

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Norton, Massachusetts

NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

Date of School Committee Meeting: Monday, May 2, 2011

Location: Norton Middle School Auditorium

Attending: Committee Members: Chairperson Andrew Mackie, Vice-chairperson Elizabeth McManus, Mr. Tom Golota, Mr. Deniz Savas, and Mrs. Margaret Werner. Superintendent Patricia Ansay and Student Representative Kady Ferguson were also present.

Call to Order: Chairperson Mackie called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Mackie congratulated Mrs. Werner on her reelection to the School Committee.

Reorganization of Norton School Committee:

Chairman Mackie turned the meeting over to Dr. Ansay to conduct the reorganization of the Committee as required by School Committee By-Laws at the first meeting following the Annual Town Election. Dr. Ansay opened nominations for chairperson, which requires a second. Mr. Mackie nominated Mrs. McManus, seconded by Mrs. Werner. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Savas made a motion to close nominations seconded by Mr. Golota. Dr. Ansay cast one vote for Mrs. McManus and declared her as chairperson for 2011-2012. Chairperson McManus opened nominations for vice-chairperson. Mr. Golota nominated Mr. Savas, seconded by Mr. Mackie. Mr. Mackie motioned to close nominations, seconded by Mrs. Werner. Chairperson McManus cast one vote and declared Mr. Savas vice-chairperson. The following appointments were made: Legislative Representative – Mrs. Werner, Employee Negotiations Representatives – Mrs. McManus and Mr. Savas, Capital Improvements Committee – Mrs. Werner, and NHS Building Committee Representative – Mr. Golota. School Liaison assignments are as follows: NHS – Mr. Mackie, NMS – Mrs. McManus, HAY – Mrs. Werner, LGN – Mr. Golota, and JCS – Mr. Savas.

Vote to Approve Minutes of Prior Meetings:

Mr. Savas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mackie, to approve the minutes of the April 12th and 15th meetings. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Transfers: None

Public Hearing on the School Choice Program:

The School Choice Program requires a public hearing and vote by the School Committee whether or not to participate. Dr. Ansay recommended not to participate due to space issues, financial constraints, and class size. Mrs. Werner made a motion not to participate

in the School Choice Program, seconded by Mr. Golota. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Vote to Approve Prepayment of Special Education Tuitions Per M.G.L.:

Dr. Ansay informed the Committee that state law allows for prepayment of out-of-district tuitions for the months of July, August, and September with the current FY '11 budget funds. This has been a practice since 2006. Failure to approve this item would result in \$389,332.44 being added to the FY '12 budget. Mr. Mackie made a motion to approve the prepayment of Special Education tuition, seconded by Mrs. Werner. The motion carried by a 5-0.

Personnel: None

Other:

Dr. Ansay announced the district had just been notified that the reimbursement rate for the Norton High School Building Project has been confirmed at 64.42%.

Mr. Mackie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Golota, to enter the Public Hearing on the Budget and, following that, the Executive Session for Non-Union Negotiations, Collective Bargaining Agreements Negotiation and Litigation, and not return to open session. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 16, 2011, at Norton Middle School.

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