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Norton, Massachusetts

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MINUTES OF MEETING

***Date of School Committee Meeting:*** Monday, April 9, 2018

***Location:*** Norton Middle School Library

***Present:*** Committee Members: Chairman Dan Sheedy, Vice-Chairman Sheri Cohen, Mrs. Carolyn Gallagher, Mr. Deniz Savas. ***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, 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 of March 26, 2018 Open Meeting:***

Mr. Savas wished to amend the agenda item "Organization of Athletic Boosters" as follows:

Delete: *All groups need to be registered as Not-for-Profit by July 1, 2018.*

Add: All boosters can use their own Tax ID number or fall under the large booster.

MOTION: by Mr. Savas to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2018 Open Meeting as amended

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: 4 yes Motion Carries

***Warrants:***

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

- March 26, 2018 \$274,505.46

***Student Representative Update:***

- NHS Student Council Sock Drive
- NHS Honor Society Bike-a-Thon on April 12
- NHS Art Show April 11
- Drama Club presentation April 13
- NHS Bi-Annual Health Fair April 11
- Tickets for the May 11<sup>th</sup> Prom are being sold
- Student group leaving for service trip to the Dominican Republic

***Redefining Ready Presentation – Dr. Baeta:***

Redefining Ready! Is a national initiative launched by AASA (The Superintendent's Association) to introduce new, researched based metrics to more appropriately assess that students are college ready, career ready, and life ready. Dr. Baeta gave a presentation and discussed the Academic Indicators, Standardized Testing Benchmarks, and Additional Factors that Contribute to College Success. His recommendation is that the District provides families, students, and staff the proposed Redefining Ready requirements.

***Recognition of Shelbi Pinkham of Champions – Dr. Baeta:***

Dr. Baeta recognized Shelbi Pinkham for receiving the Quality Achievement Award for the entire Northeast Region of Champions. Shelbi has worked with Champions in Norton for the past 6 years, and as Site Director at JCS over the last 3 years. He stated that the District is incredibly proud of the work she has done in Norton.

***DESE Accountability System Changes – Mrs. Jennifer O'Neill:***

Mrs. O'Neill presented an overview of the proposed accountability changes for the 2018 MCAS Administration. Mrs. Gallagher asked if any financial support was being offered to the schools, and Mrs. O'Neill replied that it was not. Dr. Baeta voiced concern about the equity of the test results. The Committee thanked Mrs. O'Neill for her presentation.

***Vote on Fiscal 2019 RFP Process for Food Services – Mr. Lincoln Lynch:***

A request for proposal (RFP) will be posted in the local newspaper and on the Massachusetts Central Registry for the management of the District's food service operation. The RFP will invite qualified companies to submit written proposals to take over the District's food service. The RFP will be conducted according to Massachusetts General Law 30b. The bid will be advertised on April 12, 2018 with the deadline/opening for proposals on May 4, 2018. A vote is required to allow administration to evaluate the options, and whether or not any change will be made. Dr. Baeta noted three possible options. Award of vendor selection by the Committee is May 7<sup>th</sup>, followed by contract negotiations. The School Committee will award the contracts on May 21, 2018. Contracts will be sent to DESE for review on May 22, 2018. Mr. Savas wished to have more time to review the results. The date was changed to May 14<sup>th</sup> to evaluate the proposals.

MOTION: by Mr. Savas to approve the process with the change of date to May 14<sup>th</sup> as noted

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: 4 yes Motion Carries

***2018-2019 Bus Transportation Process – Mr. Lincoln Lynch:***

Mr. Lynch reviewed important information and dates:

- Bus Fee: \$350 per rider, no family cap
- Registration: On line registration/payment open on April 16
- Registration and payments due on June 29 to secure a seat on the bus. Registration after June 29 does not guarantee a spot

- Bus passes mailed to students on August 13

In accordance with School Committee policy, transportation will be provided to students with the following stipulations: (Current Google maps will be used to determine the 2.0 mile distance)

- Students in grades K-6 living 2.0 miles or more away from their assigned school will be provided with transportation at no cost.
- Students in grades K-6 that live 1.99 miles or closer from their assigned school are eligible for transportation but must pay the fee of \$350 per student with no family cap.
- All students in grades 7-12 no matter the distance from their assigned school are eligible for transportation but must pay the assigned fee of \$350 per student with no family cap.

No Charge (waiver) Transportation: Transportation will be furnished without charge to any student regardless of grade level or distance if the pupil is on Free/Reduced Lunch Status or the pupil's Individual Educational Plan (I.E.P.) specifies transportation be provided by the School Committee. Students who qualify for a waiver for any reason still must register online by June 30, 2018. All students, no matter the grade or distance or if qualify for a waiver, who intend to ride the bus MUST REGISTER.

***Review of Proposed School Committee Meeting Dates for 2018-2019 – Dr. Baeta:***

Two options were presented, a traditional (Monday meetings) and non-traditional calendar. The possibility of moving the meeting night to Thursday in order to be aligned with the Board of Selectmen meetings was suggested. The Committee tabled this item until the next meeting.

***Vote to Appoint Superintendent to Board of Directors of READS Collaborative:***

Pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 4E, as amended by Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2012, members of the Board of Directors at READS Collaborative are to be appointed annually.

Joseph Baeta is appointed to serve as the Norton Public Schools Representative on the Board of Directors of READS Collaborative, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 4E as amended by Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2012 for the 2018/2019 school year.

MOTION: by Mr. Savas to appoint Dr. Baeta to the Board of Directors of READS Collaborative

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: 4 yes Motion Carries

***Vote to Appoint Superintendent to Board of Directors of Bi-County Collaborative:***

Pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 4E, as amended by Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2012, members of the Board of Directors at Bi-County Collaborative are to be appointed annually.

Joseph Baeta is appointed to serve as the Norton Public Schools Representative on the Board of Directors of Bi-County Collaborative, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 4E as amended by Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2012 for the 2018/2019 school year.

MOTION: by Mrs. Cohen to appoint Dr. Baeta to the Board of Directors of Bi-County Collaborative.



SECOND: by Mr. Savas

VOTE: 4 yes Motion Carries

***Other:***

Profile of a Graduate presentation - April 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

Strategic Plan - June 15, all day event at Wheaton

***Motion to Adjourn:***

MOTION: by Mrs. Cohen

SECOND: by Mr. Savas

VOTE: 4 yes Motion Carries

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

***Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:***

- Redefining Ready Presentation
- Massachusetts Next-Generation Accountability System

***Next Meeting Date:*** Monday, April 23, 2018 at NMS Library, 6:30 p.m.

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

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Daniel Sheedy, Chairman

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Sheri Cohen, Vice-Chairman

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Carolyn Gallagher

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Deniz Savas

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Kathleen Stern