



# Northbridge Public Schools

## Northbridge School Committee

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Alicia Cannon, Brian Paulhus, Joe Richards

### Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 27th, 2018 7:00 PM Northbridge Middle School Media Center

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

#### II. Attendance

Alicia Cannon	Present
Mike LeBrasseur	Present
Brian Paulhus	Present
Joe Richards	Present
Joseph Strazzulla	Present

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

#### III. Public Comment

Kate Tracy and Jenn Falconer from the NMS Booster Club presented a check to the committee in the amount of \$7,847.00 to reinstate spring sports.

A motion was made by Alicia Cannon to accept the NMS Booster Club donation to reinstate spring sports.

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

Alicia Cannon	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joe Richards	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	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.

#### IV. Recognition

Catherine Stickney recognized Sarah Pohlman and Thomas Gogolinski for their participation in the Blackstone Valley Youth Leadership Academy.

Catherine Stickney also recognized the following students for their representation in Central District's: James Briand, Peter Dupuis, Lauren Giouard, Adell Phillips, Marissa Biagioni, and Patrick Smith.

#### V. Student Representative's Report

- Drama clubs production of Beauty and The Beast sold out all 3 shows.
- Student Council has been very busy these past few weeks; they have hosted events to boost school spirit. They put on a very successful Spirit Week and Winter Carnival, where class offices designed walls to represent their grade. Students collaborated in games and used their skills in everything from trivia to live vocal performances to unify and excite students of all grades.
- The annual Winter Ball was held the Friday before February vacation. We had great attendance, and students had a very enjoyable evening.
- February break was this past week, allowing students to recharge for their studies and extracurricular and sports.
- Boys and girls basketball are having great seasons; the boys play Oxbridge tomorrow night, and girls play Uxbridge this evening. Additionally, the swim team recently concluded their successful season.
- The NHS Field House was transformed into a Black History Month Museum earlier this month, where students displayed projects appreciating black history and culture.
- The NASA ICED group was joined by many individuals including Rep. David Muradian and Congressman Jim McGovern at their Epic Challenge Fundraising Dinner.
- Students are currently preparing for the annual science fair, which will be held this Thursday in the High School's Field House.

#### VI. Consent agenda

- a. School Committee Minutes from February 13, 2018
- b. Warrant 38-34s 2/15/2018 \$368,983.06

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla 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
Joe Richards	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	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.

VII. Action items:

a. Field Trip Approval- Senior Class Trip to Maine

A motion was made by Alicia Cannon to approve the Senior Class Field Trip to Maine. The motion was seconded by Joe Richards. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon Yes

Mike LeBrasseur Yes

Brian Paulhus Yes

Joe Richards Yes

Joseph Strazzulla 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. Indirect Costs

A motion was made by Alicia Cannon to approve the Indirect Costs for the FY17 and FY18 school years and to authorize the School Committee chair to sign the agreement. The 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

Joe Richards Yes

Joseph Strazzulla 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. Spring Town Meeting Article

A motion was made by Alicia Cannon to approve a warrant article that amends the fall town meeting warrant article by adding student lockers to the scope of the article. The motion was seconded by Joe Richards. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon Yes

Mike LeBrasseur Yes

Brian Paulhus Yes

Joe Richards Yes

Joseph Strazzulla        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.

d. Superintendent's Formative Evaluation

A motion was made by Alicia Cannon to approve the Superintendent's Formative Evaluation. The 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  
Joe Richards             Yes  
Joseph Strazzulla        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

VIII. Presentation:

Catherine Stickney and Melissa Walker presented the Superintendent's FY 2019 Proposed Budget.

IX. Discussion:

a. FY19 Budget

The committee discussed the presentation and discussed certain reductions/additions in more detail.

b. NHS Program of Studies

Aaron Katz and Tim McCormick discussed the proposed Program of Students for the 2018-2019 school year.

c. Capital Plan

Melissa Walker stated that there is \$649,000 potentially available through free cash to be able to fund school capital projects. In order to access this money, we will need to put an article on the spring town meeting warrant in order to get approval to use the funding for capital projects. Melissa discussed a recommended list of capital items.

A motion was made by Alicia Cannon to approve the warrant article for the May town meeting for approximately \$649,000 for capital projects. The motion was seconded by Joe Strazzulla. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joe Richards	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	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.

d. School Building Committee Update

Joseph Strazzulla stated that the SBC meets tomorrow. The CM at risk process is underway. They are very close to selecting our CM. We had a good meeting at the MSBA on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Our schematic design was accepted. Tomorrow we will discuss our MSBA recommendations.

X. School Committee Individual Comments:

Brian Paulhus- stated that he has been asked to participate in the MS dodgeball tournament. Sign-ups are due by March 10<sup>th</sup>. Anyone can join- \$10.00 a student.

Alicia Cannon- stated that the Girls basketball team won- good luck to them in their next game. Good luck to the boys in their next game, and good luck to the DECA students who are going to states a week from Friday.

Emilee Angell- stated that progress reports come out tomorrow, and we are almost done with Q3.

Michael LeBrasseur- stated that the Public Hearing for the budget is on March 13<sup>th</sup>. All three of our legislators will be attending the SC meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> as well. Mike also stated that he reached out to all three of the legislators and asked them to consider adding funding from the state budget to assist with the MS office. Mike also discussed school safety and explained that there may be an opportunity for a community forum to discuss the issues.

XI. Adjournment (8:48 P.M.)

The motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to move into executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Chapter Laws chapter 30A section 12 (a) for the following purposes:

A. Purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, for union personnel; Not to Return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Joe Richards.

Alicia Cannon	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joe Richards	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	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.