

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Norton, Massachusetts
NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

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Date of School Committee Meeting: Monday, October 23, 2023

Location: Norton High School Teachers' Lunchroom

Present: Committee Members: Chairperson Mrs. Sheri Cohen, Vice Chairperson Mr. Deniz Savas, Mr. Nick Schleicher, Mrs. Justine Callanan, and Mr. Dan Sheedy ***Also present:*** Superintendent of Schools Jennifer O'Neill, School Business Administrator Kristine Hadfield, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Brian Ackerman

Call to Order: Vice Chairperson Savas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Savas turned the meeting over to Chairperson Cohen at 6:08 p.m.

Vote to Approve Norton High School Field Trips:

Ms. Rebekah Marchilena, NHS Science Teacher, introduced student members of the Science Olympiad team. In total there are 17 students participating in this program at invitational, regional, state, and national competitions. They presented information regarding the Science Olympiad National Competition for the Committee's consideration and vote.

Science Olympiad National Competition

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI - May 22-24, 2024

The tournament includes a full day of events that test learning, lab and building skills on the spot. Teams compete in topics such as: life, personal and social science; earth and space science; physical science and chemistry; technology and engineering; and inquiry and nature of science.

MOTION: by Mr. Savas to approve the Norton High School Science Olympiad field trip as presented

SECOND: by Mr. Schleicher

VOTE: 4 - 0 Motion Carries

Town Meeting Articles Discussion and Vote:

No articles required discussion or vote.

Discussion and Vote on the Use of the H. A. Yelle Elementary School and Norton High School Grounds for Norton Veterans Council Carnival in June 2024:

The Committee discussed the Veterans Council's proposal to host a carnival on school grounds June 19-23, 2024. There will be no access granted for the Carnival to the Athletic Complex.

MOTION: by Mr. Savas to approve the use of the HAY and NHS school grounds as presented for the Norton Veterans Council Carnival in June 2024 as presented

SECOND: by Mr. Sheedy

VOTE: 4 - 0 - 1 Motion Carries

Discussion on proposed School Start Time Committee and timeline:

Dr. O'Neill presented a proposal for investigating enrollment trends and options for grade level configuration, transportation, and districting. The plan outlined committee membership and tasks, as well as a proposed timeline. The Committee discussed the possible inclusion of additional community representatives. Selection of volunteers for the Enrollment and District Configuration Committee will begin in January 2024, with an initial meeting in February and the goal of providing a recommendation to the School Committee in September 2024.

Other Business:

Principals have reviewed their School Improvement Plans with their Site Councils with the intent of creating measurable goals. Updated documents will be provided to the Committee for review.

The It Takes a Community Kathy Bailey Memorial Basketball game is planned for May 3, 2024. NPS will field a team to take on NPD.

Adjourn:

MOTION: by Mr. Savas to adjourn meeting

SECOND: by Mr. Schleicher

VOTE: 5 - 0 Motion Carries

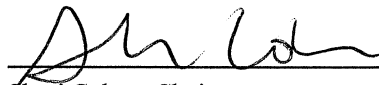
The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the LGN Cafeteria

Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

- School Start Time Committee

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer O'Neill, Ed.D.
Secretary Pro Tem

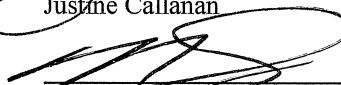


Sheri Cohen, Chairperson

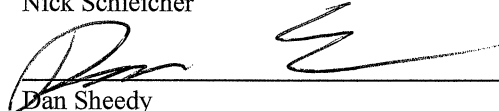
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