

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Norton, Massachusetts

NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

**Date of School Committee Meeting:** Monday, April 30, 2012

**Location:** Norton Middle School Library

**Attending:** Committee Members: Chairperson Elizabeth McManus, Vice-chairperson Deniz Savas, Mr. Phillip Lynch, Mr. Andrew Mackie, and Mrs. Marge Werner. Superintendent Patricia Ansay and student representatives Kady Ferguson and Sarah Pishdadian were also present.

**Call to Order:** Chairperson McManus called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mrs. McManus welcomed new committee member Phillip Lynch. Members of the committee thanked Mrs. McManus for her service as chairperson during the past year.

**Reorganization of Norton School Committee:**

Reorganization of the Norton School Committee is required by the School Committee Bylaws at the first meeting following the Annual Town Election. Mrs. McManus turned the meeting over to Dr. Ansay who asked for nomination for the position of chairman. Mr. Savas nominated Mr. Andrew Mackie, seconded by Mrs. McManus. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Savas motioned to close nominations, seconded by Mrs. Werner. Dr. Ansay, acting as chairman pro tem, cast one vote for Mr. Mackie and declared him the new chairman.

The next item on the agenda was the election of the vice-chairman. Chairman Mackie asked for nominations. Mrs. McManus nominated Mr. Savas, seconded by Mrs. Werner. Hearing no other nominations, Mrs. Werner motioned to close nominations, seconded by Mrs. McManus. The Committee voted unanimously to elect Mr. Savas vice-chairman.

In accordance with the School Committee Bylaws, Article 1, Section 2, both the chairman and vice-chairman hold their respective offices for one year or until their successors are duly elected.

The following appointments were made:

Mrs. McManus nominated Mrs. Werner for Legislative Representative, seconded by Mr. Savas. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Werner nominated Mrs. McManus and Mr. Savas for Employee Negotiations Representatives, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Werner nominated Mr. Lynch for the Capital Improvements Committee, seconded by Mr. Savas. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. McManus nominated Mr. Mackie for Norton High School Building Committee Representative, seconded by Mr. Savas. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Werner made a motion to approve the following school liaison appointments, seconded by Mrs. McManus. The vote was 5-0.

JCS – Mr. Lynch

NHS – Mrs. McManus

NMS – Mr. Savas

LGN – Mrs. Werner

HAY – Mr. Mackie

SPED PAC – Mrs. Werner

**Vote to Approve Minutes of Prior Meetings:**

Mr. Savas made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2012 Executive Session, and the April 23, 2012 Open Meeting and Executive Session. Mrs. Werner seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0 in favor.

**DECA – Vote to Approve National Conference Attendance:**

Mrs. Heather Albritton, DECA advisor, was present to request permission for a third student, Bryce McCarthy, to attend the conference. He was a late add-in over vacation. On March 19<sup>th</sup> the Committee previously approved Caleb Tripp and Evan DaSilva to attend. Mrs. McManus made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Savas. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

**Vote to Authorize Superintendent and School Committee Chairperson to Sign Massachusetts School Building Authority Accelerated Repair Program Terms and Conditions Document:**

This document is relative to the J.C. Solmonese School roof project. This project needs approval of Town Meeting. The Town Manager is also required to sign this document, and the Board of Selectmen had approved him to do so on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. McManus made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the document, seconded by Mr. Savas. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

**Discussion of Strategies for Obtaining Dr. Ansay's Replacement and Vote on Options:**

As previously reported, the Committee was unable to come to terms with its choice for Superintendent and must decide how to proceed. All items relative to the process must be discussed in open session. Mrs. McManus asked the members if there was a preference for anyone who had been interviewed previously. It was the consensus of the Committee that the selection process should begin again with a fresh pool of applicants. Mrs. Werner felt that the new committee would need more time, and Mrs. McManus felt the last committee was too large. She suggested 9-11 members this time. The School Committee decided to appoint an Interim Superintendent and begin the new search at the end of September. Dr. Ansay's last day is August 28<sup>th</sup>. Several individuals have shown interest in this type of arrangement. The School Committee will be responsible for interviewing candidates and making the selection. Central

Office will coordinate dates for interviews. Mrs. McManus and Mrs. Werner will again represent the School Committee on the new selection team.

Mr. Savas made a motion to appoint an Interim Superintendent as a replacement for Dr. Ansay and begin the process of searching for a permanent Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McManus. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

**Personnel:** None

**Other:**

NHS Prom is Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at Lake Pearl Luciano's.

NHS Art Show is Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Class Night is June 5<sup>th</sup>

Chris Rappold of Personal Best Karate recently helped with Career Day.

Tim Giblin was voted in as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Monday, May 14, 2012 at 6:00 P.M., Norton High School Library prior to Town Meeting.

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

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