

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Norton, Massachusetts

NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

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Date of Meeting: Thursday, November 10, 2022

Location: Norton Middle School Library

Present: Committee Members: Chairperson Mr. Dan Sheedy, Vice Chairperson Mrs. Sheri Cohen, Mrs. Carolyn Gallagher, and Mr. Nick Schleicher. ***Absent:*** Mr. Deniz Savas.

Also present: Superintendent of Schools Joseph F. Baeta, and Student Representative Antonio Romano.

Call to Order: Chairperson Sheedy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson Sheedy announced that the meeting was being recorded and asked that if anyone was recording to let the Committee know.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: by Mrs. Gallagher to approve Minutes of October 27, 2022 Open School Committee Meeting

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

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Warrants:

Mrs. Cohen reported that the following School Expense Warrants and School Payroll Warrants were reviewed and approved and are to be entered into public record:

School Expense Warrants:

- October 27, 2022 \$ 435,938.41

School Payroll Warrant:

- October 20, 2022 \$1,102,414.31

Student Representatives Update:

Antonio Romano updated the Committee on school happenings, as follows:

NMS – Annual Turkey Carnival fundraiser taking place to support Norton Cupboard of Kindness; visit by local motivational speaker, The Machine Jesse Green; 6th grade students to participate in Zoom webinar with experts from NOAA regarding shipwrecks and ocean cartography; 7th graders participated in a day long, unit wide, thematic unit based on the novel, *Peak* by Roland Smith; 8th grade students and the foreign language department held various activities centered around the Mexican holiday known as Día De Los Muertos.

JCS – Annual Veteran's Day assembly held outside at the flagpole with 15 veterans in attendance; students have been collecting turkey feathers all week as they demonstrate the school's expectations ahead of Thanksgiving.

HAY – Students working to earn 50 #PBIS hashtags which earns them a book from the HAY PTO vending machine; Good-News-Calls-Of-The-Day can be earned from any staff member at any time for being Respectful, Responsible, or Safe or for having a great week or day, or for helping a friend in need.

NHS – Spirit week next week; in-school performance of *Almost, Maine*; hallway decorating the Tuesday before Thanksgiving; Pep Rally and Powder Puff Football game the Wednesday before Thanksgiving; Semi-Formal on December 2nd.

Opening of School Remarks:

Principal Hayward reported that NMS had a good opening, welcoming back 567 students and 66 teachers and staff, including eight new staff members. Four athletic teams competed in the Massasoit League in cross country and soccer. Eight student athletes and eight partner students participated in unified bocce. Seventeen students competed on NHS teams in football and boys and girls soccer. Clubs and activities are underway as well as band and chorus. The Halloween dance had 300 students in attendance. NMS has been implementing E-Hall Pass, PBIS, and IMTSS initiative. The 30-minute after school extra help time began in October and many students have been taking advantage of the opportunity.

Student Excellence Awards:

Dr. Baeta presented awards to four NHS seniors as follows:

MA Association of School Superintendents Certificate of Academic Excellence: Sandra Fairbairn

Superintendent's Award of Excellence: Julia Hinckley

National School Development Council Academic Growth & Student Leadership in Learning Awards: Tyler Bruno and Brooke Dennett

Principal Dolleman recommended these students to Dr. Baeta for receipt of the awards. Dr. Baeta read bios on the students as provided from the NHS guidance department. The students, along with their families, were present at the meeting. School Committee members offered congratulations to the students and certificates were distributed.

Vote to Approve NHS Field Trips to Rhode Island:

Dr. Baeta asked for approval from the Committee for NHS field trips during December to Rhode Island School of Design and True Music Recording Studios in Smithfield, RI.

MOTION: by Mrs. Cohen to approve field trips to Rhode Island as presented

SECOND: by Mrs. Gallagher

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Discussion and Vote on Use of Norton Middle School Grounds for Founder's Day Event:

Agenda item moved to January 10, 2023 meeting per request of presenter.

Review and Vote on Superintendent's Goals:

Dr. Baeta presented the Superintendent's Goals: 2022-2024 to the Committee as follows:

Student Learning Goal #1: Implement Vision 2026 priorities for the current school year. Actions to include March and June updates to Vision 2026.

Professional Practice Goal #2: Complete by June 30, 2024 Learning Walks by building. Actions to include providing data from Learning Walks twice during the year and data provided to School Committee in the spring.

District Improvement Goal #3: Implement the Integrated Multi-Tiered System of Support (IMTSS) district wide. Actions to include creation of IMTSS teams to create opportunities for student learning with attention to reading, writing, and arithmetic student supports; and creation of student support programs to accelerate learning loss.

Dr. Baeta explained that during Learning Walks the Principals go to other schools, and along with other district administrators work in teams and visit 5 to 6 classrooms for ten minutes. Following the classroom visits there is a debriefing period in the conference room. Then data is shared with teachers.

MOTION: by Mrs. Gallagher to approve Superintendent's Goals as presented

SECOND: by Mrs. Cohen

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Other:

Dr. Baeta offered thanks to all Veterans, but particularly the Norton Veterans. He invited all to join the Veteran's Day Parade being held at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 11th.

Adjourn:

MOTION: by Mrs. Cohen to adjourn

SECOND: by Mrs. Gallagher

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The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

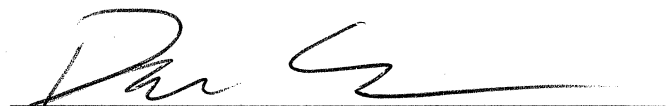
Next Meeting Date: Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the NMS Library

Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

- Superintendent's Goals: 2022-2024

Respectfully Submitted,

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



Dan Sheedy, Chairperson



Sheri Cohen, Vice-Chairperson



Carolyn Gallagher

Deniz Savas



Nick Schleicher