

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Norton, Massachusetts

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NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

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Date of School Committee Meeting: Thursday, May 30, 2019

Location: Norton High School Library

Present: Committee Members: Chairman Kathleen Stern, Vice-Chairman Carolyn Gallagher, Mr. Deniz Savas, Mr. Dan Sheedy and Mrs. Sheri Cohen. ***Also present:*** Superintendent of Schools Joseph F. Baeta, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Jennifer O'Neill, Director of Pupil Services Jeanne Sullivan, School Business Manager Matthew Wells, Student Representative Cooper Smith (6:37) ***Absent:***, Director of Technology Karen Winsper

Call to Order: Chairman Stern 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 Minutes of May 9, 2019 Open Session meeting

MOTION: by Mr. D. Savas to approve the minutes of May 9, 2019 Open Meeting

SECOND: by Mrs. S. Cohen

VOTE: 5 yes Motion Carries

Vote to approve Minutes of May 15, 2019 Open Session meeting

MOTION: by Mr. D. Sheedy to approve the minutes of May 15, 2019 Open Meeting

SECOND: by Mr. Mrs. C. Gallagher

VOTE: 5 yes Motion Carries

Warrants

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

- May 10, 2019 - \$247,722.18
- May 23, 2019 - \$438,426.16

Vote to Approve FY'20 School Budget

Dr. Baeta discussed the \$543,000 shortfall from the approved FY'20 school budget at the Town Meeting held on May 15, 2019. The shortfall will have to be accommodate by not hiring replacements of retirees, materials and supplies, technology, substitutes, legal curriculum, and changes in staff. He will request the full amount of the shortfall at the October 2019 Fall Town Meeting.

MOTION: by Mr. D. Sheedy to approve the \$29,622,648 FY'20 School Budget as approved at the Town Meeting held on May 15, 2019

SECOND: by Mrs. S. Cohen

VOTE: 3 yes Chairman Mrs. K. Stern, Mrs. S. Cohen and Mr. D. Sheedy
2 no Mr. D. Savas and Vice-Chairman Mrs. C. Gallagher
Motion Carries

Student Representative Update

NHS

- Spring Concert was held on May 16, 2019
- Wellness Day was held on May 17, 2019
- Students taking a Calculus class went to Six Flags on May 17, 2019
- Junior and Senior Prom was held at Lake Pearl on May 24, 2019
- Class of 2019 Graduation will be held at Xfinity Center on June 7, 2019
- Final Exams will begin the week of June 10, 2019

NMS

- High School Rubik's Cube Club went to the middle school and students help create a mosaic of STEM Teacher Ms. Bridges
- 7th grade had their Blue Hills field trip and going to Six Flags soon
- Talent show was held May 30, 2019
- 8th grade will be going to their New York City field trip May 31, 2019
- 8th grade Luau Dance will be held on June 13, 2019

HAY

- Art Fair and Spring Concert was held May 29, 2019
- 5th grade dance will be held on June 7, 2019
- 4th grade field trip is on June 10, 2019
- Field Day will be on June 11, 2019

LGN/JCS

- JCS Kindergarten had their field trip on May 16, 2019
- Book Fair was held on May 16, 2019
- JCS Spring Concert and Art Show was held on May 16, 2019
- 1st grade had their field trip on May 21, 2019
- JCS 3rd grade was taken on the Tour of Norton by Rho Kappa History Honor Society Members from the High School on May 23, 2019
- LGN 3rd grade will be taken on the Tour of Norton on June 6, 2019
- JCS Paw Sox night is June 1, 2019
- JCS Field Day for 1st and 2nd grade will be held on June 3, 2019
- JCS and LGN 3rd grade will visit the H.A. Yelle School on June 4, 2019
- JCS 3rd grade Expert Fair will be held on June 6, 2019
- JCS 3rd grade Field Day/Barbeque will be held on June 7, 2019

OVERALL:

- All schools had memorable Memorial Day Assemblies and Chairman Stern mentioned how the high school had the most moving presentation ever and the students were very attentive.
- Chairman Stern asked how the Wellness Day for the high school went from a student's opinion and Student Representative Cooper indicated it went very well and is looking forward to more of them.
- Chairman Stern mentioned she and Mrs. Cohen attended and had a fantastic time.
- Mrs. Gallagher mentioned the Middle School play of Peter Pan will be June 5, 6 and 8th.
- Mrs. Gallagher mentioned the HAY students will visit the middle school next week and will be able to watch the play.

Department of Environmental Protection Notification and Response – Dr. Baeta

Informational update on DEP letter and agreement concerning wastewater treatment plant at NMS was discussed. Please see enclosed. Options were presented and the third option was accepted by the committee:

14B. By June 30, 2020: Collect average daily water meter readings from the NMS for the 2019-2020 School Year, and determine if a Title V variance pursuant to 310 CMR 15.416 is applicable. If a variance can be sought, convert the NMS Wastewater Treatment Plant to a Title V System in strict conformance with 310 CMR 15.000.

Dr. Baeta identified he signed the contract. He also sent a thank you to the engineers for the update and copied Town Manager Mike Yunitz, Board of Selectman, Director of Facilities Wade Lizotte and will contact the Water Superintendent.

Vote To Approve Superintendent's Contract

Vote to approve amendments to the Superintendent's contract as per enclosed Memorandum of Agreement.

MOTION: by Mr. D. Savas to Approve Superintendent's Contract

SECOND: by Mr. D. Sheedy

VOTE: 5 yes Motion Carries – School Committee signed amendment

Other Business

- Dr. Baeta addressed a school start time committee will be forming and would like a representative of the School Committee to be involved.
- The Administrative Retreat will be held at Wheaton College on August 13 and 14, 2019. All School Committee members are welcome to attend.

Motion to Adjourn

MOTION: by Mrs. S. Cohen

SECOND: by Mr. D. Sheedy

VOTE: 5 yes Motion Carries

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

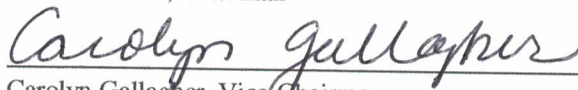
Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

- Informational update on DEP letter and agreement
- Memorandum of Agreement for Superintendent's Employment Contract

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, June 13, 2019 at NHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

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

Kathleen Stern, Chairman



Carolyn Gallagher, Vice-Chairman



Sheri Cohen



Deniz Savas



Dan Sheedy

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