



# Northbridge Public Schools

## Northbridge School Committee

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Michael Clements, Kate Tracy, Randi Zanca

### Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 10th, 2016 7:00 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

#### I. Call to Order (7:00)

#### II. Attendance

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| Michael Clements  | Present |
| Mike LeBrasseur   | Present |
| Joseph Strazzulla | Present |
| Kate Tracy        | Absent  |
| Randi Zanca       | Present |

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

#### III. Pledge of Allegiance

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

#### V. Statement of Mission

#### VI. Recognitions:

Catherine Stickney recognized the following students:

- Lauren Girouard- In recognition of Achieving the Top Score for Central District Concert Band and Earning an Invitation to Audition for All State Band.
- Kenneth Donahue- In recognition of Achieving the Top Score for Central District Jazz Band and Earning an Invitation to Audition for All State Band.

## VII. Public Comment:

None

## VIII. Student Report

Things are winding back up after the winter break. Starting off with athletics, winter sports are in full swing. Our girls' basketball team is on a roll. I'm not sure what their record is, but my understanding is they've had a good season so far. Swimming, wrestling, and track have been doing well. Track is doing a lot better than last year. Boys' basketball is having a rough season. They got their first win last week, which is a step in the right direction. They've got a younger team; give them a few years. It's a transition period.

A few months ago, I mentioned how there were some students participating in the Game Change Anti Violence program training. NHS is now having these students teach the other students what they learned. Game Change is a program by the New England Patriots to teach violence and sexual assault prevention education. These students, who were trained a few months ago, will be teaching their peers through our advisory periods.

Seniors who did early action have been hearing back from the colleges they applied to. Seniors who are applying for regular decision are putting their finishing touches on their application and getting ready to send them in

The quarter is coming to a close, so students are looking to make sure they are up to date on all their assignments. Since it's essentially the halfway point of the year, our electives will be switching and finals for half year classes will be coming up.

All in all, it's a busy time right now. 2017 is shaping up to be a great year.

## IX. Consent Agenda

- a. School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes from 7:00PM on December 13, 2016
- b. Warrant 37-24s 12/08/16 \$273,556.25
- c. Warrant 37-26s 12/22/16 \$325,200.97

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

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|-------------------|--------|
| Michael Clements  | Yes    |
| Mike LeBrasseur   | Yes    |
| Joseph Strazzulla | Yes    |
| Kate Tracy        | 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.

I. Action Items:

a. Blackstone Valley Education Foundation Grant Award

The motion was made by Michael Clements to accept the Blackstone Valley Education Foundation Grant Award of \$4,000.00. 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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|-------------------|--------|
| Michael Clements  | Yes    |
| Mike LeBrasseur   | Yes    |
| Joseph Strazzulla | Yes    |
| Kate Tracy        | 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. Discussion:

a. Use of Fields

Catherine Stickney stated the group has met again regarding the use of fields. They are still working on finalizing the plan. It has been proposed that they close the upper field for the spring of 17, fall of 17, and the spring of 18. They will then move to the next field, and it will close for the spring of 18, fall of 18, and spring of 19. They are working together to form a plan to accommodate as many groups/teams as possible.

b. Budget Timeline

Melissa Walker discussed the timeline and stated that they will have the binders and information in regards to the Budget prior to the meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

c. SBC Update

The process is moving along. There is a meeting posted for January 12<sup>th</sup> at Balmer School at 4pm to walk through the school. Melissa Walker stated that they released the RFS on January 4<sup>th</sup> and 32 firms have contacted her. Melissa shared a timeline as to this process, which has an April end date.

XI. School Committee Individual Comments

Randi Zanca- Likes the new website

Michael Clements- Asked about training on how to update the website

Connor Nowlan- Loves the site, so excited.

Michael LeBrasseur- Great site, getting used to it.

XII. Adjournment 7:27

The motion was made by Randi Zanca to move into Executive Session: Discussion of Grievance from AFL-CIO, STATE COUNCIL, 93, LOCAL 1709, Unit C-Custodial – Not to Reconvene in Open Session. The motion was seconded Michael Clements. A vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

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| Michael Clements | Yes |
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| Mike LeBrasseur | Yes |
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| Joseph Strazzulla | Yes |
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| Kate Tracy | Absent |
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| Randi Zanca | Yes |
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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.