

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Norton, Massachusetts

NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

Date of School Committee Meeting: Monday, May 2, 2016

Location: Norton Middle School Library

Present: Committee Members: Mr. Deniz Savas, Mr. Daniel Sheedy, Mrs. Sheri Cohen, Mrs. Kathleen Stern. ***Absent:*** Mrs. Marge Werner. ***Also present:*** Superintendent of Schools Joseph F. Baeta, School Business Manager Lincoln Lynch, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Jennifer O'Neill, Director of Pupil Personnel Services Jeanne Sullivan, Director of Technology Karen Winsper, Student Representatives Daniel Gao and Amanda Galpin.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Savas congratulated Sheri Cohen and Kathleen Stern on their election and welcomed them to the Norton School Committee.

Reorganization of School Committee:

Dr. Baeta, acting as Chairman pro tem, opened nominations for the position of chairman. Mr. Sheedy nominated Mr. Savas, who accepted. Mrs. Cohen seconded the nomination. Mr. Sheedy motioned to close nominations and Mrs. Cohen seconded. The Chairman pro tem cast one vote and announced Mr. Savas as chairman.

Chairman Savas asked for nominations for vice-chairman. Mrs. Stern nominated Mr. Sheedy, seconded by Mr. Savas. Mrs. Stern motioned to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Savas. The vote was unanimous and Mr. Sheedy was elected vice-chairman. Both chairman and vice-chairman hold their respective offices for one year or until their successors are duly elected.

The following appointments were made:

- Legislative Representative - Mr. Sheedy
- Employee Negotiations Representative - Mr. Savas, Mrs. Werner
- Capital Improvements Committee - Mrs. Cohen
- SPED PAC Representative - Mrs. Stern

School Liaison Assignments:

- NHS: Mrs. Stern
- NMS: Mrs. Cohen
- HAY: Mr. Sheedy
- JCS: Mr. Savas
- LGN: Mrs. Werner

FY '17 Budget Update – Dr. Baeta:

Dr. Baeta stated that the first of the scheduled community forums was held and questions are coming in. He has put information on the website. The vote on the override is May 17th, and if it is voted down, significant discussions on the next steps will take place. The “pay to play” option was discussed. Dr. Baeta stated that this option, along with others, is based solely on what has the least impact on the classroom. There are no changes to Chapter 70 funds. Dr. Baeta also mentioned that three questions will appear on the November state ballot concerning Common Core, marijuana legalization, and charter school limits. The NEASC evaluation at the high school is in progress and going well. The cost to the school department is \$25,000 from its current budget.

Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: by Mr. Savas to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2016 open meeting

SECOND: by Mr. Sheedy

VOTE: Unanimous Motion Carries

Student Representatives Update:

Student Representatives Daniel Gao and Amanda Galpin updated the Committee on current activities.

- AP Calculus and Pre-Calculus field trip to Six Flags
- Amazing Math Race
- Spring Fling
- Prom – May 13th

Vote to Approve 2016-2017 School Committee Meeting Dates:

A brief discussion was held and the Committee voted.

MOTION: by Mr. Savas to approve the meeting dates as listed

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: Unanimous Motion Carries

Adjourn:

MOTION: by Mr. Sheedy to adjourn the meeting

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: Unanimous Motion Carries

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Next Meeting Dates: May 9, at Norton High School prior to Town Meeting
May 16, at Norton Middle School Library

Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

- Proposed SC Meeting Dates

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

Deniz Savas, Chairman

Daniel Sheedy, Vice-Chairman

Sheri Cohen

Kathleen Stern

Margaret Werner