



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Alicia Cannon, Brian Paulhus, Joe Richards

Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 24th, 2018 7:00 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

I. Call to Order (7:04)

II. Attendance

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

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

*Alicia Cannon arrived at 7:06pm

III. Public Comment

Senators Michael Moore and Ryan Fattman spoke to the committee in regards to the FY19 State Budget.

IV. Student Representative's Report

- Two students are in Atlanta competing in the ICDC DECA competition
- Baseball, tennis, lacrosse, softball, and track are in the heart of their seasons, fighting for a winning record to compete in districts
- Zachary Prior placed second in the state wide free throw competition
- The senior class entered their video in the *Herron Project's Purple and Proud* grant video contest and placed first, winning a \$2,000 prize which will be used for their Op Grad event after graduation
- Students travelled to China over April vacation and have safely returned home with many memories and knowledge of geography and culture
- Performing and visual arts were represented here at the Evening of the Arts, including performances from Chorus and the Band, and displays of visual art from all art classes offered from Grade 1 art to AP Art and Ceramics

- Junior Julia Martinka represented NHS with Mr. Dineen at the State House on Student Government Day
- Seniors are finishing the year strong, with 19 days of the school year left and AP exams and finals to come. We are also looking forward to Senior Events, such as Class Night and Graduation, once the grade books are closed.

V. Consent agenda

- Public Hearing Minutes from March 22, 2018
- School Committee Meeting Minutes from April 10, 2018

A motion was made by Alicia Cannon to accept the consent agenda as presented. 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	Absent

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.

VI. Action items:

- SWCEC Second Quarter Report- 10/17-12/17

A motion was made by Alicia Cannon to Approve the SWCEC Second Quarter Report- 10/17-12/1. 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	Absent

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.

- School Choice

A motion was made by Alicia Cannon to allow School Choice, providing the Superintendent's discretion to close grades as needed. The motion was seconded by Joe Richards. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

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

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.

VII. Discussion

a. School Committee Self Evaluation

Mike LeBrasseur discussed the results of the SC Self Evaluation.

*Joseph Strazzulla arrived at 7:42pm

b. Special Education Department Information

Kathleen Perry presented data and requested information to the School Committee in regards to timelines, IEP's, processes, etc.

c. Section 504 Accommodation Information

Kathleen Perry reviewed 504 accommodations with the Committee.

d. Last Day of School

The last day of school will be June 22, 2018. This will be an action item on May 8th.

e. Last Day of Preschool

The last day of preschool will be June 15th, 2018. This will be an action item May 8th.

f. School Security

There are not any additional updates at this time.

g. School Committee Policy Review EBC

Catherine Stickney suggested putting policy EBC forth for approval without any changes. This will be an action item at the May 8th meeting.

h. School Committee Policy Review EFD

This policy is not our current policy; we have a district procedure in place. EFD is the recommended MASC policy. Catherine Stickney suggested that this policy not be accepted by the committee. There are concerns regarding certain aspects of the policy. This will be a discussion item at the May 8th meeting.

i. School Building Committee

Joseph Strazzulla stated that he was at the Planning Board meeting this evening giving an update on the project and where we are in the process. We have retained Fontaine Brothers to be the CM company. On May 3rd, there will be a joint meeting between the School Committee, Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, and the School Building Committee to discuss logistics, timelines, and the impact of cost. On May 9th, a submission is made to the MSBA and the budget will then be firm. The Community Forum at the Senior Center was a great venue. The next meeting of the SBC is May 2nd.

j. Final Exam Schedule for NHS 2017-2018

This is an update and will be voted on at the May 9th meeting.

VIII. School Committee Individual Comments:

Alicia Cannon stated that the DECA students did a great job. They did not make it to finals, but did wonderful. Thank you to Mrs. Palmer Howes for all she does. They would not be down there if it wasn't for her and her commitment.

Brian Paulhus wanted to thank Catherine Stickney for organizing/supervising the trip to China. The trip was a tremendous success. His daughter had a great time. The experience will last their entire lives. Thank you again to Dr. Stickney and Nurse Johnson.

Emilee Angell- Come out Friday or Saturday to the musical/play at the High School

Michael LeBrasseur- We will not meet again before Town Meeting which is on May 1st. There are three articles relative to the schools. Article 3 is the budget, Article 18 is the amendment to last fall's article, and article 19 is the new capital projects (649,000).

IX. Adjournment (8:57 P.M.)

The motion was made by Alicia Cannon to adjourn the meeting at 9:27pm. The motion was seconded Joe Richards. A vote was taken by roll call 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.