

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Norton, Massachusetts

NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date of School Committee Meeting: Monday, January 25, 2010

Location: Norton Middle School Library

Attending: Committee Members: Vice Chairman Andrew Mackie, Mr. Deniz Savas, and Mrs. Margaret Werner. Chairman Thomas Golota and Mrs. McManus were absent with prior notice. Superintendent Patricia Ansay was also present.

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Mackie called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vote to Approve Adoption of High School Biotechnology and Anatomy and Physiology Textbooks - Mr. Peter Leddy:

Academic Coordinator Peter Leddy was present to request Committee approval of the textbooks. The Biotechnology course is currently being taught and doing well, but there are no textbooks. The course is running with teacher-made materials and lesson plans. This has been very time consuming and there is a lack of support material that would be available in a text. Norton has a graduation requirement of three years of science. Mr. Leddy also noted that there is a promising future in the biotechnology field in Massachusetts. Dr. Ansay recommended that both the Biotechnology and the Anatomy and Physiology textbooks be approved by the Committee. On a motion by Mrs. Werner, seconded by Mr. Savas, the motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Review and Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting:

Mr. Savas made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 11th and January 12th meetings, seconded by Mrs. Werner. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

FY'11 Budget Discussion:

Dr. Ansay informed the Committee that the very first draft of the FY '11 budget is approximately \$500,000 over level funding and needs to be reduced before asking for Committee approval. Schools are requesting money for supplies this year because money for supplies has been cut from previous budgets. Administration is only asking for what is absolutely necessary. Salary increases need to be funded. Dr. Ansay will review transportation and fees, and plans to meet with the Committee prior to the presentation of a second draft at the February 8th meeting. The Finance Committee will most likely invite the Committee to present its budget at an upcoming meeting. Dr. Ansay noted that the Special Education program is being evaluated to determine if services are being delivered in the most efficient manner possible.

Personnel:

Mr. Savas read the personnel changes.

Retirements:

- Mrs. Laverne Marks, JCS Grade 1 teacher, effective at the end of the school year, after 15 years of service
- Mrs. Karen Prosky-Monteiro, JCS Grade 1 teacher, effective at the end of the school year, after 35 years of service
- Mr. Lorinda O'Connell, JCS Grade 3 teacher, effective at the end of the school year, after 25 years of service
- Mrs. Wendy Quinlan, JCS Computer Science teacher, effective at the end of the school year, after 15 years of service
- Mr. Joseph Ramos, Head of Buildings and Grounds, effective February 12, 2010, after nearly 40 years of service
- Mrs. Ellen Reinhart, HAY Grade 4 teacher, effective at the end of the school year, after 41 years of service

Resignation:

- Mr. Ryan Riley, NHS Technology Technician, effective January 25, 2010

Appointment:

- Mr. W. Perry Ellis, NMS Grade 7 Science Long-Term Substitute, effective January 20, 2010

Other:

Dr. Ansay gave the Committee an update on the Attleboro Area School to Career Program that was established in 1995. She also gave information on the Articulation Day at Bristol Community College, which Mrs. Heather Albritton attended, and stated that Norton students are able to earn college credits, while taking Business Technology courses at Norton High. Dr. Ansay also congratulated the Wrestling Team and the Swim Team for their many accomplishments in the relatively short time since they were established.

Mrs. Werner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Savas. The vote was 3-0 in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Next Meeting Date: February 8, 2010, Norton Middle School

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia H. Ansay, Ed.D.
Secretary pro tem
