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Norton, Massachusetts

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NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

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Date of School Committee Meeting: Monday, January 8, 2018

Location: Norton Middle School Library

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

Call to Order: Chairman Sheedy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being video recorded by Norton Cable Access for public record.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: by Mrs. Cohen to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2017 Open Meeting and Joint Meeting with Selectmen

SECOND: by Mrs. Gallagher

VOTE: 4 yes Motion Carries

Warrants:

Mrs. Cohen reported that she reviewed and approved the following warrants, to be entered into the public record:

- December 1, 2017 \$350,521.01
- December 11, 2017 \$231,411.21
- December 28, 2017 \$526,329.21

Student Representatives Update:

- 2017 NHS graduates returned to discuss transitioning to college life
- Mid-term exams during the week of January 15th
- DECA members will attend a conference in Falmouth, MA on January 10th – 11th

Norton Middle School Update – Mr. Vincent Hayward:

Mr. Hayward presented a comprehensive update of activities at NMS since the start of school in September. Teachers greeted students with positive messages written in chalk on the walkways into school. Many teachers attend regional conferences and ask to present. There were 337 students on the 1st term honor roll.

Winter sports season is underway with 275 students in 15 clubs, band and chorus. One goal is to improve communications. Positive Sign Thursday is a success.

NMS Student Presentation:

Mr. Goldstein introduced newly-elected officers of the NMS Student Council who were present to update the Committee on school activities. The officers are: Michael Whalen (President); Nathan Daly (Co-Vice President); McKenzie Faherty (Co-Vice President); Mathieu Charette (Secretary); Mackenzie Dennett (Spirit Coordinator); and Megan Cross (Spirit Coordinator).

Recognition of Javik Blake for Upcoming 100th Sports Broadcast on Lancer Sports Network – Mrs. O'Neill:

Mrs. O'Neill introduced NHS Junior Javik Blake. He is being recognized for his excellence in broadcasting of athletic events for the Lancer Sports Network, which he founded. On January 20, 2018, he will be broadcasting his 100th sporting event at the NHS hockey game. Mrs. O'Neill presented him with a certificate of recognition.

American Cancer Society Relay for Life Presentation – Ms. Kelly Banks:

Kelly Banks, Senior Manager, Community Development of the American Cancer Society addressed the meeting regarding permission to host a Relay for Life event at NHS on June 8-9, 2018. Teams will camp out overnight on the track. An average of 500 participants usually attend. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is the world's largest fundraising event to fight every cancer in every community. The Committee was in favor and would support the event.

2017 Health Survey Review and Recommendations – Mrs. Nicole Nunes:

Mrs. Nunes, NPS Wellness Coordinator, presented the results of the 2017 Youth Health Survey conducted at NHS and NMS. Included were critical results, recommendations, action steps, and short-term changes. Wellness/PE teachers and nurses from the high school and middle school assisted in the review process. Mrs. Cohen asked if when students are suspended, are they at home, not learning. Mr. Savas felt that the peer-to-peer component would be the most effective. He also felt that it would be more effective to have the survey done annually. Mrs. Cohen suggested incorporating students into the process. The Committee thanked Mrs. Nunes and her team for the informative report.

Vote to Declare Minibus as Surplus – Mr. Lincoln Lynch:

Mr. Lynch requested a vote from the Committee to declare an old minibus as surplus for the purpose of auctioning the vehicle. The minibus is a 2006 Chevrolet with 179,408 miles. It has been replaced by new special education van leased through Capital Improvement funds.

MOTION: by Mr. Sheedy to declare a Chevrolet minibus (VIN #1GBJG312161145069) as surplus in order to auction the vehicle

SECOND: by Mr. Cohen

VOTE: 4 yes Motion Carries

Mr. Lynch also requested that the bid for on-call Plumbing Services be awarded to Tolland Plumbing & Heating for a period of six months, with the option of extending it by one year. It was necessary to reopen the bid due to the death of the previous contractor, and that neither of his two assistants held licenses.

MOTION: by Mr. Savas to award the Plumbing Contract to Tolland Plumbing & Heating

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: 4 yes Motion Carries

Other:

Motion to Adjourn:

MOTION: by Mr. Savas

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: 4 yes Motion Carries

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

- American Cancer Society Request
- 2017 Health Survey

Next Meeting Date: January 22, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. at Norton Middle School

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

Daniel Sheedy, Chairman

Sheri Cohen, Vice-Chairman

Carolyn Gallagher

Deniz Savas

Kathleen Stern