

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Norton, Massachusetts

NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

Date of School Committee Meeting: Monday December 12, 2016

Location: Norton Middle School Library

Present: Committee Members: Chairman Deniz Savas, Vice-Chairman Dan Sheedy, Mrs. Sheri Cohen, Mrs. Kathleen Stern. ***Absent:*** Mrs. Marge Werner

Also present: Superintendent of Schools Joseph F. Baeta, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Jennifer O'Neill, School Business Manager Lincoln Lynch, Director of Pupil Personnel Services Jeanne Sullivan, Director of Technology Karen Winsper, and Student Representative Tristan Grieve.

Call to Order: Chairman Savas called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: by Mrs. Stern to approve minutes of November 21, 2016 open meeting

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: 3 yes 1 abstain Motion Carries

Warrant Information: Mrs. Cohen informed the Committee she has reviewed and approved the warrant of November 21, 2016 in the amount of \$336,473.81.

Student Representative Update:

- French classes made a holiday visit to a nursing home in Woonsocket, RI
- Spanish Honor Society visited the Epoch facility
- National Honor Society made cards for service members
- Fundraiser for needy families
- Report on DECA trip to Washington, D.C.

Announcement of Class of 2017 Adams Scholarship Recipients – Dr. Baeta:

The John and Abigail Adams Scholarships provide a tuition waiver for up to eight semesters of undergraduate study at a Massachusetts state college or university. In order to be eligible students must:

- score at the *Advanced* performance level on one of the three high school state assessment tests in ELA, Mathematics, or STE (Biology, Chemistry, Introductory Physics, or Technology/Engineering) and
- score at the *Proficient* level or higher on the remaining two high school state assessment tests, and
- have combined scores from the three tests that place them in the top 25 percent of students in the graduating class in their district.

Fifty-five students qualified for the scholarship.

Brett Michael Anderson	Devin Thomas Kalnicki
Sarah Marjorie Anderson	Jordan Lawrence Lach
Victoria Joan Anderson	Adam Daniel Lesiw
Joseph Robert Annand	Sam Ross Marcotte
Kambrynn Alexis Bowman	Valerie Anne McBride
Jennifer Elizabeth Caramanica	Amanda Patricia Moriarty
Emily Kristina Carlson	James Michael Morris
Ayden James Carrier	John Edmund Mulvehill
Siobhan Keely Coffman	Kyle Francis Murphy
Joseph Ryan Callamore	Andrew Robert Murphy, IV
Benjamin Robert Combs	Matthew Hayes Petersen
Emma Nicole Daly	Jennifer Nicole Petrilli
Thomas Edward Denham	Andrew Anthony Raneri, III
Alexis Marie DeRosa	Clint Matthew Rossi
Annabel Joan Diestel	Olivia Rose Saccocia
Alyssa Corrine Ekstrom	Renee Nicole Sanford
Haley Autumn Elliot	Abigail Rose Senior
Daniel David Fiske	Emma Rose Sudduth
Amanda Louise Flicop	Shianne Lee Taylor
Vincent Anthony Frontino	Cameron Jacob Trudeau
Brett Matthew Gauvin	Jack Willian Veglas
Abigail Rain Gray	Sarah Elizabeth Veglas
Casey Eleanor Holmes	Matthew David Voegtlin
Nancy Debbie Holmes	Haley Margaret Walsh
Shaeleen Meghan Hughes	Kathryn Audrey Ward
Justin Stuart Johnson	Karoline Jaina Weber
Nicholas Michael Joyce	Brooke-Lynn Williams
Abby Lee Juliano	

Discussion and Vote on Allocation of 2016-2017 School Choice Funds – Dr. Baeta:

The School Committee is required to vote on the use of School Choice funds. Dr. Baeta and Mrs. Winsper reviewed the list of technology materials, upgrades, and professional development for a grand total of \$156,485. This is the third time the Committee has voted on School Choice funds for one-time expenditures. Dr. Baeta said bringing in 50 students impacts 1,000 students. After a brief discussion, the Committee voted.

MOTION: by Mrs. Cohen to approve the list of expenditures as recommended

SECOND: by Mrs. Stern

VOTE: 4 yes Motion Carries

Discussion and Vote on Capital Improvement Article for Spring Town Meeting – Dr. Baeta and Mr. Wade Lizotte:

The Committee reviewed the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for 2018-2022. Priorities are based on recent physical plant issues. Requests include bringing the NMS Wastewater Plant back into compliance, a new fire panel at NMS, technology infrastructure district-wide, security cameras district-wide, among other necessary upgrades and safety improvements.

MASC Policy Manual Service – Dr. Baeta:

Dr. Baeta recommends that the district utilize the MASC Policy Service in order to update the 2000-2010 policy manual at a cost of approximately \$3,500/year for three years. He suggested the update process should consist of a sub-committee of two members. After a brief discussion the agenda item was tabled until the January meeting.

Information on Bid for On-Call Labor – Mr. Lincoln Lynch:

An “Invitation for Bid” (IFB) advertisement was posted in the Sun Chronicle on December 4th requesting sealed bids for on-call labor rates in the following areas: Heating System/Boiler Repair, Plumbing Repair, Roofing/Building Envelope Repair, Fire Alarm System Monitoring, Inspection and Repair, Refrigeration/HVAC Repair, and Electrical Repairs. The IFB is for an initial 6-month contract starting January 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2017. The district then has the option of extending the contract for the following two fiscal years. Once bids are received, references will be checked, rates will be analyzed and an award of each contract will be made. Per Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 149, the final decision is based on the lowest, responsible and responsive bidder. Results will be provided to the Committee at the first meeting in January.

Voluntary Lead and Copper Testing and Plan of Action – Dr. Baeta and Mr. Wade Lizotte:

Dr. Baeta discussed correspondence sent to staff and families regarding the recent water testing. This was a voluntary program and the state advised on how it should be done. In Norton, every fixture in all five schools received two tests. The problem occurs because many of the fixtures are not being used for long periods of time, which means the water is not flowing. All faucets have been shut off temporarily, and bottled water is made available to everyone in the buildings. A flushing program was been implemented. Dr. Baeta feels the district has taken the proper steps in this matter and will keep everyone informed.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education 2015-2016 School and District Discipline Data – Dr. Baeta:

For informational purposes, Dr. Baeta shared recently released 2015-2016 School and District Discipline Data report. Included in the report were statistics for Norton, Foxborough Charter School, and Southeastern Regional. He stated he was proud of Norton’s report compared to other districts.

Other:

- The Committee discussed the budget process and tentative dates for meetings. The public hearing will be February 6th.
- Mr. Lynch and Mrs. Petrelli are working on a parent/student survey of food services.
- NMS will participate in a health survey.
- Dr. Baeta requested that the Committee authorize him to grant permission for students to remain in school here under School Choice when parents need to move for a variety of reasons. Due to the time between meetings, a decision must be made sooner. It is in the

best interest of the student to be able to continue here. Dr. Baeta will inform the Committee of any grants.

MOTION: by Mrs. Stern to authorize the Superintendent to grant permission for students to remain in the district under School Choice.

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: 4 yes Motion Carries

Mrs. Cohen stated that the Ad-Hoc Committee will meet on January 12 at 6 PM to plan for future town needs.

Mrs. O'Neill discussed the \$2,000 Ocean Spray Grant.

Next Meeting Date: January 9, 2017, Norton Middle School Library at 6:30 PM

Motion to Adjourn:

MOTION: by Mr. Sheedy to adjourn the meeting

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: 4 yes Motion Carries

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

Adams Scholarship Recipients List
School Choice Funds Allocation
5-Year Capital Plan

MCAS Policy Services
Correspondence Re: Water Testing
Student Discipline Data Report

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

Deniz Savas, Chairman

Daniel Sheedy, Vice-Chairman

Sheri Cohen

Kathleen Stern

Margaret Werner