

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Norton, Massachusetts

NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

Date of School Committee Meeting: Monday, May 13, 2013

Location: Norton Middle School Library

Attending: Committee Members: Chairman Andrew Mackie, Vice-Chairman Deniz Savas, Mrs. Valerie Desmond, Mr. Phillip Lynch and Mrs. Marge Werner. Interim Superintendent of Schools Christopher H. Martes was also present.

Call to Order: Chairman Mackie called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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. Mr. Mackie turned the meeting over to Dr. Martes who asked for nomination for the position of chairman. Mr. Mackie nominated Mr. Savas, seconded by Mrs. Werner. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Mackie motioned to close nominations, seconded by Mrs. Werner. Dr. Martes, acting as chairman pro tem, cast one vote for Mr. Savas and declared him the new chairman.

The next item on the agenda was the election of the vice-chairman. Chairman Savas asked for nominations. Mr. Mackie nominated Mrs. Werner, seconded by Mr. Lynch. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Mackie motioned to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Lynch. Chairman Savas asked for a vote to approve Mrs. Werner as vice-chairman. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

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.

School liaison assignments:

- Mrs. Werner - L. G. Nourse School
- Mr. Lynch - H. A. Yelle School
- Mr. Mackie - Norton Middle School
- Mrs. Desmond - Norton High School
- Mr. Savas - J. C. Solmonese School

Chairman Savas made the following appointments:

- NHS Building Committee Representative - Mr. Mackie
- Legislative Representative - Mr. Lynch
- Employee Negotiations Representatives - Mrs. Werner and Mr. Savas
- Capital Improvements Committee Representative - Mrs. Desmond
- SPED PAC Representative - Mrs. Desmond

Vote to Approve Minutes of Prior Meetings:

MOTION: by Mr. Mackie to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2013 Open Meeting

SECOND: by Mrs. Werner

VOTE: 5-0 Motion carries

MOTION: by Mr. Mackie to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2013 Open Meeting

SECOND: by Mr. Savas

VOTE: 2-0, 2 abstain Motion carries

FY '14 Budget Discussion and Vote:

The original budget for FY '14 included an increase of 6.78%. Dr. Martes mentioned that after several reductions including salaries due to retirements and lower contracted service bids, the amount was reduced. The goal is to provide a level service budget. The Finance Committee is proposing to Town Meeting a School Department FY '14 Budget of \$23,661,867, an increase of \$653,993 over the FY '13 budget. Dr. Martes felt that this amount would support level services and avoid lay-offs even though there is approximately a \$500,000 gap.

MOTION: by Mr. Mackie to approve the FY '14 Budget amount of \$23,661,867

SECOND: by Mrs. Werner

VOTE: 5-0 Motion carries

Adjourn:

MOTION: by Mr. Mackie

SECOND: by Mrs. Werner

VOTE: 5-0 Motion carries

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:

- FY '14 Budget document

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, May 20, 2013, at Norton Middle School Library

Respectfully Submitted,
Christopher H. Martes, Ph.D.
Secretary pro tem
