

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Norton, Massachusetts

NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

**Date of School Committee Meeting:** Monday, December 19, 2011

**Location:** Norton Middle School Library

**Attending:** Committee Members: Chairperson Elizabeth McManus, Mr. Andrew Mackie, and Mrs. Marge Werner. Mr. Tom Golota and Mr. Deniz Savas were 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 6:30 P.M.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

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

Mrs. Werner made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Mr. Mackie. The vote was 2-0 in favor of the motion. Mr. Mackie abstained.

**Approval of Budget Transfers:**

Dr. Ansay recommended a transfer of \$5,000 from the LGN Principal Salary account to the Legal Fee account. Mrs. Werner motioned to approve the transfer, seconded by Mr. Mackie. The vote was 3-0 in favor of the motion.

**Vote to Approve NHS Student Council Lock-In:**

Student Council Advisor Melissa Siegal was present to request permission for the student council to attend the Southeastern Massachusetts Association of Student Councils (S.E.M.A.S.C.) lock-in at the Furnace Brook Middle School in Marshfield, MA on January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The lock-in takes place every two years. Each school is allowed to take 20 delegates. Students are required to be driven by parents and dropped off by 7:00 P.M. on Friday and picked up at 6:00 A.M. on Saturday. Ms. Siegal and Ms. Lindsay Natri will chaperone. The students have activities and workshops planned for the entire night and feel it is an excellent opportunity to share ideas. Mr. Mackie made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mrs. Werner. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

**Vote to Authorize the School Committee Chairperson to Sign Statement of Interest (SOI) for J. C. Solmonese Roof Repair for Submission to the State:**

The Statement of Interest is the first step in the school building construction process. The SOI allows districts to inform the MSBA about deficiencies that may exist in a local school facility and how those deficiencies inhibit the delivery of the district's educational program. There are multiple leaks in JCS roof and the warranty has expired. The estimated cost to replace the roof is

approximately \$300,000. The process of completing and submitting the SOI will require dedicated time and planning from the district. The average reimbursement by the State is 40 – 50 percent. The SOI was approved at the last meeting of the Selectmen. Dr. Ansay has submitted an article as a placeholder for the Town Meeting warrant.

Voted: To authorize the Superintendent and School Committee Chairperson to sign the Statement of Interest Form dated January 6, 2012, for the J. C. Solmonese Elementary School located at 315 West Main Street, Norton, MA 02766, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future for the Accelerated Repair Project for repairs to the J. C. Solmonese Elementary School as identified in the attached Exhibit “A”; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building authority, or commits the Town of Norton to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Mr. Mackie made a motion to authorize the Superintendent and School Committee Chairperson to sign the Statement of Interest for submission to the State. Mrs. Werner seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

#### **Superintendent Search Committee Update:**

The first meeting was held on December 12, 2011 at the NMS Library. The following agenda items were discussed: Selection Process and Meeting Procedures; Confidentiality and Rules of Order; Timeline; Presentation of Advertising Brochure; Job Description; Creation of List of Candidate Qualities; Interview Process. The next meeting will be held on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

#### **Personnel:**

##### **Appointment:**

Mrs. Sandra DiBona – NHS Administrative Secretary

#### **Other:**

Dr. Ansay reminded everyone that the holiday concerts will be held throughout the week.

Mr. Mackie motioned to adjourn and enter executive session for the purpose of Litigation Update and Superintendent Contract, not to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Werner. The roll call vote was Mr. Mackie-yes, Mrs. Werner-yes, and Mrs. McManus-yes. The motion carried.

The regular session adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** January 9, 2012 at Norton Middle School.

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

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