



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Michael Clements, Kate Tracy, Randi Zanca

Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 22, 2017 7:00 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

I. Call to Order (7:00)

II. Attendance

Michael Clements	Absent
Mike LeBrasseur	Present
Joseph Strazzulla	Present
Kate Tracy	Present
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. Public Comment:

None.

VII. Student Representative Report

Joseph Canoy, a senior at NHS, was accepted into the United States Air Force Academy, this is the first time in Northbridge history that we have had someone get into the AFA.

A few weeks ago, our DECA program competed at States, and we had a few people win and will be competing at Nationals. One of our DECA Seniors won a scholarship.

We recently received a \$110K Competitive Grant. The HS received this grant (one of 10 HS and colleges to win) to improve the Biology lab.

The Cheerleading team competed at States for the first time in 17 years.

Last Friday, was Mr. NHS. There was a great turnout and everyone involved had a lot of fun.

A few weeks ago, we had our Science Fair, and there were many great projects and inventions. We had a few people move onto SWCL where I heard we had some do well.

Student Council recently went on their Hyannis MASC trip where they participated in many workshops and gained ideas on what Student Councils can bring back to their high schools.

This week, 10th graders are taking the ELA MCAS, and this Friday is the John and Abigail Adams breakfast.

Spring sports have started this week, and we hope the weather warms up so they can get outside sooner.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- a. School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes from 7:00PM on February 28, 2017
- b. Warrant 37-36s 03/02/17 \$395,202.40

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Joseph Strazzulla. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael Clements	Absent
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes

Joseph Strazzulla Yes

Kate Tracy Yes

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.

IX. Discussion:

a. Line Item Transfers

Michael LeBrasseur stated that line item transfers are fairly routine, as things evolve throughout the year; some expenses come in higher than what we projected, and some come in lower.

Available funds have been identified in the heating line item to cover the additional funds needed in the legal line items. This will be an action item on 3/28/17.

b. FY18 Budget

Michael LeBrasseur stated that the committee will be updating the Board of Selectmen on Monday night. The committee discussed the budget and different avenues that they could take in order to obtain the funds needed.

c. Review of School Committee Goals

Michael LeBrasseur stated that they had set three goals the last school year. The goals were to secure the requested budget to meet the needs of our students, demonstrate student achievement with the resources available, and execute capital maintenance and building project(s).

d. MSBA Statements of Interest for 2017

Catherine Stickney stated that we have received our annual invitations to complete our statements of interests (SOI's) from the MSBA. Historically, we have put in our statement of interests for NES, Balmer and Middle School to hold our place in the queue. In consulting with the MSBA, we were informed that we do not need to fill out or submit SOI's for NES or the Middle School as they are included in the feasibility study.

X. School Committee Individual Comments

Joseph Strazzulla- Stated that he heard good things in regards to the Celebration of Learning.

XI. Adjournment 7:57

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm. The motion was seconded Joseph Strazzulla. A vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

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