

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Norton, Massachusetts

NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING

***Date of School Committee Meeting:*** Monday, April 14, 2014

***Location:*** Norton Middle School Library

***Attending:*** Committee Members: Chairperson Deniz Savas, Vice-Chairperson Mrs. Marge Werner, Mrs. Valerie Desmond, Mr. Phillip Lynch and Mr. Andrew Mackie. Also present: Superintendent of Schools Joseph F. Baeta, Director of Operations and Finance Barry Nectow, Director of Pupil Personnel Services Jeanne Sullivan, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Jennifer O'Neill, and Student Representatives Cassidy McDonald and Tyler McNeill.

***Call to Order:*** Chairman Savas called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

***Pledge of Allegiance:***

***Approval of Meeting Minutes:***

MOTION: by Mr. Mackie to approve the minutes of March 31, 2014 open session

SECOND: by Mrs. Werner

VOTE: 5-0 in favor motion carries

MOTION: by Mr. Mackie to approve the minutes of April 3, 2014 open session

SECOND: by Mrs. Werner

VOTE: 4-0 in favor, 1 abstain motion carries

***Discussion and Vote on Fees:***

Mr. Nectow recommended that the high school parking fee be set at \$25.00. There are 200 spaces available. The annual operating expense is approximately \$7,000. Previously discussed was to hold a balance of \$20,000 on reserve for unanticipated expenses and \$25,000 for a one-time capital improvement in the future. It is estimated to take at least 20 years to even get down to the \$20,000 reserve. A brief discussion took place.

MOTION: by Mr. Lynch to approve the \$25.00 fee for student parking at the high school

SECOND: by Mrs. Desmond

VOTE: 5-0 in favor motion carries

Regarding the other fees, Mr. Nectow said it was decided to wait until the budget figure was finalized at the May 12<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting before they made any other changes.

***FY '15 Budget Update – Mr. Barry Nectow:***

The Committee is scheduled to meet with the Finance Committee on Wednesday, and there is no budget update at this time.

***Second Reading and Vote on Section A Policy Book Revisions:***

The Committee reviewed the most recent updates. Minor changes were discussed.

MOTION: by Mr. Mackie to approve Policy Manual Section A revisions as written pending changes recommended by Dr. Baeta

SECOND: by Mrs. Desmond

VOTE: 5-0 in favor motion carries

***Vote School Committee Member to Strategic Plan Committee:***

The Chairman asked for volunteers. Mr. Mackie nominated Mrs. Desmond.

MOTION: by Mr. Mackie to appoint Mrs. Desmond to the Strategic Plan Committee

SECOND: by Mr. Lynch

VOTE: 5-0 in favor motion carries

***Personnel:***

**Resignation:** Kimberly Spence, NMS Social Studies teacher, will not return in September 2014 after a leave of absence for the current school year.

***Other:***

Dr. Baeta announced that they were down to two candidates for the Director of Technology position and he would like to have input from a member of the Committee for the final decision.

MOTION: by Mrs. Werner to appoint Mr. Mackie as the SC representative during the final phase of selection for the Director of Technology position

SECOND: by Mr. Lynch

VOTE: 5-0 in favor motion carries

***Student Representatives Update:***

The student representatives gave a brief update of recent activities at the high school.

- Honor Society members helped with LGN Science Fair
- Student Council Talent Show
- Math Appreciation Month
- Prom tickets on sale for the event at Lake Pearl Luciano's in Wrentham
- National Autism Month – students wear blue for awareness
- NHS Art show

For the record, Dr. Baeta read a letter of appreciation from Fire Chief Schleicher for the district's help during the recent hazardous material incident at 380 South Worcester Street. The district provided transportation and shelter for those evacuated. Dr. Baeta specifically thanked Barry Nectow and Terry Rand for their help.

***Upcoming Meeting Dates:***

Monday, May 12, 2014 – Prior to Town Meeting, 6:30 P.M., NHS

Monday, May 19, 2014 – Regular Meeting, NMS Library

***Adjourn:***

MOTION: by Mrs. Desmond

SECOND: by Mr. Lynch

VOTE: 5-0 in favor motion carries

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

***Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:***

- High School Parking Analysis
- Letter of Recommendation for Parking Fee
- Policy Manual Section A
- Letter from Norton Fire Department

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joseph F. Baeta, Ed.D.  
Secretary Pro Tem

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Deniz Savas, Chairperson

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Marge Werner, Vice Chairperson

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Valerie Desmond

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Phillip Lynch

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Andrew Mackie