

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Norton, Massachusetts

NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

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Date of School Committee Meeting: Monday, October 15, 2018

Location: Norton High School Teachers' Lunch Room

Present: Committee Members: Chairman Sheri Cohen, Vice-Chairman Kathleen Stern, Mrs. Carolyn Gallagher (6:07 p.m.), Mr. Deniz Savas, Mr. Dan Sheedy. ***Also present:*** Superintendent of Schools Joseph F. Baeta, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Jennifer O'Neill, School Business Manager Matthew Wells and Technology Director Karen Winsper.

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

Warrants:

Nothing to be read into the Minutes; only signatures required

Vote to Approve FY'19 Supplemental Budget and Capital Plan:

MOTION: by Mr. Sheedy to approve recommendation of the Finance Committee on Capital Request

SECOND: by Mrs. Stern

VOTE: 4 yes Motion Carries

MOTION: by Mrs. Stern to Approve recommendation of Finance Committee on Supplemental Budget

SECOND: Mr. Sheedy

VOTE: 4 yes Motion Carries

Enrollment and Class Size – Dr. Baeta:

Dr. Baeta shared October 1, 2018 enrollment figures with the Committee. The overall decrease to the District was 57 students since last year. However, the number of School Choice students increased by 18. The primary reason for a decrease in the overall population was the graduation of a large senior class of over 200 students, with a much smaller Kindergarten class coming in. Class size at all levels was also discussed, with some concerns at the elementary level and at the High School.

Other Business: Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance:

- Dr. Baeta handed out information on the advanced math courses at NMS and discussed how determinations were made for students.
- Veteran's Day parade will now be held on Sunday, November 11, 2018 and not Monday as previously communicated.

- Dr. Baeta asked for approval from the Committee to use \$13,000 of School Choice funds to enhance our partnership with Panorama Education, implementing the student data system to compile academic, attendance, behavioral, and SEL data together.

MOTION: by Mr. Savas to approve use of \$13,000 School Choice funds on Panorama Education partnership

SECOND: by Mr. Sheedy

VOTE: 4 yes 1 abstain Motion Carries

- Committee requested information on outstanding transportation issues to be brought to the next meeting.
- Discussion on advanced level classes at Norton Middle School. Mrs. O'Neill will update the Committee at a later date.
- Discussion on Global Education program at Norton High School. Students and advisors have been invited to attend a future meeting to update the Committee on their travels and to approve future trips.

Motion to Adjourn:

MOTION: by Mrs. Stern to adjourn

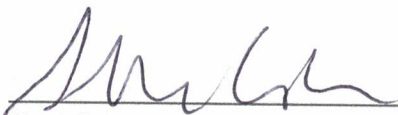
SECOND: by Mr. Sheedy

VOTE: 5 yes Motion Carries

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, October 25, 2018 at NHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

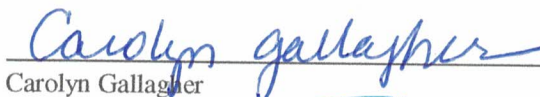
Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph F. Baeta, Ed.D.
Secretary Pro Tem



Sheri Cohen, Chairman



Kathleen Stern, Vice-Chairman



Carolyn Gallagher



Deniz Savas



Daniel Sheedy