



# Northbridge Public Schools

## Northbridge School Committee

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Bethany Cammarano, Steven Falconer, Robert Dziekiewicz

### Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 27th, 2019 7:00 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

#### I. School Committee Call to Order

#### II. Attendance

Michael LeBrasseur	Present
Bethany Cammarano	Present
Steven Falconer	Present
Brian Paulhus	Present

Also in attendance were Superintendent Amy McKinstry and Director of Business and Finance Melissa Walker.

#### III. Board of Selectmen Call to Order

#### IV. Attendance

James Athanas	Present
Alicia Cannon	Present
Daniel Nolan	Present
Thomas Melia	Present
Charles Ampagoomian	Present

#### V. Pledge of Allegiance

#### VI. Statement of Audio and Video Recording

#### VII. Michael LeBrasseur called to order the Joint meeting of the School Committee and Board of Selectmen.

- a) Interviews- Robert Dziekiewicz introduced himself to the board and was asked a series of questions.
- b) Motion to appoint Robert Dziekiewicz to fill the School Committee vacancy until the May, 2020 town election.

A motion was made by Tom Melia to appoint Robert Dziekiewicz to the School Committee. The motion was seconded by Alicia Cannon. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

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.

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
James Athanas	Yes
Alicia Cannon	Yes
Daniel Nolan	Yes
Thomas Melia	Yes
Charles Ampagoomian	Yes

9 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 9-0.

#### VIII. Statement of Mission

#### IX. Public Comment

None.

#### X. Consent Agenda

##### a. School Committee Meeting Minutes from August 7, 2019

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to accept items from the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Bethany Cammarano. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Robert Dziekiewicz	Abstain

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

1 member abstained

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 5-0.

#### XI. Presentation: School Building Committee Update (Joe Strazzulla, SBC Chair)

Joe Strazzulla shared the presentation from the Neighborhood Meeting.

#### XII. Action Items:

##### a. Balmer Chorus Stipend

A motion was made by Steve Falconer to approve the Balmer Chorus Stipend. 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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Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Robert Dziekiewicz	Yes

5 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 5-0.

b. 1:1 Nurse for Preschool Student

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the 1:1 Nurse for Preschool Student. The motion was seconded by Steven Falconer. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Robert Dziekiewicz	Yes

5 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 5-0.

c. Student/Family Handbook 2019-2020

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the Student/Family Handbook 2019-2020. The motion was seconded by Steven Falconer. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Robert Dziekiewicz	Abstain

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

1 member abstained

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 5-0.

d. 1:1 Licensed Practical Nurse Job Description

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the 1:1 Licensed Practical Nurse Job Description. The motion was seconded by Bethany Cammarano. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Robert Dziekiewicz	Yes

5 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 5-0.

e. NTA Contract

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the NTA Contract from July 1, 2019-June 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Bethany Cammarano. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Robert Dziekiewicz	Abstain
Adam Gaudette	Yes

5 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

1 member abstained

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 6-0.

f. AD Addendum to the NTA Contract

A motion was made by Steven Falconer to approve the AD Addendum to the NTA Contract for the role of the Athletic Director. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Robert Dziekiewicz	Abstain
Adam Gaudette	Yes

5 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

1 member abstained

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 6-0.

XIII. Discussion:

a. User Fee Structure and Athletic Funding

Steve Falconer discussed user fees, family caps, and athletic funding with the Committee.

XIV. School Committee Individual Comments

The School Committee members shared their comments.

XIII. Adjournment (8:13P.M.)

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

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

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

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Robert Dziekiewicz	Yes

5 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 5-0.