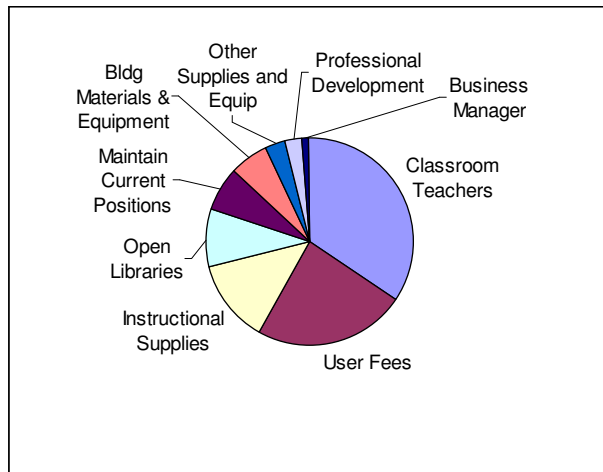


SUMMARY BUDGET

	FY07	FY08	% Diff
Salaries	\$12,359,412	\$13,376,990	8.23%
Supplies/ Materials	\$1,260,550	\$737,660	-41.48%
Utilities/ Maint.	\$1,592,684	\$1,626,438	2.12%
Athletics	\$291,560	\$341,220	17.03%
Special Education	\$6,603,205	\$7,183,000	8.78%
Transport.	\$611,089	\$668,925	9.46%
Total	\$22,718,500	\$23,934,233	5.35%

HOW WILL THE OVERRIDE AMOUNT OF \$996,117 BE SPENT?



NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CORE VALUES

We believe in...

- Creating a safe environment and showing respect and appreciation for individual differences
- An active commitment between family, community, and schools is vital to student learning
- High standards as key to academic excellence and life long learning
- Taking responsibilities for one's own learning
- Pride in our schools as being essential

MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by our Core Values the Norton Public Schools, in an active partnership with the community, provide each student with a quality education fostering personal development and intellectual growth which prepares each student to contribute and succeed in a global society.

VISION

The Norton Public Schools, in collaboration with the community, inspires excellence in teaching and learning in order to promote individual talents and maximize each student's potential.

Norton Public Schools

2007-2008 Budget Summary



Annual Town Meeting
May 14, 2007

FROM THE
NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

This year the school system incurred significant cuts in the areas of staffing, programs, student support services, and supplies. Our budget increased by only 0.5% over the previous year. Without approval of our recommended budget, we are faced with operating within a 1.0% increase for next year.

Our budget for next year does not attempt to restore all of the lost positions or programs, but instead will allow us to maintain the current level of services while restoring some of the more critical positions. We need to make sure we properly fund school improvement plans and address deficiencies. We would also like to remove the burden of user fees on families and open all the libraries. Our budget, if approved, will accomplish these goals.

We respectfully ask for your support in approving this budget.

NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Kevin O'Neil, Chairman
Mr. Thomas Golota, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Andrew Mackie
Mrs. Beth McManus
Mrs. Margaret Werner

Revenue Based - Town Proposed Budget
Article 31 – Balanced Budget

As compared to this year's current (2006-2007) budget:

Is the same (level-funded) budget as last year plus an additional \$219K (used for supplies & SPED) This results in cuts of \$208K over this year.

Probable increase of fees for Athletics & Transportation and institution of fees for Clubs and Activities.

Services/Programs

Libraries stay closed (all but H.S.)
Instructional Supplies \$213K less
Reduced principal office supplies by 11K
Eliminate All professional development
Eliminate SPED computer hardware
Material & Equip. Bldg./Grnds. Incr. 40K

Staffing

Same classroom staffing despite increased HS enrollments

Eliminate Custodial/Maintenance position
Eliminate Paraprofessional position
Eliminate 1/2 Clerical position
Maintains Facility Position

\$22,938,056

Difference from this year \$219,556

Needs Based – School Committee Proposed Budget

Article 32 - Override Contingent Budget

Does not reinstate all positions lost in '07
Addresses most critical positions and funding needs only (services below those of last year)

Eliminates All User Fees

Services/Programs

All libraries **open**
Instructional supplies \$110K less
Restores principal office supplies to '07
Provides total of 19K for professional dev.
Restores 5.5K to SPED computer hardware
Material & Equip. Bldg./Grnds. Incr. 76K

Staffing

Reinstates 5 teachers at NHS due to increased enrollment of 100 students (many 30+ classes)
1 teacher at LGN (class sizes of 27), 1 at NMS

Maintains Custodial/Maintenance position
Maintains Paraprofessional position
Maintains 1/2 Clerical Position
Replaces Facility Position with Business Manager

\$23,934,233

Difference from this year \$1,215,733

Less \$219,556 from town = \$996,177