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NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date of School Committee Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2019

Location: Norton Middle School Library

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 (6:50 p.m.), Director of Pupil Personnel Services Jeanne Sullivan, School Business Administrator Matthew Wells, Director of Technology Karen Winsper, Student Representative Cooper Smith.

Call to Order: Chairman Cohen 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 and asked if anyone else was recording the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Reorganization of Norton School Committee:

Reorganization of the Norton School Committee is required by the School Committee Bylaws at the first meeting following the Annual Town Election. Mrs. Cohen turned the meeting over to Dr. Baeta who asked for nomination for the position of chairman. Mr. Savas nominated Mrs. Stern, seconded by Mr. Sheedy. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Savas motioned to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Sheedy. Receiving only one nomination, Dr. Baeta, acting as chairman pro tem, cast one vote for Mrs. Stern and declared her the new chairman of the Norton School Committee.

The next item on the agenda was the election of the vice-chairman. Chairman Stern asked for nominations. Mr. Savas nominated Mrs. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Sheedy. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Savas motioned to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Sheedy. Chairman Stern asked for a vote to approve Mrs. Gallagher as vice-chairman. The vote was unanimous in favor of Mrs. Gallagher.

In accordance with the School Committee Bylaws, Article 1, Section 2, both the chairman and vice-chairman hold their respective offices for one year or until their successors are duly elected.

Appointments to the following positions were required:

Legislative Representative:

MOTION: by Mr. Savas to appoint Mr. Sheedy

SECOND: by Mrs. Gallagher

VOTE: Unanimous

Employee Negotiations Representatives (1 or 2):

MOTION: by Mr. Sheedy to appoint Mr. Savas and Mrs. Gallagher

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: Unanimous

Capital Improvements Committee Representative:

MOTION: by Mr. Sheedy to appoint Mrs. Cohen

SECOND: by Mrs. Gallagher

VOTE: Unanimous

SPED PAC Representative:

MOTION: by Mrs. Cohen to appoint Mrs. Stern

SECOND: by Mr. Sheedy

VOTE: Unanimous

School Liaison Assignments:

Discussion ensued regarding the need to assign members to the school liaisons. Mrs. Stern offered to attend one or so of each of the school parent organization meetings to offer support, obtain meeting minutes, etc. Many of the parent organization meetings conflict with School Committee meetings. Mr. Sheedy suggested that with the reorganization of the parent groups at the beginning of the school that perhaps new presidents could be invited to a meeting in the beginning of the year and in the middle of the year. No appointments were made.

Vote to Approve Minutes of April 11, 2019 Open Meeting:

MOTION: by Mr. Savas to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2019 Open Meeting

SECOND: by Mr. Sheedy

VOTE: 5 yes Motion Carries

Warrants:

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

- April 11, 2019 \$189,376.96
- April 25, 2019 \$549,175.04

It was discussed and agreed that Mrs. Cohen would be the signer/reporter of warrants going forward and Mrs. Stern would be the alternate.

Student Representative Update:

Cooper Smith updated the Committee on the following:

NHS:

- Lancer Film Fest last week
- Upcoming Spring Concert
- Wellness Day
- AP Exams
- Global Fair
- Little Mermaid performances

HAY:

- 4th and 5th graders will have completed math portion of MCAS this week

JCS:

- 17 students will be participating in the Special Olympics. There was a training day on April 24th
- 2nd Grade held annual Recycled hat parade on April 29th to honor Earth Day
- Math MCAS next week and JCS and LGN

All schools participated in different activities during Teacher Appreciation Week including breakfasts and lunches.

Introduction of Incoming NHS Principal Ethan Dolleman– Dr. Baeta:

Dr. Baeta publicly introduced Mr. Ethan Dolleman as incoming Principal at NHS. Mr. Dolleman stated that he was very excited to be coming to Norton. He is originally from Maine and comes from a family of educators.

Introduction of Class of 2019 Valedictorian and Salutatorian – Mr. Vincent Cerce:

Mr. Cerce announced the Class of 2019 Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Neither of the students was available to attend the meeting due to prior conflicts. The Salutatorian is Jonathan Carlson who will be attending Suffolk University in the fall. The Valedictorian is Michelle Gao who will be attending Cornell University. Mr. Cerce read short biographies on each of these students.

Norton Teachers Association JCS Community Night – Ms. Shannon Taylor:

Ms. Taylor, President of the Norton Teachers' Association, talked about a grant received that was being used to hold a Community Night at JCS on May 22nd. The evening will consist of a pasta dinner and a performance by the students of what you might see on a typical classroom day for each grade level. Students will serve as tour guides for guests to see classrooms. Proceeds of raffles at the event will go to the It Takes a Community organization.

Ms. Taylor thanked Mr. Savas for his statements at the recent Finance Committee meeting.

Vote to Appoint School Committee Student Representatives for 2019-2020 School Year:

Both Caroline Daly and Cooper Smith will stay on as representatives for the 2019-2020 school year. The students were praised by the School Committee.

MOTION: by Mrs. Cohen to appoint Caroline Daly and Cooper Smith as School Committee Student Representatives for 2019-2020 School Year

SECOND: by Mrs. Gallagher

VOTE: 5 yes Motion Carries

Vote to Approve School Committee Meeting Calendar for 2019-2020 School Year:

Calendar presented and reviewed at April 11, 2019 meeting approved.

MOTION: by Mrs. Cohen to approve School Committee Meeting Calendar for 2019-2020 School Year

SECOND: by Mrs. Gallagher

VOTE: 5 yes Motion Carries

Vote to Accept Superintendent's Disclosure Regarding Contract Negotiations:

Per Section 23(b)(3) of the Ethic Law, Dr. Baeta read a letter addressed to the School Committee disclosing that the Superintendent will be fair and objective while engaging in NTA contract negotiations being that his wife is a member of the NTA. The School Committee voted acceptance of this disclosure.

MOTION: by Mrs. Gallagher to accept Superintendent's disclosure regarding contract negotiations

SECOND: by Mr. Savas

VOTE: 5 yes Motion Carries

FY20 Budget Update - Dr. Baeta:

Dr. Baeta shared a Summary Budget document based on a 3.9% budget increase to be voted on at Town Meeting. The final budget will be voted on after the Town Meeting. Looking to secure more funds at the Fall Town Meeting in the amount of \$400K.

Mr. Savas noted that Attleboro recently voted to participate in School Choice and that other districts would be getting on board. He reiterated that School Choice funds are not a guarantee. Dr. Baeta stated that we were discussing agreements with colleges and that this would attract School Choice students.

Mr. Wells shared the draft School Transportation Efficiency Study for informational purposes and reviewed the transportation analysis. The bid vote will be on May 15, 2019.

Anti-Vaping Curriculum Development Grant – Dr. Baeta:

NPS Wellness Committee Member, Maureen Sroczynski, put forward to the Association for Nursing Leadership, Science and Education, Inc. a request for an anti-vaping curriculum development grant. The Innovations Fund 2019 Proposal for this grant was awarded. The amount is currently at \$25,000 and we are waiting for a second grant for \$25,000. This will be a statewide curriculum development project with funds being used for stipends, materials and supplies, etc.

Discussion ensued on how to get parents/guardians to support the anti-vaping initiatives to stop it from happening in the schools.

Personnel – Dr. Baeta:

Dr. Baeta updated the Committee on the following changes in personnel:

RETIREMENTS	Date of Hire/ No. of Years	Effective Date
Allen, Maureen - JCS Grade 2 Teacher	9/3/1980 / 39	June 2019
Araujo, Thomas - LGN Head Custodian	3/18/1985 / 34	August 6, 2019
Brooks, Mary Lou - LGN Admin Assistant	9/6/1994 / 25	September 6, 2019
Jestus, Nora - LGN Special Ed Teacher	9/7/1993 / 26	June 2019
Kitchen, Pauline - JCS Grade 2 Teacher (.5 FTE)	9/4/2001 / 18	June 2019
Benz, Cheryl - HAY Special Ed Teacher	9/8/1998 / 21	June 2019
Penza, Patricia - NHS Language Teacher	2/3/1997 / 22	June 2019
RESIGNATIONS		
Tameo, Jerilyn - NHS Special Ed Teacher	9/1/2015 / 4	June 2019

Other:

Dr. Baeta informed the Committee of the May 15th School Committee meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. in the NHS Teachers' Lunch Room prior to Town Meeting as well as the May 30th meeting at NHS – 6 p.m. naming of Guidance and Student Support Center in honor of John Atwood; 6:30 p.m. regular meeting; an 7 p.m. joint meeting with Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Sheedy congratulated re-elected School Committee members Sheri Cohen and Kathleen Stern. Dr. Baeta thanked Sheri Cohen for her service as Chairman.

Motion to Adjourn:

MOTION: by Mr. Sheedy

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen


VOTE: 5 yes Motion Carries

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

- School Expenses Summary sheets
- JCS Community Night invitation
- 2019-2020 School Committee meeting dates list
- Superintendent's Disclosure Letter to School Committee
- FY2020 Summary Budget spreadsheet

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



Kathleen Stern, Chairman



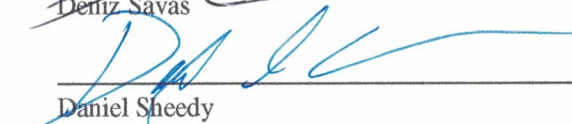
Carolyn Gallagher, Vice-Chairman



Sheri Cohen



Deniz Savas



Daniel Sheedy

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at NHS Teachers' Lunch Room, 6:00 p.m. prior to Town Meeting