

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Norton, Massachusetts

NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date of School Committee Meeting: Monday, April 4, 2011

Location: Norton Middle School Library

Attending: Committee Members: Chairperson Andrew Mackie, Vice-chairperson Elizabeth McManus, Mr. Tom Golota, Mr. Deniz Savas, and Mrs. Margaret Werner. Superintendent Patricia Ansay and Student Representative Sara Pishdadian were also present.

Call to Order: Vice-chairperson McManus called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Transfer:

The Superintendent recommended a transfer of funds from the SPED salary account to the regular budget in the amount of \$5,518 for transportation of a student. On a motion by Mr. Golota, seconded by Mrs. McManus, the recommended budget transfer was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Vote to Approve Minutes of Prior Meetings:

Mr. Savas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Golota, to approve the minutes of the March 7th regular session and March 23rd executive session meetings. The vote was 5-0 in favor. Mr. Savas made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Werner, to approve the minutes of the March 20th executive session and March 21st regular session meetings. The vote was 4-0 in favor with Mr. Mackie abstaining.

Update on Norton High School Building Project - Mr. Smolley, Mrs. Wood:

Mrs. Wood distributed an updated design for the project with changes since the last meeting. They will be refining the design according to building codes. The floor plan will be submitted to the state on April 15th.

Vote to Authorize Use of the CM at Risk Alternative Construction Delivery Method:

Mrs. Wood discussed two documents with projected costs and explained how the CM at Risk delivery method will affect the total price. The state will allow an additional 1% reimbursement for the CM at Risk method, which would actually provide more than the delivery method would cost. It was stressed that the CM at Risk delivery method will provide a more complete product and better logistics during construction in an occupied building. Mr. Golota made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Werner, to approve the Construction Manager at Risk option. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Vote to Approve Special Town Meeting Motion and Ballot Question for Bleachers or Vote to Amend Article 3 for Track:

Discussion took place regarding the articles to be submitted for the warrant and if they could be combined. The MSBA confirmed that the construction article and the sewer article could be combined. It may be possible to include the sewer connection as a site improvement and receive some reimbursement since the construction will be in the area of the septic system/leach field. A motion was made by Mr. Savas, seconded by Mr. Golota, to approve Article 1 and Article 2 as written, and to combine Articles 3 and 4 (track and bleachers). The vote was 5-0 in favor. A motion was made by Mr. Savas, seconded by Mr. Golota, to combine Articles 1 and 2, and Articles 3 and 4, contingent on MSBA and Town Council approval. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Also, a vote is needed to approve an article which will extend the time to expend the small amount of money which has come in since Project Spoke was dissolved. A motion was made by Mr. Golota, seconded by Mr. Savas to approve this article. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Vote FY '12 Budget Figure:

The figure of \$23,104,881.75 represents a level service budget and an increase of 4.15% due to salaries, expenses, supplies and SPED out-of-district tuitions. On a motion by Mr. Savas, seconded by Mr. Golota, the Committee approved the budget figure by a 5-0 vote.

Superintendent Accomplishments – Dr. Ansay:

The Committee reviewed a list of accomplishments and praised Dr. Ansay for her attendance at most town/school functions. Goals for next year will be discussed at the May 2nd meeting.

Mr. Golota mentioned that there is plan to widen the entrance to the middle school this spring.

Personnel:

Mr. Michael O'Neil, NHS Social Studies Teacher, has accepted a position as assistant principal at Stoughton High School.

Mrs. McManus read a letter from Superintendent Ansay stating her intention to retire August 28, 2011. The Committee will be negotiating with Dr. Ansay to keep her on as interim Superintendent until a replacement is found.

Other:

The public hearing on the budget will be held on May 2nd, prior to the SC meeting. Time and place will be announced.

Mr. Savas, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Golota. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 2, 2011, at Norton Middle School.

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