



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Michael Alden, Bethany Cammarano, Brian Paulhus

Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 25th, 2018 7:00 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

I. Call to Order (7:00)

II. Attendance

Mike LeBrasseur	Present
Brian Paulhus	Present
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent
Michael Alden	Present
Bethany Cammarano	Absent

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Statement of Audio and Video Recording

V. Statement of Mission

VI. Public Comment

Caryn Gagner- NPS Parent- loves the new Food Service policy. Caryn also spoke to the committee in regards to the Snack Shack. Caryn stated that the Snack Shack has had visits from the Board of Health for the last 5 or so years. She shared her concerns with the repairs and the process of the repairs.

VII. Student Representative's Report

We're already almost a month into this year, but so far, things have been running smoothly at NHS. The year began by welcoming the Class of 2022 at Freshmen Orientation through the Link Leader program. Upperclassmen gave information to provide the Freshmen with a smooth transition from NMS to NHS.

Students began the year strong getting to know their new teachers and the rigorous curriculum of their classes, especially AP students. 19 new faculty members have joined the NHS community with a

warm welcome from fellow teachers, administrators, and students, and they seem to fit right in. Two of the new teachers have taken on the role as the new Student Council advisors. Ms. Lamagdeleine and Mr. Dunn have begun planning for an exciting year ahead with the STUCO Executive Board. The Drama Club will begin Mamma Mia audition workshops next week to prepare students for auditions later in the month and the NHarmonics A Cappella choir held auditions last week and began rehearsals on Monday.

Fall sports have begun with Field Hockey, Soccer, Cross Country, Golf, Cheerleading, and Football in full swing; the teams have had a great season so far with the new Athletic Director Mr. Jeffrey Kozik. Speaking of sports, last week's home Football game was broadcasted on Fox 25 news, and the Rams crushed Nipmuc with a final score of 33-14.

The Advanced Broadcast class submitted 4 safe driving PSA's to a contest through the RMV, and these can be viewed on the RAMSTV YouTube page. National Honor Society sent out letters to upperclassmen who meet the criteria for applying, and the current members put motivational quotes on every locker to get the students ready for the 2018-19 year. It took some time to adjust, but the students have gotten used to the new class and lunch schedules.

The Senior Class Officer has begun planning the Homecoming Pep-Rally and Dance, and seniors are beginning the stressful process of deciding their futures at college, in the military, or in the workforce. Although the year has just begun, the student body is excited for a successful and fun year ahead here at Northbridge High School.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- a. School Committee Meeting Minutes from September 11, 2018
- b. Warrant 39-08s 8/23/18 \$106,002.33
- c. Warrant 39-10s 9/6/18 \$459,539.29

A motion was made **by** Brian Paulhus to accept the consent agenda. Agenda item a has been removed from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Michael Alden. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent
Michael Alden	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Absent

3 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0.

IX. Action:

a. Release of Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made by Michael Alden to Release of Executive Session Minutes 2017 (7/11, 9/12, 11/28, 12/12, 12/12) and 2018 (1/9, 1/23, 2/27, 5/8, 5/22, 6/12, 7/9, 7/24, 8/14).. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent
Michael Alden	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Absent

3 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0.

b. Strategic Plan 2018-2021

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the Strategic Plan 2018-2021. The motion was seconded by Michael Alden. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent
Michael Alden	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Absent

3 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0.

c. Field Trip DECA (3)

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the DECA Field Trips to New York, Boston, and Orlando, FL. The motion was seconded by Michael Alden. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent
Michael Alden	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Absent

3 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0.

d. Position on Fall Town Meeting Article 6

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur that the School Committee Vote to Support Article 7 to Fund and Construct the New Elementary School. The motion was seconded by Michael Alden. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent
Michael Alden	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Absent

3 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0.

e. Meal Charging Policy EFD-Third Reading

A motion was made by Michael Alden to approve Meal Charging Policy EFD as amended. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent
Michael Alden	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Absent

3 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0.

f. Crowdfunding Policy GBEBD

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the Crowdfunding Policy GBEBD. The motion was seconded by Michael Alden. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent
Michael Alden	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Absent

3 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0.

X. Discussion:

a. Special Education Update

Greg Rosenthal provided an update to the committee in regards to Special Education.

b. Job Description BCaBA

Greg Rosenthal discussed the position and what the position will entail.

c. FY18 Budget Recap

Melissa Walker discussed the FY2018 Budget. Items discussed included: FY18 Operating Budget, FY18 Revolver Projections, Change in Revolver Revenue, Budget Savings, Salary Adjustments, and Projections.

d. FY19 Staffing Update

Melissa Walker discussed the FY19 staff Changes, Reductions, and Early Retirement.

e. Transportation Update

Melissa Walker updated the committee in regards to the number of students enrolled and the number of students registered for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years. Melissa also discussed open seat requests.

f. Superintendent and School Committee Annual Goals

Catherine Stickney discussed the following goals: Professional Practice Goal and the Student Learning Goals.

Michael LeBrasseur discussed the following goals for the School Committee: 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).

g. School Building Project Update

Michael Lebrasseur stated that the next date of note is October 10th. This is the final Community Forum and will take place at Balmer at 6pm. The next important date is in the hands of the voters at the October 23rd town meeting and the ballot vote on November 6th.

XI. School Committee Individual Comments

Brian Paulhus- visited NES last Wednesday. He wanted to thank Jill Healy for having him and Jill Redding for organizing the visit. He was able to visit all grades and multiple classrooms. The positive energy and the relationship that the teachers have already built in just a few weeks is amazing. A job well done to everyone at NES. This weekend, the Class of 1968 is returning for their 50th class reunion.

Michael Alden- Thank you to Melissa and Mr. Rosenthal for the reports. Thank you for the community for voting for us for the game against Nipmuc and getting that on TV.

Catherine Stickney- The Middle School door project has started. This will be finished Columbus Day weekend.

Michael LeBrasseur- We need to add security to the next agenda.

XIII. Adjournment (8:23 P.M.)

The motion was made by Michael Alden to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. A vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent
Michael Alden	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Absent

3 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0.