

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Norton, Massachusetts

NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

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***Date of School Committee Meeting:*** Monday, May 14, 2018

***Location:*** Norton High School Teachers' Lunch Room

***Present:*** Committee Members: Chairman Sheri Cohen, Vice-Chairman Kathleen Stern, Mrs. Carolyn Gallagher, Mr. Deniz Savas, Mr. Dan Sheedy. ***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, Technology Director Karen Winsper,

***Call to Order:*** Chairman Cohen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

***Discussion and Vote on Food Services:***

After careful review of the proposals submitted, it was the consensus of the Committee that Chartwells Food Services was the best option. The agreement is for one year with 2 one-year renewals. If the service is not satisfactory, the Committee can terminate it. This agreement will save the District \$92,000. The Committee is hopeful that the outside vendor will choose to hire our present cafeteria personnel, but it is their option. The present cafeteria program deficit is usually between \$60,000-\$90,000 yearly. Dr. Baeta will recommend that the current cafeteria staff be kept. Chairman Cohen stressed that this decision was not personal, but the Town spoke and they must work within their budget. -

MOTION: by Mr. Savas to accept Chartwells (Option 1) proposal to provide food services

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: 3 yes 2 no Motion Carries

***FY '19 Budget Discussion and Vote:***

Mr. Savas said he would amend Article 10 at the Town Meeting. There is a potential for budget discussion in the fall. Mrs. Cohen said the Town needs a leader to guide us in a positive direction so that it is not always school vs. town.

***Other:***

There was a brief discussion on bus fees and transportation. Fees that are collected (\$185,000) only cover 16% of the \$1,016,670 yearly bus contract. Bus routes will need to be adjusted.

***Motion to Adjourn:***

MOTION: by Mrs. Cohen to adjourn

SECOND: by Mrs. Gallagher

VOTE: 5 yes Motion Carries

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

***Next Meeting Date:*** Monday, May 21, 2018 at NMS Library, 6:30 p.m.

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

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Sheri Cohen, Chairman

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Kathleen Stern, Vice-Chairman

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Carolyn Gallagher

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Deniz Savas

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Daniel Sheedy