

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Norton, Massachusetts

NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

Date of School Committee Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2016

Location: Norton High School Teachers' Lunch Room

Present: Committee Members: Chairman Deniz Savas, Vice-Chairman 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 Pupil Personnel Services Jeanne Sullivan.

Call to Order: Chairman Savas called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Discussion and Vote on FY '17 Budget Items Including Fees:

The Committee discussed at length all aspects of each of three budget options. Mrs. Stern asked if there might be another way to calculate the charges for participation in sports.

It was mentioned that if more parents choose to drive students, then the number of buses could be reduced, and the school department would save money.

"Pay to Play" and activity fees were discussed.

The high school evaluation was recently completed by NEASC, but the report will be delayed until after the budget override question has been voted on.

Mrs. Cohen questioned how the 70% (school department) 30% (town) split is calculated. She would like a meeting between both sides so everyone is on the same page, since there seems to be misconceptions.

Dr. Baeta said that if the override fails the Town's bond rating will most likely be reduced.

The Committee discussed the fact that if the override fails most likely the school choice enrollment will decrease, and students leaving for the charter school and private schools will increase.

After reviewing each of the three budget options, the Committee unanimously agreed it would be either #1 or #3.

Adjourn:

MOTION: by Mrs. Stern to adjourn the meeting

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: Unanimous Motion Carries

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM. prior to Town Meeting

Next Meeting Date: May 16, 2016, Norton Middle School Library

Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

- Budget documents

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

Deniz Savas, Chairman

Daniel Sheedy, Vice-Chairman

Sheri Cohen

Kathleen Stern

Margaret Werner