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Norton, Massachusetts

NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

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Date of School Committee Meeting: Monday, March 12, 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, Technology Director Karen Winsper, Student Representatives Tristan Grieve and Bobby Portway.

Call to Order: Chairman Sheedy called the meeting to order at 6:45 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 February 26, 2018 Open Meeting

SECOND: by Mrs. Gallagher

VOTE: 5 yes Motion Carries

Warrants:

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

- February 26, 2018 \$658,059.01

Student Representative Update:

- Students will take part in the walk-out on Wednesday
- Two student athletes represented Norton in the National Track & Field Meet
- Honor Society will sponsor the Senior Senior Prom on Wednesday
- Math Honor Society will take part in Pi Day
- Science Honor Society will teach a lesson to LGN students
- Best Buddies campaign and Down Syndrome awareness
- Three DECA members qualified for the Nationals in Atlanta

Vote to Approve NHS Senior Class Trip – Ms. Rachel Pilotte:

NHS Senior Class Advisor Rachel Pilotte informed the Committee that the location of the annual Senior Class Trip has been changed from Six Flags New England to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH. A vote is required from the Committee to approve an out-of-state field trip.

MOTION: by Mrs. Stern to approve the field trip to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: 5 yes Motion Carries

Student Academic Support Grades K-5 – Dr. Baeta:

Dr. Baeta will address this item at a future meeting.

School Choice 2014 – 2018 – Dr. Baeta:

The school choice enrollment has increased each year since it was implemented. Dr. Baeta reviewed the school choice statistics for 2014-2018 as follows:

June 2015 (13); June 2016 (41); June 2017 (55); and March 2018 (90)

The tuition from school choice over the last four years has totaled \$1,087,009. Dr. Baeta reviewed the different ways the district advertises for new students. Many districts in the surrounding area are now offering school choice.

Athletic Boosters Information – Dr. Baeta:

Dr. Baeta discussed the results of the survey recently done by the booster groups. Future organization, fundraising, scholarships, and future spending were discussed.

Vote to Approve School Calendars for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 – Mrs. Jennifer O'Neill:

Mrs. O'Neill said the proposed calendars follow the same format as the last several years. She reviewed the vacation dates and holidays.

MOTION: by Mr. Savas to approve the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school calendars as presented.

SECOND: by Mrs. Gallagher

VOTE: 5 yes Motion Carries

Vote to Approve Administrative Assistants 2018-2021 Contract – Dr. Baeta:

Dr. Baeta reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement outlining conditions of the new three-year administrative assistants contract.

MOTION: by Mrs. Stern to approve the Memorandum of Agreement as presented.

SECOND: by Mrs. Gallagher

VOTE: 5 yes Motion Carries

Second Reading and Vote on Policy Manual Sections C and D Updates and First Reading of Sections E and F – Dr. Baeta and Mrs. Jennifer O'Neill:

Mrs. O'Neill reported that all required changes had been made to Sections C & D, and the Committee could vote to approve as presented.

The Committee began the first reading of Sections E and F. Mrs. O'Neill noted that many items had been deleted because the Crisis Manual already included the procedures. The second reading and vote on Sections E and F will be on the March 26th meeting agenda, as well as the first reading of Sections G and H.

Personnel:

Retirement: Tom Arieta, JCS Music Teacher, at end of school year, after 20 years of service.

Other:

Mrs. Cohen thanked everyone for contributing to the great success of the benefit basketball game.

Motion to Adjourn:

MOTION: by Mr. Sheedy

SECOND: by Mr. Savas

VOTE: 5 yes Motion Carries

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

- Policy Manual
- Booster survey information

Next Meeting Dates: Monday, March 26, 2018 at NMS Library, 6:30 p.m.

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

Daniel Sheedy, Chairman

Sheri Cohen, Vice-Chairman

Carolyn Gallagher

Deniz Savas

Kathleen Stern