

Leave of Absence:

- Mrs. Carol Collins-St. John, HAY Grade 4 Teacher, extended through the end of the school year

Other:

Correspondence from Mitchell Chester, Commissioner of Education, stating that Massachusetts was selected to receive funds from the “Race to the Top” Grant.

Town Charter Review Committee - Mr. Savas volunteered to represent the School Committee.

Mr. Mackie gave an update on Destination Imagination and the upcoming Day on the Hill in Boston on March 23rd.

Chairman Golota announced that the solar panel project has been approved and should start soon.

Mr. Mackie motioned to adjourn. The vote was 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Next Meeting Date: March 22, 2010, Norton Middle School

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia H. Ansay, Ed.D.
Secretary pro tem
