



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 22nd, 2018 7:00 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

I. Call to Order (7:00)

II. Attendance

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

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Statement of Mission

V. Public Comment

None

VI. Student Representative Report

Tuesday was the first day of the second semester at NHS so students received their schedules and started their new half year classes. IPass is currently closed as teachers finalize grades but report cards from quarter two will be available after school on Friday. DECA recently went to their states competition where Junior Chloe Frabotta won first place and will be heading to nationals in March.

The Drama Department's production of Mamma Mia is getting closer every week. The shows will be February 1st, 2nd, 8th, & 9th. More information is posted around town and on nps.org. Tickets can be purchased in the office or at the door at any of the shows. The 8th grade students were brought up to the high school where administrators and students showed them what it's like to be a student at NHS, explaining graduation requirements, the academic courses offered, showing off our stellar music department and athletics, as well as all of the clubs and activities that students can get involved in.

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The Student Council Executive Board is currently planning the Winter Ball, which will be Friday February 15th here at the high school. As usual the Rams are having an amazing Winter Sports season so far.

VII. Consent Agenda

- a. School Committee Budget Subcommittee Minutes from December 10, 2018
- b. School Committee Policy Subcommittee Minutes from January 8, 2019
- c. Warrant 39-26s 12/7/18 \$153,593.56
- d. Warrant 39-28s 1/10/19 \$426,878.79

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

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|-------------------|-----|
| Mike LeBrasseur | Yes |
| Brian Paulhus | Yes |
| Joseph Strazzulla | Yes |
| Michael Alden | Yes |
| Bethany Cammarano | 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. Action:

- a. Ski Club Trip

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

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|-------------------|-----|
| Mike LeBrasseur | Yes |
| Brian Paulhus | Yes |
| Joseph Strazzulla | Yes |
| Michael Alden | Yes |
| Bethany Cammarano | 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. Donation for NHS Food Pantry

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to accept the \$300 donation to the NHS Food Pantry donated from Pleasant Street Church. 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 Yes

Michael Alden Yes

Bethany Cammarano 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. Donation to National Art Honor Society

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to accept the anonymous donation of \$65.00 to the National Art Honor Society. 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 Yes

Michael Alden Yes

Bethany Cammarano 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. Balance Transfer- Technology Integration

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the Balance Transfer of \$10,000 for Instructional Technologist Salary to Professional Development. The motion was seconded by Joseph Strazzulla. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur Yes

Brian Paulhus Yes

Joseph Strazzulla Yes

Michael Alden Yes

Bethany Cammarano 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.

e. Release of Executive Session Minutes from 11/13/18

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve the Release of the Executive Session Minutes from 11/13/18. 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 Yes

Michael Alden Yes

Bethany Cammarano 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.

f. Community Preservation Committee School Committee Appointment

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to appoint Michael LeBrasseur to the Community Preservation Committee. 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 Yes

Michael Alden Yes

Bethany Cammarano 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.

g. Capital Plan

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve the the Capital Plan 2020-2024. 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 Yes

Michael Alden Yes

Bethany Cammarano 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.

IX. Discussion:

a. Special Education News and Updates

The SEPAC and Greg Rosenthal addressed the committee with information regarding the SEPAC and Special Education updates.

b. Annual Student Council Trip- MASC Conference

This is an annual conference taken by the Student Council.

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This will be an action item at the next SC meeting.

c. Technology Capital

Greg Palmer provided an update on the Technology Capital.

d. Draft School Calendar 2019-2020

Catherine Stickney shared the 2019-2020 draft school calendar. This will be an action item on the next school calendar.

e. MSBA SOI Superintendent for Accelerated Repair for NMS

Catherine Stickney provided an update for the SOI for the MS. This will be an action item at the next SC meeting.

f. School Building Committee Updates

Joseph Strazzulla stated that the next SBC meeting is on 2/5. Joseph provided updates regarding the design process and future dates.

g. Superintendent Search Process

Michael LeBrasseur discussed the Superintendent search and the process of the search.

X. School Committee Individual Comments

Joseph Strazzulla- Next SBC meeting 2/5/19. The Budget forum took place last week. The information was sent out via connected. It was a good discussion. Thank you to the members of the committee, Admin, and the members from the public. Congrats to the three teachers who have been nominated for the Life Changer Award- Lisa Gogolinski, Elizabeth Wermuth, and Sherri Travers.

Brian Paulhus- Next week NHS will have the Mamma Mia performance.

The students have put so much time and effort into this play. So much hard work has gone into this for the last three months.

XIII. Adjournment (8:22 P.M.)

The motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla 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 Michael Alden. A vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur

Present

Brian Paulhus Present

Joseph Strazzulla Present

Michael Alden Present

Bethany Cammarano Present

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.