



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Michael Alden, Bethany Cammarano, Brian Paulhus

Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 12th, 2019 6:30 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

I. Call to Order (6:30)

II. Attendance

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. Open Public Hearing for FY20 Budget

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to Open Public Hearing for FY20 Budget. 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.

VI. Close Public Hearing (6:48)

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to Close Public Hearing for FY20 Budget. 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.

VII. Public Comments

None.

VIII. Consent Agenda

a. School Committee Meeting Minutes from February 26, 2019

b. Warrant 39-34s 2/21/19 \$387,278.88

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to accept all items from the consent agenda. 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. Action

a. Superintendent Search

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla appoint the following representatives to the Superintendent Screening Committee: High School Parent- Craig Maxim, Senior Citizen- Lance Engbers, Elementary Parent- Amy Krula, Community Member- Nikki Bottiglieri, HS Teacher- John Swayze, MS Teacher- Tracy Zuliani, Elementary Teacher- Shelley Rivelli, Building Administrator- Jill Healy, Central Office Administrator- Melissa Walker, Board of Selectmen- Alicia Cannon, Student Representative- Codey Battista, SEPAC (MS)- Eleni Braley.

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.

b. Superintendent Formative Evaluation

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to accept the Superintendent Mid Cycle Formative Assessment.

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. Interim Superintendent

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to appoint Amy McKinstry as Interim Superintendent until June 30th, 2019 or a new Superintendent is appointed, pending contract negotiations. 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.

X. Discussion:

a. NEASC Visit Update

Timothy McCormick provided the School Committee with an update and information regarding NEASC

b. Policy (BEDH) Public Participation at School Committee Meetings (Second Reading)

It is the policy of the Northbridge Public Schools not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, or homelessness in its educational programs, services, activities, or employment.

Catherine Stickney stated that this is a second reading and will be an action item at the next meeting.

c. School Choice 2019-2020

Catherine Stickney recommended that the School Committee vote to accept school choice students for the 19-20 school year.

d. School Building Committee Update

Joseph Strazzulla plans to share a presentation at the next SC meeting. The next SBC meeting is 3/19.19.

XI. School Committee Individual Comments

Bethany Cammarano- wanted to thank everyone for helping out to get the Superintendent search going. Is excited to attend NEASC this weekend. Thank you to Amy for stepping up.

Brian Paulhus- Booster Club Dodge Ball Tournament is at the HS field house on Thursday at 6pm. Good Luck to Lisa Gogolinski and Betsy Wermuth on presenting at AweSTEM at WPI!

Michael Alden- Congratulations to the Hockey team

Michael LeBrasseur- The Broadcast Class won 2nd place for the Fire Safety Award video. Several students finished in top 10 in DECA – Congratulations!

XIII. Adjournment (8:02P.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 and Non-Union Personnel.

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.