

NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Norton, Massachusetts

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Date of School Committee Meeting:** April 7, 2008

**Location:** Auditorium, Norton High School

**Attending: Committee Members:** Chairman Kevin O'Neil, Vice-Chairman Thomas Golota, Mr. Andrew Mackie, Mrs. Beth McManus, Mrs. Margaret Werner and Student Representative Emily Carmichael.

**Call to Order:** Chairman O'Neil called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Review and Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings:**

A motion was made by Mr. Golota, seconded by Mrs. McManus, to approve the Minutes of the prior meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>. The Minutes were approved on a 4-0 vote. Mr. Mackie abstained from the vote due to his absence at this meeting.

**Public Hearing on the FY '09 School Operating Budget:**

In accordance with the Town Charter, the committee conducted a Public Hearing on the FY '09 school operating budget. Chairman O'Neil began by outlining the recent accomplishments of the Norton Public Schools with a PowerPoint presentation. Then, the Superintendent reviewed the FY '09 proposed school budget with a PowerPoint presentation. Chairman O'Neil emphasized the importance of explaining the school budget to the community during such difficult financial times. Dr. Ansary discussed the possible reductions of athletics, busing, clubs, activities, intramurals, staffing and programs. She further discussed the possible closing of the L.G. Nourse Elementary School and increases in user fees. Following her presentation, a question and answer session with the audience was conducted. Chairman O'Neil thanked all members of the community for attending and for expressing their concerns and ideas. He applauded their participation and emphasized the importance of having a community voice in the services provided by the school department.

**Personnel:**

**Leave of Absence:**

Mrs. Carrie Scappaticci, effective September 1 – November 24, 2008.

**Appointments:**

Mrs. Debra MacLean, SPED Bus Driver, effective April 14, 2008.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Mr. Golota, seconded by Mrs. Werner, on a roll call vote, the committee unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at 9:40 pm.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**Monday, May 5, 2008, 6:30 P.M., Norton Middle School Library.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patricia H. Ansay, Ed.D.  
Secretary pro tem

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