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NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

Date of School Committee Meeting: September 3, 2020

Location: Remote Participation

Present: Committee Members: Chairperson Mrs. Carolyn Gallagher, Vice-Chairperson Deniz Savas, Mrs. Sheri Cohen, Mr. Dan Sheedy, **Absent:** Mrs. Kathleen Stern **Also present:** Superintendent of Schools Joseph F. Baeta, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Jennifer O'Neill, School Business Manager Matthew Wells, Director of Facilities Wade Lizotte, Technology Director Karen Winsper, Director of Pupil Personnel Services Vincent Cerce, Coordinator of Special Education Cassandra Russo

Call to Order: Chairperson Stern called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being video recorded.

Discussion and Vote on Norton Teachers Association Memorandum of Understanding:

Dr. Baeta thanked the Labor Management Committee, the representatives from the School Committee and everyone involved for all their efforts and time devoted to the current MOU. He noted there was a 99% pass rate with 42 items and staff expectations. He also advised that MOUs will continue to be ongoing negotiations as we enter the school year.

Dr. Baeta also informed the Committee that there has been \$1.3M worth of expenses for PPEs, building preparation, and technology equipment. This include funds from Cares Act, FEMA and grants.

Members of the School Committee thanked Dr. Baeta, Shannon Taylor, Wade Lizotte and all involved for their leadership and all the work that has been done. We put together a good team and they appreciate their dedication.

Dr. Baeta recommended voting on the document and if approved will post on the Website. Q&A from audience – nothing to report.

MOTION: by Mr. Savas to approve the NTA new MOU as presented

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

VOTE: Roll Call: Sheri Cohen-yes; Dan Sheedy-yes; Deniz Savas-yes;
Carolyn Gallagher-yes; Kathleen Stern-absent 4-0 Motion Carries

Update on Opening School:

Dr. Baeta reported that work is being done with meetings, trainings and ideas are being shared. The chrome books are in and they weren't expected until later this fall. He thanked the Technology Department for putting a plan together. He reported 318 students will be remote choice. Marty Geoghegan volunteered to be the Virtual Principal.

Dr. Baeta will be holding a Virtual Town Meeting on September 9th, at 6:30 p.m. He will provide updated information and a Q&A session.

Mrs. Gallagher mentioned that the Wheaton Community Council will be starting meetings in October. This is a strong asset for the Town and Schools.

MOTION: by Mr. Savas to Adjourn Meeting

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

ROLL CALL VOTE: Sheri Cohen-yes; Deniz Savas-yes; Dan Sheedy-yes;
Carolyn Gallagher-yes; Kathleen Stern-absent 4-0 Motion Carries


The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, September 24, 2020

Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

- Memorandum of Agreement between Norton Public Schools School Committee and the Norton Teachers Association

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


Carolyn Gallagher, Chairperson

Deniz Savas, Vice-Chairperson


Sheri Cohen


Daniel Sheedy

Kathleen Stern