

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Norton, Massachusetts

NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING

**Date of School Committee Meeting:** Monday, December 5, 2011

**Location:** Norton Middle School Library

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

**Call to Order:** Chairperson McManus called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Vote to Approve Minutes of Prior Meetings:**

Mr. Golota made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, seconded by Mrs. Werner. The vote was 4-0 in favor of the motion.

**Approval of Budget Transfers:**

Dr. Ansay recommended a transfer of funds from the Superintendent Salary Account to Other Activities, to transport middle school teams to competitions.

A transfer of \$25,000 from the LGN Principal and Teacher Salaries Account was requested for the transportation of homeless students. Mr. Golota made a motion to approve the transfers as recommended by the Superintendent. Mrs. Werner seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4-0.

**Announcement of John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Recipients:**

This year the following 55 students are eligible for the John and Abigail Adams tuition waiver for public institutions of higher education in Massachusetts if they meet all the required criteria:

Brian Acker	Ryan Consentino	Eric Forman
Anthony Berardi	James Cuneo	Samantha Gaglio
Briana Betts	Brandon Deal	Cameron Hale
Ashley Bortolotti	Joseph DiLorenzo	Brittany Harnedy
Erica Callahan	Tyler Durocher	Cassandra Hynes
Kolin Campbell	Ryan Economou	Stephen Hynes
Max Cantin	Meagan Elliott	Taryn Kitchen
Allison Capprini	Julia Fairbanks	Hannah Lavendier
Michelle Carignan	Kady Ferguson	Elizabeth LaVerghetta
Hannah Chisholm	Jared Fitch	Peter Le

Stacie Linfield	Amanda Murphy	Kimberly Schubert
Marisa Lucier	Panayiotis Nikolos	Joel Sitte
Kristen MacGray	Patrick O'Malley	Amanda Sullivan
Neeve MacGregor	Sarah Pishdadian	Kristen Tenglin
Parke MacLean	Matthew Remick	Jacqueline Toomey
Ian Mallor	Kevin Rogers	Chelsi Varney
Jared Marvel	John Royle	Dalton Weir
Brandon Moreau	Amanda Schleicher	Christopher White
		Joshua Willis

**Vote to Approve Middle School and H. A. Yelle School MCAS Improvement Plans:**

NMS Principal Michael O'Rourke and Yelle School Principal Lisa Farrell each discussed the revisions to their respective school improvement plans. Each principal outlined the plans for improvement. Mr. Savas made a motion to accept the MCAS Improvement Plan of the Norton Middle School, seconded by Mrs. Werner. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Mr. Savas made a motion to accept the MCAS Improvement Plan of the H. A. Yelle School, seconded by Mr. Golota. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

**Vote to Approve Concussion Policy Revision:**

As of January 2012 all districts must submit affirmation to the Department of Public Health that they developed policies that are in line with the new regulations. Norton has had a policy since April 2010. New components of the policy deal with repeated concussions, educational component, and academic expectations. Mr. Savas requested a minor wording change. Mrs. Werner made a motion to approve the policy, seconded by Mr. Savas. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

**Superintendent Search Committee Update:**

The first meeting of the Superintendent Search Committee will be held on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in the Norton Middle Library.

**Update on Norton High School Building Project:**

Mr. Golota informed the Committee that there are alternates in the event that there is money left over in the budget. The order of the alternates can be changed up to the 90 percent completion stage. Updated plans can be found on the website. The discussion centered on the painted ceiling tiles and how to display and preserve them. It was noted that between meetings the engineers, architect, and project manager meet weekly.

**Personnel:**

Mr. Savas read the personnel changes.

**Appointments:**

- Mrs. Donna Kilburn – Superintendent's Office – Administrative Assistant – Accounts Payable/Receivable – Bookkeeper
- Mrs. Christine Dennehy – NHS Cafeteria Worker

Mr. Savas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Golota, to adjourn. The vote was 4-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** December 19, 2011 at Norton Middle School.

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

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