

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Norton, Massachusetts

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Date of School Committee Meeting:** December 11, 2014

**Location:** Selectmen Meeting Room – Norton Town Hall

**School Committee Members Attending:** M. Werner, P. Lynch, D. Savas, as well as Dr. Baeta and L. Lynch

**Call to Order:** Chairman Savas called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

1. Vote on Permanent Building Committee Membership:

Discussion of the charge of the Permanent Building Committee as approved by Town Meeting in 2013. Discussion on adding an alternate because of having 6 qualified candidates. Interview of 3 candidates who were present and acceptance of 2 candidates' letters of intent.

MOTION: by Lynch

SECOND: by Kimball

VOTE: 8-0 in favor motion carries

To appoint Mr. Weiss as a Permanent Member of the Permanent Building Committee to a three-year term 2014-2017.

MOTION: Kimball

SECOND: Giblin

VOTE: 8-0 in favor motion carries

To appoint Mr. Gershman as a Temporary Member of the Permanent Building Committee.

MOTION: Bramwell

SECOND: Giblin

VOTE: 8-0 in favor motion carries

To appoint Mr. Bergevine as a Permanent Member of the Permanent Building Committee to a two-year term 2014-2016.

MOTION: Kimball

SECOND: Lynch

VOTE: 8-0 in favor motion carries

To appoint Mr. Wasiak as a Permanent Member of the Permanent Building Committee to a two-year term 2014-2016.

MOTION: Kimball

SECOND: Giblin

VOTE: 8-0 in favor motion carries

To appoint Mr. Reynolds as a Permanent Member of the Permanent Building Committee to a one-year term

MOTION: Giblin  
SECOND: Kimball  
VOTE: 8-0 in favor motion carries

To appoint Mr. Colwell as a Permanent Member of the Permanent Building Committee to a three-year term 2014-2017.

2. FY '16 Budget:

Superintendent questioned the free cash totals of \$2 million plus which was supported by Mr. Yunits which, since his arrival in Norton, has always been \$2 million or more. Superintendent questioned how the Town can continue to survive on free cash. Discussion on Full Day Kindergarten ensued. Various members of the Board of Selectmen, though not opposed or for Full Day Kindergarten, felt that the School Department made this request without enough information and time spent communicating the topic. Discussion on Charter School and cost to the Town and why parents choose to attend the Charter School with attention to Full Day K. Request by Mr. Yunits to see five year trends on enrollment for Kindergarten. Various comments made. See Board of Selectmen Minutes of 12/11/14 meeting.

3. Other:

Discussion on Snow removal proposed by Mr. Salvo and how much it would cost to privatize snow removal for the School Department. Mr. Savas questioned why not consider privatizing the entire town if it thought to be cost effective. No further discussion on this matter.

Mr. Yunits distributed the memo on Technology Carts dated 12/11/14, cc'd to the School Committee , Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Capital Improvement Committee. Discussion on Technology carts took place. Mr. Savas noted there were issues. Chairwoman Steele asked all to move forward.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joseph F. Baeta, Ed.D.  
Secretary pro tem

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