



# Northbridge Public Schools

## Northbridge School Committee

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Joseph Strazzulla, Vice-Chairperson, Michael Alden, Bethany Cammarano, Brian Paulhus

### Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 23rd, 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 Interim Superintendent Amy McKinstry, Director of Business and Finance Melissa Walker, and Student Representative Wesley Mawn.

#### III. Call to Order (7:05)

#### IV. Pledge of Allegiance

#### V. Statement of Mission

#### VI. Public Comment

Wendy Timmons (Northbridge resident/AFCSME Council 93) and David Nagle (AFCSME Council 93) spoke in regards to the AFCSME 93 union, solidarity, and requested a SC member to join negotiations.

#### VII. Student Representative's Report

Things are still going great for the students at NHS following April Vacation. A large group of our students returned from a school trip that took place in London, Paris, and Barcelona on Thursday. They were able to experience the local culture, cuisine, see landmarks, and meet locals. And yes, we were able to see the Cathedral of Notre Dame the day before the tragic fire. Despite fighting the weather, our Spring Sports Teams are doing well and today the baseball team beat Tantasqua. Tomorrow our Unified Track and

Field team will have their first ever meet and there will be a pep-rally at the end of the day to get students excited for this new team to become an integral part of Northbridge High School. This team was a collaborative effort between senior Meghan Coughlin, our principal Mr McCormick, and our Athletic Director, Mr Kozik. Pre- registration for this year's AP Tests began today and AP Testing starts on May 6th. The High School will be hosting their annual Evening of the Arts this Thursday night to show off the work of all of our talented students and their accomplishments with art and music. The art show will begin at 6pm and the Concert begins at 7pm. The Schools are also collecting books to send to schools in the Philippines that were affected by Typhoon Yolanda, all schools are accepting donations until May 3rd. On this Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>, the Best Buddies Club will be hosting a Yoga Night with a professional instructor at 6:30pm and the cost is \$15. The High School is also accepting applications for Career Academies for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information about any of these events check out nps.org. The seniors have 18 days of school left and then they will begin their finals and then senior week. May 1<sup>st</sup>, is the National College Decision deadline so for seniors choosing College or the Military as their next step, they are encouraged to wear merchandise from their college or branch to school that day. Students will continue working hard as the year begins to come to a close.

#### VIII. Consent Agenda

a. School Committee Meeting Minutes from April 9, 2019

b. Warrant 39-40s 4/4/19 \$402,714.50

A motion was made **by** Joseph Strazzulla to accept items from the consent agenda as presented. 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. Recognition/Presentation

Amy McKinstry recognized NHS Science Academy Students Cassie Letendre and Amelia Sadlon for their work. Amy also recognized Patrick Rossi for his leadership. The students presented their project.

X. Action Items:

a. New elementary School Name

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve the name of the New Elementary School- Northbridge Elementary School. 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	No	
Bethany Cammarano	Yes	

4 members having voted in the affirmative

1 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-1.

b. ECC Job Description

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve the ECC Job Description. 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. Last Day of School Proposed

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the last Day of School as June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 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.

XI. Report of the Superintendent Screening Committee

Tracy Novak shared updated information regarding the Superintendent Search. Interviews will take place on May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup> in a public setting. Site visits have been scheduled.

XII. Discussion:

a. SEPAC News and Updates

Sara Guerra and Eleni Braley shared updates and happenings for SEPAC.

b. Athletic Fields Update

Michael LeBrasseur stated that there is work going on in terms of how to address Lasell Fields in the upcoming fall season. This will also depend upon the vote on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

c. School Building Update

Michael LeBrasseur stated that Joe is at the Planning Board meeting for the school tonight.

d. SC Self Evaluation

Michael LeBrasseur shared and went over the results of the SC Self Evaluation with the committee.

XIII. School Committee Individual Comments

Michael Alden- Wanted to explain why he voted no for the school name. He likes the camaraderie of having all Northbridge Schools. However, he was stuck on the sacrifice of Corporal Dawson.

Bethany Cammarano- Wanted to recognize Mr. Rossi and his students for their great work, very impressive. Mike, thank you for putting together the evaluation.

Brian Paulhus- Thanked Mr. Rossi and the work the students did, it is great and I wish them luck. Brian thanked the chaperones from the MS and HS that attended the trip with the students. Without them the trip would not have taken place.

Michael LeBrasseur- Thanked the members of the Screening Committee. We still have some work to do! We meet again on May 14<sup>th</sup>! The town meeting warrant has our budget, a list of capital projects, and the Lasell Field Project.

XIII. Adjournment (7:55P.M.)

The motion was made by Michael Alden to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. 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	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.