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Norton, Massachusetts

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NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

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Date of School Committee Meeting: Thursday, January 9, 2020

Location: Norton Middle School Auditorium

Present: Committee Members: Chairperson Kathleen Stern, Vice-Chairperson Carolyn Gallagher, Mrs. Sheri Cohen, Absent: 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 Services Jeanne Sullivan, School Business Manager Matthew Wells, Technology Director Karen Winsper, Student Representative Cooper Smith and Carolyn Daly

Call to Order: Chairperson 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. Video recordings were acknowledged by two audience members.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Recognition of Norton Youth Football and Cheer U10 and U12 Cheer Teams – Dr. Baeta:

Members of the 10U and 12U Cheer Teams of the Norton Youth Football and Cheer organization were present to be recognized for first place finishes in New England Championships and second place in National Championships in Florida. Dr. Baeta congratulated and acknowledged the cheer groups for their hard work, organization, fundraising and dedication. He also acknowledged the coaches and supporters and thanked the organization for representing the Town of Norton. Dr. Baeta read the list of names of the participants and presented a certificate to each team.

Mrs. Stern congratulated the cheer groups. Mrs. O'Neill congratulated the cheer groups and recognized how well they presented themselves on and off the floor when at the competition.

Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes:

Vote to approve Minutes of November 14, 2019 Open Session meetings.

MOTION: by Mrs. Gallagher.

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: 3 yes Motion Carries

Warrants:

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

- November 14, 2019 \$1,044,780.91

- December 2, 2019 \$ 430,198.45
- December 17, 2019 \$1,883,120.72

Student Representative Update:

NHS:

- Semi-Formal was held November 22, 2019 at the Holiday Inn, Mansfield
- Thanksgiving Day Assembly
- Powder Puff Game was held November 25, 2019
- Winter Concert was performed on December 12, 2019
- Class and Club photos were taken
- Last year's Seniors came to the High School and talked about their college experiences
- There will be a Yoga Event after school on Wednesday, 1/15/2020 to help relieve stress for mid-term exams next week
- DECA participants left today for the competition held at Cape Cod
- A fundraiser at Roche Bros. will be held on Friday, 1/31/2020 from 4-7 pm, where 5% of all purchases will be donated to the NHS All-Night Grad Party for the Class of 2020

HAY:

- Winter Concert was held 12/10/19
- The Holiday Volleyball Tournament was held the week before winter break
- Held a Holiday Assembly with an ugly sweater contest
- Window Project is almost complete and it looks amazing. Staff and students are officially back to where they belong. Everyone did a great job cooperating during the project.

JCS:

- Held the Scholastic Book Fair the second week of December
- Wind and Weather Enrichment Program was on 12/1/19
- Holiday Concert was held 12/16/19
- Sing-a-long was held 12/20/19
- Yoga classes will be offered
- There will be a fundraiser at Home Plate, Norton on Tuesday, 1/14/2020 where 20% of your bill will be donated to JCS
- Winter Wonderland Curriculum will be held 1/15/20

LGN:

- Holiday Shoppe was held the first week of December
- Breakfast with Santa was held 12/7/19
- 3rd Grade Winter Concert
- Parent teacher conferences were held

Opening of School Report Norton Middle School – Mr. Vincent Hayward

Mr. Hayward announced the Middle School had a successful opening of school with 608 students and 80 staff members. There are many clubs and activities for the students with two new pilot clubs: Global and Virtual Reality and a Russian club. The Drama club will be presenting Footloose this year. The Winter Concert was held 1/8/2020. The girls' soccer team had another undefeated season.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) is conducted in the Middle School. Lancer Lead has been provided with new tools to continue and he thanked the staff and administration. The Middle School is very proud to be a part of New England League of Middle Schools Spotlight. The Middle School is up for renewal and currently there are only six Spotlight Schools in Mass.

NEED Awarding of Grants and Fundraising Topics:

Representatives from the NEED organization recognized the 2019-2020 Grants recipients:

• Kart for Kindness, JCS	\$1,001.12
• An Instrument in Every Hand, JCS	\$1,275.25
• Fruits of Collaboration Garden, NHS	\$2,800.00
• Calming Corner in Classroom, NMS	\$ 255.00
• STEP Business Center, NMS	\$ 926.51
• Recess Play for All Children, JCS	\$ 475.83
• Art Departments, LGN, JCS, HAY	<u>\$2,025.85</u>
	\$8,759.56

Fundraising Activities:

- Dinner Anywhere in the World, \$25 ticket-drawing held at Comedy Night
- Comedy Night, April 3, 2020
- Paint the Town Purple, Spring 2020

The representatives recognized and thanked the town voters, Finance Committee and Selectmen for funding \$20,000 to the schools for supplies and materials. This allowed NEED to fund these Grants. Dr. Baeta acknowledged that the school appreciates all that NEED does and thanked staff and everyone involved.

Vote to Approve Capital Improvement Plan – Mr. Matthew Wells:

Mr. Wells reviewed the 5 Year Capital Plan FY2021-FY2025. At the Spring 2020 Town Meeting the school will be requesting a total of \$354,000 for capital improvement. Dr. Baeta also addressed that we are coordinating with the police department for lights at the elementary schools. This is not shown on the plan.

MOTION: by Mrs., Cohen to approve the 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan FY2021-FY2025

SECOND: by Mrs. Gallagher

VOTE: 3 yes Motion Carries

Vote to Allow Remote Participating in Meetings – Dr. Baeta:

Under the Open Meeting Law, the Attorney General is allowing members of public bodies, in limited circumstances, to participate remotely in meetings. On October 1, 2019 the Board of Selectmen voted to authorize remote participation for all public bodies in the Town. The School Committee reviewed and voted to approve the Remote Participation Policy.

MOTION: by Mrs., Gallagher to approve remote participation at meetings

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: 3 yes Motion Carries

Vote to Approve Town of Norton Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy – Dr. Baeta:

The Town of Norton has asked the School Committee to vote to approve the Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy as outlined in the MA Department of Energy Resources Green Communities Designation and Grant Program. Dr. Baeta addressed that NPS will support the Town's efficiency policy.

MOTION: by Mrs., Cohen to support the Town's Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy

SECOND: by Mrs. Gallagher

VOTE: 3 yes Motion Carries

Other Business:

- Mr. Ronald Goldstein, Vice Principal at Norton Middle School, requested approval for the annual Grade 8 New York City trip to be held Friday, May 29, 2020.

MOTION: by Mrs. Gallagher to approve Grade 8 NYC trip

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: 3 yes Motion Carries

Motion to Adjourn:

MOTION: by Mrs. Cohen

SECOND: by Mrs. Gallagher

VOTE: 3 yes Motion Carries

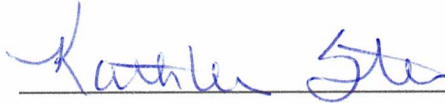
The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm to continue to the NMS Library for the Joint Meeting

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, January 23, 2020 at NMS Library

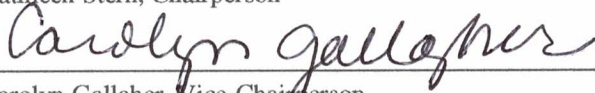
Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

- School Expense Summaries dated 11/14/19, 12/2/19, 12/17/19
- Spreadsheet 5 Year Capital Plan: FY2021 – FY2025
- Remote Participation Policy
- Norton Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy

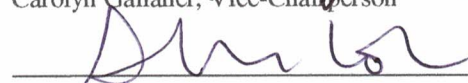
Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph F. Baeta, Ed.D.
Secretary Pro Tem



Kathleen Stern, Chairperson



Carolyn Gallaher, Vice-Chairperson



Sheri Cohen

Deniz Savas

Daniel Sheedy

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