

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Norton, Massachusetts

NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

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Date of School Committee Meeting: Monday, January 22, 2018

Location: Norton Middle School Library

Present: Committee Members: Chairman Dan Sheedy, Vice-Chairman Sheri Cohen, Mrs. Carolyn Gallagher, Mr. Deniz Savas, Mrs. Kathleen Stern. ***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, 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 Mr. Savas to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 Open Meeting

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: 4 yes 1 abstain Motion Carries

Warrants:

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

- January 8, 2018 \$123,073.14

Student Representatives Update:

- DECA members attended the district conference on January 10-11.
- The High School Quiz Show team recently held a trivia night.

Recognition of NMS Student Jack Brunault – Dr. Baeta:

NMS 7th Grade student Jack Brunault was presented a Community Award Certificate for his recent participation in a Hollywood movie, "The Santa Files". Jack is a member of the middle school drama club.

Recognition of Kyle Bishop Memorial Fund for Donation – Mr. Lynch:

In December, the school department received a donation in the amount of \$5,700 from the Kyle Bishop Memorial Fund. The donation was intended to help “wipe clean” the lunch debt at LGN, JCS, HAY, and NMS, and was made in the memory of Kyle Bishop and his grandfather William Bishop. A total of 329 families benefited from this donation.

Approval of NHS Ski and Rock Climbing Trips:

The NHS Ski Club is seeking approval for out of state ski trips and rock-climbing events as listed:

- Trip 1: Mount Snow, Dover, VT on Saturday, February 10, 2018
- Trip 2: Bretton Woods Resort, Carroll, NH on Saturday, March 3, 2018
- Trip 3: Rock Spot Climbing, Lincoln, RI on Wednesday, April 4, 2018
- Trip 4: Rock Spot Climbing, Lincoln, RI on Wednesday, May 2, 2018

The ski trips will be run through the guide/bus company North East Action Sports and the rock climbing trips will be run at Rock Spot Climbing in Lincoln, RI.

MOTION: by Mrs. Stern to approve the ski trips and rock climbing events as listed

SECOND: by Mrs. Gallagher

VOTE: 5 yes Motion Carries

Presentation and Vote to Approve Addition of Boys Volleyball at NHS – Mr. Ted Currie:

Mr. Currie was approached in the fall by a student, Jacob Peers, requesting to start a boys volleyball program. Shortly after, he received a list of 25-30 names of students who were interested in joining. Mr. Lynch and Mr. Currie prepared a financial analysis. Jacob and his father discussed fundraising ideas. The Committee discussed funding and user fees, and recommended that the sport be included into the budget along with the other sports and funded by user fees. Mr. Sheedy preferred the original proposal of self-funding the sport.

MOTION: by Mrs. Cohen to approve the addition of Boys Volleyball (varsity only) and include funding for the sport under the regular budget

SECOND: by Mrs. Stern

VOTE: 4 yes 1 no Motion Carries

Elementary and Middle School Chinese Delegation Recognition – Dr. Baeta:

On Monday, January 22nd, a delegation of 14 Chinese students and 2 educators arrived at Norton Public Schools. The students are in Grades 4 through 8 and are being hosted by elementary and middle school families and employees. Visiting students have daily school buddies assigned to them and will participate in the Champions after school program. On Friday, February 2nd, NPS will host a farewell dinner for all host families at NHS. They will return to China on February 5th.

First Reading of Policy Manual Sections A and B Updates – Dr. Baeta, Mrs. O'Neill and Mrs. Stern:

This is the first reading of Sections A and B and includes all edits and updates as recommended by the sub-committee. The sub-committee has met with Mr. Hardy of the MASC twice in order to provide the full Committee with these recommendations. The vote on moving forward with these new adoptions will take place on February 5th. The Committee began a review of Sections A and B, adding comments and suggestions. Dr. Baeta pointed out that the Committee needs to submit a school motto as part of the policy manual update. The Committee liked "Excellence, Tradition, Pride", but a formal vote will take place at a later time.

Presentation of Draft FY19 Budget – Administrators:

The draft budget will be finalized at the Saturday, February 3rd meeting at the central office. Dr. Baeta stated that an override is not an option and noted growing issues in special education. Each building principal reviewed their requests for the 2018-2019 budget. Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Jennifer O'Neill, School Business Manager Lincoln Lynch, Director of Pupil Personnel Services Jeanne Sullivan, and Technology Director Karen Winsper also reviewed requests for their areas of responsibility. The proposed FY '19 budget request represents an increase of \$3,631,850 or 13.33%. Dr. Baeta expressed a concern about school nurses and building coverage. He would like to add a half-time floating nurse.

Other:

- Negotiations with administrative assistants on January 29th at 6:30 p.m.
- SEL Advisory meeting
- Dedication in memory of Mrs. Rebecca Albert at JCS on January 31st
- 45 or more teachers and administrators are reading *Lost at School*
- Senator Paul Feeney visit
- Farewell Dinner for Chinese delegation on February 2nd

Motion to Adjourn:

MOTION: by Mr. Savas

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: 5 yes Motion Carries

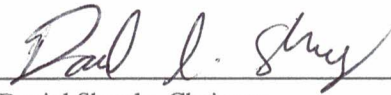
The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

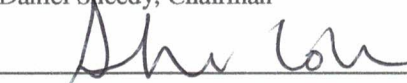
- Out of State Trip Request
- Financial breakdown for Boys Volleyball proposal
- Donation Letter from Kyle Bishop Fund
- District Budget Presentation

Next Meeting Dates: Saturday, February 3, 2018 (Budget Workshop) at Central Office
Monday, February 5, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. at NMS Library

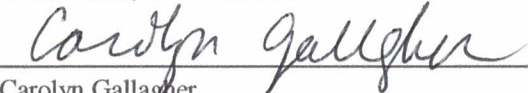
Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph F. Baeta, Ed.D.
Secretary Pro Tem



Daniel Sheedy, Chairman



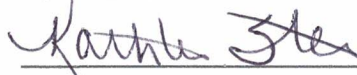
Sheri Cohen, Vice-Chairman



Carolyn Gallagher



Deniz Savas



Kathleen Stern