

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Norton, Massachusetts

NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

Date of School Committee Meeting: Monday, March 28, 2016

Location: Norton Middle School Library

Present: Committee Members: Chairman Andrew Mackie, Vice-Chairman Deniz Savas, Mr. Daniel Sheedy, Mrs. Marge Werner. Absent: Mrs. Valerie Desmond. Also present: Superintendent of Schools Joseph F. Baeta, School Business Manager Lincoln Lynch, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Jennifer O'Neill, Director of Pupil Personnel Services Jeanne Sullivan, Director of Technology Karen Winsper, Student Representatives Daniel Gao and Amanda Galpin.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: by Mr. Savas to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016 open meeting

SECOND: by Mr. Sheedy

VOTE: 4-0 Motion Carries

MOTION: by Mr. Savas to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016 executive session

SECOND: by Mr. Sheedy

VOTE: 4-0 Motion Carries

Student Representative Update:

Student Representatives Daniel Gao and Amanda Galpin updated the Committee on current activities.

- Student Council Talent Show
- Mr. NHS Fundraiser
- Class of 2016 Roche Bros. Fundraiser
- History Honor Society Fundraiser at Alberto's

Recognition of National Math Competition Participants from NHS – Mrs. Mary Taylor and Students:

On Saturday, February 27th, five NHS seniors spent 14 hours working on an applied math problem as they competed in Moody's Mega Math Challenge. Participating seniors are Gwen Saccocia, Dan Gao, Bobby Trudeau, Ryan Blakeley, and Joshua Carberry. Mrs. Taylor proudly announced that of the 1,084 viable answers submitted, Norton's team was one of 78 to achieve honorable mention and scholarship money. The Committee praised the students for their hard work and Mrs. Taylor for her leadership.

Presentation by NHS DECA Students and Vote to Approve Attendance at National Conference – Mrs. Heather Albritton and Students:

Anthony Kolodziejczk addressed the meeting and gave an overview of recent competitions. Norton now has approximately 150 members, one of the largest groups in the state. The following students have qualified for the ICDC DECA National Competition to be held in Nashville, TN from April 22nd to April 27th: Anthony Kolodziejczk, Gwen Saccocia, Bobby Portway, Samantha Rodier, Taylor Lucero, and Victoria Vaphiades. The chaperone for the trip will be NHS teacher Ms. Rachel Pilotte. The students are paying their own way and have raised some funds to help out. The Committee commended the students for their achievements.

MOTION: by Mrs. Werner to approve the DECA trip to the Nationals in Nashville, TN

SECOND: by Mr. Savas

VOTE: 4-0 Motion Carries

Student Services Report – Dr. Baeta and Mrs. Jeanne Sullivan:

Director of Pupil Personnel Services Jeanne Sullivan presented the Pre K-12+ Student Services Report. She provided the Committee with a description of the roles of targeted staff including: Counselors, School Psychologists, Therapists, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, and School Nurses. The report was broken down by school, grade level, school enrollment, FTEs, and caseload. As of February 1, 2016, special education services and support were provided to 504 students on Individualized Education Plans, approximately 19.5% of total district enrollment. The Committee commended Mrs. Sullivan for the informative report.

Vote to Appoint Superintendent to Board of Directors of READS Collaborative:

As required, all READS board members need to be appointed annually to the Collaborative Board of Directors by the School Committee, submitted with the date the vote was taken and signed by the chairperson.

Pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 4E, as amended by Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2012, members of the Board of Directors at READS Collaborative are to be appointed annually.

MOTION: by Mrs. Werner to appoint Dr. Joseph Baeta to the Board of Directors at READS Collaborative pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 4E, as amended by Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2012

SECOND: by Mr. Savas

VOTE: 4-0 Motion Carries

Personnel:

Retirements effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year:

Mrs. Sally Greer – NMS Art Teacher, 31 years with the District

Mrs. Judy LaConte – LGN Grade 2 Teacher, 22 years with the District

Mrs. Virginia Murray – NMS World Language Teacher, 9 years with the District

Resignations:

Mrs. Tammi LaCivita – Paraprofessional, 14 ½ years with the District

Mrs. Jessica Carvalho – NMS Guidance Counselor, 10 years with the District

Other:

Dr. Baeta asked the members about availability to meet with Selectmen regarding the Special Election on May 17th and Special Town Meeting on June 6th.

Offer by READS Collaborative to Present Annual Report and Budget to the School Committee:

READS Collaborative is required to offer a presentation of the annual report and budget to the School Committee. If the Committee waives the right to the presentation there is a form indicating such to be signed by the chairman. The Committee wished to take no action.

Dr. Baeta reported that only one vendor returned the Transportation Bid and they are in the process of reviewing it.

Adjourn:

MOTION: by Mr. Savas to adjourn the meeting

SECOND: by Mr. Sheedy

VOTE: 4-0 Motion Carries

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Next Meeting Date: April 11, 2016 at Norton Middle School Library

Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

- Student Services Report

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

Andrew Mackie, Chairman

Deniz Savas, Vice-Chairman

Valerie Desmond

Daniel Sheedy

Margaret Werner