



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Michael Alden, Bethany Cammarano, Brian Paulhus

Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 8th, 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	Present

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Statement of Mission

V. Public Comment

None

VI. Student Representative Report

Happy New Year! We are excited to return for 2019. Staff returned to one major security project - a new phone system. With a few technical bumps and extension changes, we are pleased to ensure that staff are connected to each school office. Individuals can also leave voicemail messages for staff during the school day.

We are meeting weekly for planning details with the new school project. This week included internal design, color schemes, and playground set ups and equipment.

Today, Dr. Stickney was pleased to attend the Worcester County Superintendents' Scholars Luncheon with Mr. McCormick and senior Heather Janson. Honorees from across the county were recognized individually for their accomplishments.

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The District Advisory Council met this week. We are planning an evening to show the movie Bully for MS and HS parents. We will also feature a panel of NPS students, parents, and staff to share stories, information, and questions.

We are also planning for a session for parents on Vaping, Marijuana, and Edibles for some time in March.

Dr. Stickney had a fantastic visit at NMS today! She saw students collaborating and using chrome books using open source materials and the library database for research right from their classrooms. Grade 5 students are also studying the Great Garbage Patch, as presented on 60 Minutes. They are working with STEM integration to help design a cleanup strategy. She also visited a PE class of students in grade 7, integrated PE and adaptive PE. She will be posting pictures on social media.

Drama season is starting. The MS will be performing SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK on Jan 18 and 19. The HS will be presenting MOMMA MIA for two weekends in Feb.

Space Camp for NMS students will be offered again over Feb break at NHS. It's a great way for students to learn more about our NASA ICED PROGRAM at NHS.

Russell Cron and Andy Balboni have been working with admin in preparation for our introductory SEL PD on 1/23. They are planning an interactive training, which will serve as the foundation on which we build our SEL culture going forward.

At the beginning of this academic school year, NHS started assessing student progress in achieving the school's 21st century learning expectations. These expectations are as follow: Active Reading; Civic Responsibility; Collaborative Skills; Creative Thinking; Critical Thinking & Problem Solving; Oral Communication; Use of Technology, and Writing. Utilizing our school wide rubrics, teachers have been giving feedback to all students on their progress and identifying if meeting these expectations fall within the advanced, proficient, developing, or beginning levels. Students have been assembling portfolios with this information that has remained with each of their respective advisory teachers. When report cards are issued on January 25th, families will see their child's rating as it pertains to each of these learning expectations. To access all the school wide rubrics, please visit the Northbridge High School section at <https://www.nps.org>.

Winter sports are off to strong start all around. Both basketball teams are near the top of the SWCL league standings with the girls at 7-1 and the boys at 7-2. The boys had an exciting win over Sheppard Hill on Sunday at the TD Garden.

The NMS 8th graders will be visiting NHS on 1/15 for an interactive orientation on "Everything NHS", including the Career Academies and Innovation Pathway programs.

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Balmer had an extremely successful Winter Carnival! During a recent Project Based Learning experience, students from Mrs. Clements' ELA classes organized a food drive and collected enough items to make 20 food baskets that were given to families in our community. The students worked hard and did an amazing job!

Mrs. Healy is here to join us for an NES update this evening!

VII. Consent Agenda

- a. School Committee Budget Subcommittee Minutes from November 7, 2018
- b. School Committee Policy Subcommittee Minutes from October 15, 2018
- c. School Committee Meeting Minutes from December 11, 2018
- d. Warrant 39-24s 12/13/18 \$407,507.83

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to accept items c and d from the consent 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	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.

VIII. Action:

- a. Revolver Fund Balance Transfer

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the revolver fund balance transfer from Balmer to the MS After School Revolver in the amount of \$10,089.31. 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	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.

b. FY19 Indirect Costs

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the FY19 indirect costs and authorize the School Committee Chair to sign. 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	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.

c. Revolver Fund Balance Transfer

A motion was made by Michael Alden to approve the transfer from the School Choice revolver in the amount of \$328.89 to the Bike Rodeo Gift Donation Account. 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	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.

d. Donation for NHS Food Pantry

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the Donation to the HS Food Pantry from Polyfoam in the amount of \$300.00. 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	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. NES News and Updates

Jill Healy provided the School Committee with news and updates regarding NES.

b. Ski Club Trip

This is informational and will be an action item on 1/22/19.

c. Line Item Transfers- Technology Integration

Melissa Walker recommended that the School Committee approve a transfer of \$10,000 from Instructional Assistant Technologist Salary, HS to Professional Development, and Outside Provider for the purpose of providing staff professional development in Galileo, Global Stem, and PBL. This will be an action item on 1/22/19.

d. Capital Plan

Catherine Stickney discussed the Capital Plan and the updates that have been made.

e. Lasell Turf Project

Tim Labrie discussed the fields and their current state. Mr. Labrie stated that he will be starting the Friends of Lasell in hopes to help raise money for a new field.

f. MSBA SOI Submission for Accelerated Repair for NMS

Catherine Stickney updated the committee on the SOI submission for NMS. All paperwork must be submitted by February 15th.

g. Community Preservation Committee

Michael LeBrasseur stated that the Town voted in the spring to approve the Community Preservation Act. As part of that, added into the bylaws was the Community Preservation Committee. One member of the committee is a SC member.

X. School Committee Individual Comments

Michael LeBrasseur- Acknowledged the basketball team and the opportunity that they had on Sunday. They had the chance to play at the Garden. The NYBA teams were able to play on the court at halftime. Tomorrow at the MS from 6:30-8:30 is a presentation open to the community about Managing Mental Health Issues. The next SBC meeting is Tuesday the 15th and the next School Committee meeting is the 22nd.

XIII. Adjournment (8:06 P.M.)

The motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to adjourn the meeting and move into Executive Session Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A Section 21(a) for the Following Purpose and Not to Return to Open Session:

A. Purpose (3) to Discuss Strategy with Respect to Collective Bargaining with Union Personnel

B. Purpose (7) to Comply with the General Provisions of Any General or Special Law or Federal Grant-In-Aid Requirements (General Privacy)

The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. A vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur Present

Brian Paulhus Present

Joseph Strazzulla Absent

Michael Alden Present

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4 members having voted in the affirmative

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The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.