

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Norton, Massachusetts

NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

Date of School Committee Meeting: Monday, October 20, 2014

Location: Norton High School Faculty Dining Room

Attending: Committee Members: Chairman Deniz Savas, Vice-Chairman Mr. Phillip Lynch, Mrs. Valerie Desmond, and Mrs. Marge Werner. Absent: Mr. Andrew Mackie. Also present: Superintendent of Schools Joseph F. Baeta, School Business Manager Lincoln Lynch, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Jennifer O'Neill, Director of Technology Karen Winsper, and Student Representatives Amanda Galpin and Daniel Gao.

Call to Order: Chairman Savas called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: by Mr. Lynch to approve the minutes of September 15, 2014 open session

SECOND: by Mrs. Werner

VOTE: 3-0 in favor 1 abstain motion carries

MOTION: by Mrs. Desmond to approve the minutes of September 29, 2014 open session

SECOND: by Mrs. Werner

VOTE: 4-0 in favor motion carries

Student Representatives Update:

The students listed some recent activities at the high school:

- Senior Cruise – Great Gatsby theme
- Homecoming Dance sponsored by the student council
- Spanish and French Honor Societies semi-formal on November 10th
- Student council officers workshop at Holy Cross
- Captain's practice for winter sports
- The Southeastern Regional Student Advisory Council's (SRSAC) meeting, October 10th.

Chairman Savas recognized the teachers in attendance.

Opening of School Report – Mrs. Megan Lafayette:

Principal Lafayette introduced the new staff members in attendance. Enrollment as of October 20th is 746 students. Average class size is approximately 23. Some science classes and electives have higher numbers and additional staff in those areas would be beneficial. Sports teams are all doing well. The high school is in the process of creating a team to compete on High School Quiz Show on WGBH television.

Vote to Approve Music Field Trip to New Hampshire – Mr. Nick Krafka:

Norton music teacher Nick Krafka was present to request permission for the middle school band to travel to Canobie Lake Park in New Hampshire after attending the Great East Music Festival on May 29th, 2015. Tickets to the festival and the park are \$47 per student. Approximately 145 students and 14 chaperones are expected to attend. Several fundraisers are planned to help offset the costs.

The Committee was also asked to approve a second field trip for the high school to New York to see the Broadway play "*Wicked*". Approximately 70 students will attend, and the cost is \$219 for transportation, play tickets, and lunch. Fundraisers are also planned. Dr. Baeta recommended that the Committee approve both trips.

MOTION: by Mrs. Desmond to approve field trips to New Hampshire and New York

SECOND: by Mrs. Werner

VOTE: 4-0 in favor motion carries

Vote to Appoint High School and Middle School Assistant Principals as NPS Attendance Officers:

Dr. Baeta recommended that the two assistant principals be appointed to the position of Norton Public School Attendance Officers, with no stipend. The assistant principals will on occasion need to appear in court on behalf of students and an official appointment is necessary.

MOTION: by Mr. Lynch to approve the appointment of the high school and middle school assistant principals as Norton Public School Attendance Officers

SECOND: by Mrs. Werner

VOTE: 4-0 in favor motion carries

Vote to Change November 17, 2014 SC Meeting to November 24, 2014:

Dr. Baeta requested that the November 17th meeting scheduled to be at the J. C. Solmonese School be moved to November 24th. Several months ago the JCS Parent Organization booked an event that is in conflict with the original meeting date.

MOTION: by Mr. Lynch to change the JCS School Committee meeting date to November 24th

SECOND: by Mrs. Desmond

VOTE: 4-0 in favor motion carries

Other:

Dr. Baeta reminded everyone of the Halloween Parade to take place on Sunday, October 26th.

Adjourn:

MOTION: by Mr. Lynch

SECOND: by Mrs. Desmond

VOTE: 4-0 in favor motion carries

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, November 3, 2014, H. A. Yelle Elementary School

Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:

- Field Trip Information

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

Deniz Savas, Chairperson

Phillip Lynch, Vice Chairperson

Valerie Desmond

Andrew Mackie

Margaret Werner