



# 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 26th, 2019 7:00 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

#### I. Call to Order (7:00)

#### II. Attendance

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

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 Mission

#### V. Public Comment

Steve Falconer- A resident of Northbridge- spoke to the committee in regards to athletic fees and sports.

#### VI. Recognition

Catherine Stickney recognized Lisa Gogolinski, Elizabeth Wermuth, and Sherri Travers for their nomination for the LifeChanger Award.

Catherine Stickney recognized Shirley Grilli in receiving a service award for her dedication to the Health and Wellbeing of our Northbridge Students.

#### VII. Superintendent's Report

Northbridge Public Schools have been very busy! We had Family Math Night last week at NES. Balmer students are preparing to share projects with their families. The PTA is working with Mr. Morrasse to support a global service project to bring books to children in the Phillipines.

Grade 8 students are preparing for their annual Lip Sync. Students will be meeting with Officer DeJordy and Lt. Labrie to discuss the concerns around the increase in behavior regarding school threats. Mrs. Walker and I visited the Middle School last week to check out the new locker project and saw some great work in classrooms with a wide range of technology.

We are proud that we continue to have our teachers representing the great work being accomplished in the NPS.

Michael LeBrasseur recognized Catherine Stickney and thanked her for her service.

#### VIII. Consent Agenda

a. School Committee Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2019

b. Warrant 39-36s 3/7/19 \$410,954.36

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. FY20 Budget

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla approve the FY20 budget in the amount of \$27,532,807.00.

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 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. Policy (BEDH) Public Participation at School Committee Meetings

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to accept Policy (BEDH) Public Participation at School Committee Meetings. 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.

c. MS Booster Club Spring Sports Donations

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve MS Booster Club Spring Sports Donations in the amount of \$8,524.00. 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. School Choice 2019-2020

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve School Choice 2019-2020. The motion was seconded by Bethany Cammarano. 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. Interim Superintendent Contract.

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve the Interim Superintendent Contract for Amy McKinstry beginning 4/1/2019 until 6/30/19 or until a new Superintendent is hired. 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. Superintendent Screening Committee- Student Representative

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to appoint Ruby Holtz to the Superintendent Screening Committee as the Student Representative. The motion was seconded by Bethany Cammarano. 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. Presentation

Joseph Strazzulla shared a presentation in regards to the School Building Committee.

XI. Discussion:

a. Field Trip-Health Science Academy to CT Health Center

This will be an action item on 4/9/19.

b. Field Trip-NASA ICED to Kennedy Space Center

This will be an action item on 4/9/19.

c. NHS Internship Pilot Program

Tim McCormick discussed the NHS Internship Pilot Program.

d. FY20 Program of Studies

Aaron Katz and Timothy McCormick discussed the FY20 Program of Studies.

e. New Elementary School Name (Submissions Review)

Michael LeBrasseur shared a list of compiled names for the new school sent in from the community.

f. School Committee Self-Evaluation

Michael LeBrasseur discussed the SC Self-Evaluation. He will share a Google document with the Committee.

g. Superintendent Search Update

Michael LeBrasseur stated the position has been posted. The Screening Committee has already had the Orientation Meeting. The deadline for applications is Friday. The next meeting is 4/4.

XII. School Committee Individual Comments

Wesley Mawn- Thank you, Dr.Stickney for everything and all you have done for us. We will miss you!

Bethany Cammarano- Ditto, Wes's comments! Dr. Stickney you have been wonderful to work with and you have done so many great things for this community.

Brian Paulhus- You will be missed. What you meant to this school system as a parent, I was able to know you prior to the SC role, and you are always willing to say yes to things that benefit the kids in Northbridge.

Joseph Strazzulla- Echo what I said before, I think the first time I met you was at Foppema's for read around town. Your involvement in the Community and your tireless efforts we do not know when you have time to sleep. It is a testament to all the work you have done, so Congratulations and Good Luck!

Michael Alden- Agree, thank you so much for your efforts and dedication

Michael LeBrasseur- Thank you, best wishes. The Finance Committee is tomorrow and the budget will be presented.

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                      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.