



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Michael Alden, Bethany Cammarano, Brian Paulhus

Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 16th, 2018 7:30 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

I. Call to Order (7:30)

II. Attendance

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| Mike LeBrasseur | Present |
| Brian Paulhus | Present |
| Joseph Strazzulla | Present |
| Michael Alden | Absent |
| Bethany Cammarano | Present |

Also in attendance were Superintendent Catherine Stickney and Director of Business and Finance Melissa Walker.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Statement of Audio and Video Recording

V. Statement of Mission

VI. Public Comment

Caryn Gagner- Shared her concerns with the NMS Booster club/restrooms and the Board of Health.

VII. Superintendent's Report

The Northbridge Public Schools are full of activity these days!

The first quarter is nearly complete. A true indication that time is flying is that this Thursday; the NMS will be holding its fall band concert at 7PM. We are very excited for the community to hear the new sound system in the auditorium and use the new front entrance doors!

Northbridge High School was recognized at the ribbon cutting for the BV Education Hub in September. We are partnering with Uxbridge High School and the Chamber of Commerce in developing innovative

programming. We are currently partnering to teach advanced manufacturing with student online collaboration.

We have a few recognitions:

Balmer Instructional Coach, Lauren Dolan was selected and invited to participate on a DESE ELA MCAS Alignment Study Panel. She completed an interview process and colleagues at DESE recommended her for the role. The purpose of this panel is to ensure that the MCAS tests are well aligned to the Curriculum Frameworks and display an appropriate range of complexity. This will assist with testing alignment, a requirement of the federal ESSA legislation.

Maura Heney has been recognized by the College Board again this year for her significant contributions as a test reader for the AP Statistics exam. This endeavor requires a high level of subject matter knowledge. She has been chosen to be an exam reader for several years, and we are proud of this achievement and her dedication to such high standards.

Betsy Wermuth and Lisa Gogolinski were the recipients of a BVEF grant of \$1000 to develop a Makerspace at NMS. A die cutter machine will be purchased to address STEM standards. Not only will it serve as a resource hub, but will also be the location for bridge building, robotics, and labs designed to connect content areas.

Grade Six also received #3625 to participate in STEM activities associated with the Mission to Mars at the McAuliffe Center.

Finally, I have been selected to participate in a national focus group sponsored by AASA to articulate the future of education. I am the only representative from MA. It will take place this week in San Francisco.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- a. School Committee Meeting Minutes from September 25, 2018
- b. Warrant 39-12s 9/20/18 \$257,803.46
- c. Warrant 39-14s 10/4/18 \$231,178.03

A motion was made **by** Joseph Strazzulla to accept the consent agendas presented. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

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|-------------------|--------|
| Mike LeBrasseur | Yes |
| Brian Paulhus | Yes |
| Joseph Strazzulla | Yes |
| Michael Alden | Absent |
| Bethany Cammarano | Yes |

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

It is the policy of the Northbridge Public Schools not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, or homelessness in its educational programs, services, activities, or employment.

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.

IX. Action:

a. Job Description BCaBA

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve the BCaBA job description. The motion was seconded by Bethany Cammarano. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

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|-------------------|--------|
| Mike LeBrasseur | Yes |
| Brian Paulhus | Yes |
| Joseph Strazzulla | Yes |
| Michael Alden | Absent |
| Bethany Cammarano | Yes |

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.

b. Donation to School Lunch Account

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to accept the Donation to the School Lunch Account in the amount of \$193.90 from A Better Northbridge. The motion was seconded by Joseph Strazzulla. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

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|-------------------|--------|
| Mike LeBrasseur | Yes |
| Brian Paulhus | Yes |
| Joseph Strazzulla | Yes |
| Michael Alden | Absent |
| Bethany Cammarano | Yes |

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.

c. Donation to NHS Food Pantry

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to approve the Donation to the NHS Food Pantry in the amount of \$300.00 from Pleasant Street Christian Reform Church. The motion was seconded by Joseph Strazzulla. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

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|-------------------|--------|
| Mike LeBrasseur | Yes |
| Brian Paulhus | Yes |
| Joseph Strazzulla | Yes |
| Michael Alden | Absent |
| Bethany Cammarano | Yes |

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.

X. Discussion:

a. Security/Safety Update

Catherine Stickney updated the committee on the ongoing discussion of Safety and Security. Catherine shared information regarding the projects underway and the projects that have been completed.

b. Superintendent's Goals

Catherine Stickney discussed the Superintendent's Goals and updated the committee. This will be an action item on 11/13.

c. School Committee's Goals

Michael LeBrasseur discussed the School Committee Goals with the committee.

d. School building Project update

Joseph Strazzulla stated that they just had the last SBC meeting (this evening) before town meeting and the election. Please attend town meeting and support the project.

XI. School Committee Individual Comments

Bethany Cammarano- Thank you to all of our Principals (National Principals Month) to those who currently are and have been in that role. Thank you to all involved in the SBC- I know you have spent countless hours of your own time on this project.

Brian Paulhus- Echo's Bethany's comment about the SBC.

Joseph Strazzulla- Commend the 5th grade team in general-Great communication and they are doing a tremendous job. Following those practices throughout the district, parents would be happy.

Michael LeBrasseur- Thank you to Joe; your leadership through this process has been really great. So much additional time has been put into this-

One quick point to the NMS bathroom conversation: We are supposed to have a site coordinator/representative from the athletic dept. Is this something that they could be responsible for? NEASC update? Catherine stated our visit is in March.

Town Meeting election and we would appreciate your support.

Catherine Stickney stated that on Election Day, November 6th, there is no school that day. We are working in conjunction with the Board of Health and will be providing a flu clinic.

XIII. Adjournment (8:22 P.M.)

The motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to adjourn the meeting and move into Executive Session Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A Section 21(a) for the Following Purpose and Not to Return to Open Session:

A. Purpose (3) to Discuss Strategy with Respect to Collective Bargaining with Non-Union Personnel

B. Purpose (3) to Discuss Strategy with Respect to Collective Bargaining with Union Personnel

The motion was seconded by Joseph Strazzulla. A vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur Yes

Brian Paulhus Yes

Joseph Strazzulla Yes

Michael Alden Absent

Bethany Cammarano Yes

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.