



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Alicia Cannon, Brian Paulhus, Randi Zanca

Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 12th, 2017 7:00 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

I. Call to Order (7:00)

II. Attendance

Alicia Cannon	Present
Mike LeBrasseur	Present
Brian Paulhus	Present
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent
Randi Zanca	Present

Also in attendance were Superintendent Catherine Stickney, Business Manager Melissa Walker, and Student Representative Emilee Angell.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Statement of Audio and Video Recording

V. Statement of Mission

VI. Public Comment

None.

VII. Recognition

Catherine Stickney recognized Cheryl Germaine and Jennifer Siemasko for their effort with the school supply drive.

VIII. Student Representative's Report

Emilee Angell reported that the 2017-2018 school year began less than two weeks ago and sports have started including football, soccer, and field hockey. Freshman Orientation took place and the freshman

class held class elections. We are currently planning Homecoming, and seniors are beginning to select colleges and submit applications.

IX. Consent agenda

- a. School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes from August 22, 2017
- b. Warrant 38-08s 8/17/17 \$219,074.76
- c. Warrant 38-10s 8/31/17 \$67,742.02

A motion was made by Randi Zanca to accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Alicia Cannon. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent
Randi Zanca	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. Action items

- a. Donation for Golf Team

A motion was made by Alicia Cannon to accept the following Donations to the Golf Team: Whitinsville Country Club donated the use of the course and the services of their golf pro as a coach, and the Whitinsville Christian School donated the use of their van for transportation. A motion was seconded by Randi Zanca. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent
Randi Zanca	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. Field Trip Approval-NHS Music Department to Hershey Park

A motion was made by Alicia Cannon to approve the NHS Music Department Field Trip to Hershey Park on 5/4/2017-5/6/2017. A motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent
Randi Zanca	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. Job Description- Director of Business and Finance

A motion was made by Randi Zanca to approve the Job Description of Director of Business and Finance. A motion was seconded by Alicia Cannon. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent
Randi Zanca	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.

d. Surplus Text Materials From Balmer School

A motion was made by Randi Zanca to approve the Surplus Textbooks from Balmer School to be disposed of. A motion was seconded by Alicia Cannon. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent
Randi Zanca	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.

XI. Discussion:

a. Wellness Committee Report 2016-2017

Lori Johnson stated that the Wellness Committee and Bullying Subcommittee met 7 times last year. They shared with the committee the accomplishments of the year.

b. Health Data 2016+-2017

Lori Johnson shared the Health Data form the 2016-2017 school year.

c. Field Trip Approval- DECA Trip to Philadelphia

Susan Palmer Howes addressed the committee in regards to the Ultimate DECA Power Trip. The trip will take place November 10-12, 2017. The conference will be open to all DECA members. This will be an action item on the 9/26/17 meeting.

d. Field Trip Approval- DECA Trip to Boston

Susan Palmer Howes addressed the committee in regards to the State DECA Competition. The trip would take place March 9-11, 2018. This trip would be open to all students who qualified at the district level. This will be an action item on the 9/26/17 meeting.

e. Field Trip Approval- DECA Trip to Atlanta

Susan Palmer Howes addressed the committee in regards to the International Career Development Conference. The trip would take place April 20-25, 2018. This trip would be open to all students who qualified at the State Competition. This will be an action item on the 9/26/17 meeting.

f. Proposed Trip to Europe

Catherine Stickney discussed a proposed trip to Europe in April 2019. There was much success with trip to China, so we are proposing a trip to Europe. This trip is a 10-day trip covering London, Paris, and Barcelona. There will be an informational meeting on September 27th at 6pm. Additionally, they have added 5 more seats to the China trip for all NHS students.

g. Superintendent's Goals

Catherine Stickney discussed her goals for the 2017-2018 school year. These goals will be a discussion at the next School Committee Meeting on 9/26/17.

h. School Committee's Goals 2017-2018

Michael LeBrasseur discussed the School Committee Goals for the 2017-2018 school year.

i. Updated Organizational Chart

Catherine Stickney shared with the committee an updated organizational chart for the district.

j. Addition of Adam Gaudette, Town Manager to SBC

A motion was made by Randi Zanca to approve appoint the Town Manager, Adam Gaudette, to the School Building Committee. A motion was seconded by Alicia Cannon. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon Yes

Mike LeBrasseur Yes

Brian Paulhus Yes

Joseph Strazzulla Absent

Randi Zanca 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.

k. School Building Committee Update

Catherine Stickney stated that we have been tremendously busy with School Building activities. Last week, we had a Public Relations Committee meeting and discussed goals, protocol, and procedure. Last Friday, they went on tour to three new schools. They have been working to narrow down the educational programming and pulling together the parts and pieces for the next submission. The next SBC meeting will take place tomorrow night, and the next SBC forum will take place on September 18th.

XII. School Committee Individual Comments

None.

XIII. Adjournment (7:55 P.M.)

The motion was made by Randi Zanca to adjourn the meeting to meet in executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A section 21 (a) for the following purposes not to return to open session:

(2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel;

(3) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus:

Alicia Cannon	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent
Randi Zanca	Yes

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