

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Norton, Massachusetts

NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

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Date of School Committee Meeting: Monday, March 13, 2017

Location: Norton Middle School Library

Present: Committee Members: Vice-Chairman Dan Sheedy, Mrs. Sheri Cohen, Mrs. Kathleen Stern, Mrs. Marge Werner. ***Absent:*** Chairman Deniz Savas. ***Also present:*** Superintendent of Schools Joseph F. Baeta, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Jennifer O'Neill, Director of Pupil Personnel Services Jeanne Sullivan, School Business Manager Lincoln Lynch, Director of Technology Karen Winsper, Student Representatives Tristan Grieve and Bobby Portway.

Call to Order: Vice-Chairman Dan Sheedy called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mrs. Cohen asked that a moment of silence be observed for Lee Tarantino who passed away on March 6th. Mr. Tarantino was very active in town affairs and served on many town boards.

Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: by Mrs. Stern to approve the minutes of February 4 and February 6, 2017 open meetings

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: 4 yes Motion Carries

Warrant Information:

Mrs. Cohen reported that she had reviewed and approved the warrant of February 27, 2017, in the amount of \$458,478.57, to be entered into the public record.

Student Representative Update:

- Girls indoor track members participated at Nationals
- NHS student qualified for All-State Choir
- Math Honor Society sponsoring Pi Day on Thursday
- 20 DECA members participated in the state competition and 2 will attend the International Competition in California
- College planning night for juniors and families

Norton Middle School Student Presentation on 3D Printed Braille Book – Mrs. Margo Bridges and Students:

Mrs. Bridges introduced 7th graders, Emma Lee and Kaitlyn Schepis. Last year several NMS students created a tactile picture book, Dear Zoo, which they printed on the school's 3D printers. The book was based upon a design by the University of Colorado. This year Emma Lee and Kaitlyn designed their second book, Emotions, which is 100% their own design. In addition, Braille was added to the design. They have created a website describing the process, and presented the books to the Norton Public Library.

Discussion and Approval of Norton Youth Soccer Concession Stand – Mr. Jamie Breckner:

Norton Youth Soccer is a recreational league operating for the last twenty years. It is regarded as the best facility in the area. The representatives gave an update of the improvements over the years. The current concession stand has outlasted its usefulness and they wish to replace it with a shipping container that is refitted for that purpose. The stand would be moveable, safe, vandal proof, and ADA compliant. All expenses would be paid by Norton Youth Soccer. After a brief discussion about details, the Committee took the following actions:

MOTION: by Mrs. Cohen to request that Norton Youth Soccer representatives meet with Dr. Baeta to review and update the current facility use agreement. This is not a negotiation.

SECOND: by Mrs. Stern

VOTE: 4 yes Motion Carries

MOTION: by Mrs. Stern to approve the concession stand as presented

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: 4 yes Motion Carries

Presentation on Summer Enrichment Program – Mrs. Karen Winsper:

The Summer Enrichment Program will be returning this summer. A variety of full-day and half-day programs will be offered for students in PK-12 during the month of July. Students in neighboring towns are welcome to participate in the program. All programs will be held at NHS.

Discussion to Determine if Warrant Articles are Needed for May 8, 2017 Special Town Meeting – Dr. Joseph Baeta:

Articles are due on Tuesday. Dr. Baeta has no recommendation for the submission of an article.

FY 18 Budget Update – Dr. Joseph Baeta:

The administrative team has completed a budget informational seminar for cable TV. The Board of Selectmen approved an override article. Funds from the override will be close to a 50/50 split for the Town and school department. If the article is approved on the April 25th ballot it will need to be passed at the May 8th Town Meeting. Mr. Sheedy encouraged anyone with questions to reach out. Mrs. Cohen wanted to point out that elimination of various fees, such as bus and athletics, are still dependent on the passage of an override at Town Meeting.

Superintendent's Goals – Dr. Joseph Baeta:

Dr. Baeta reviewed the Superintendent's Goals document and commented on his progress. Included in his report: Student Learning Goal, Professional Practice Goal, and District Improvement Goals. He will attempt to update the Committee every 100 days.

MOTION: by Mrs. Werner to accept the update as a document, not necessarily as agreement

SECOND: by Mrs. Stern

VOTE: 4 yes Motion Carries

Other:

Mr. Sheedy thanked the staff and others who helped make the *It takes a Community* benefit basketball game a great success.

Mrs. Stern said the Karate Fundraiser is requesting a wish list of items they would try to help with.

Mrs. Werner questioned if the district had formally thanked Roche Bros. for all they do.

Dr. Baeta thanked all the volunteers for making the *It takes a Community* benefit basketball game such a great event. The Committee wished to especially thank Michelle Petersen for all the hard work she put in over the past 15 years.

Upcoming LUCK presentation, "Hidden in Plain Sight", for parents only.

NOPE...Norton Opioid Prevention and Education, more information to follow.

Motion to Adjourn:

MOTION: by Mrs. Werner

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: 4 yes Motion Carries

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

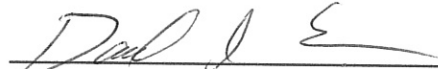
Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 27, 2017- 6:30 PM at Norton Middle School

Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

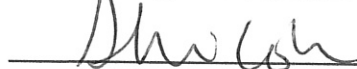
- Notice of Special Town Meeting
- Superintendent's Goals Update: 2016-2017

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

Deniz Savas, Chairman



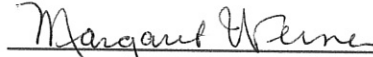
Daniel Sheedy, Vice-Chairman



Sheri Cohen



Kathleen Stern



Margaret Werner