



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Michael Alden, Bethany Cammarano, Brian Paulhus

Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 9th, 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 Interim Superintendent Amy McKinstry, and Director of Business and Finance
Melissa Walker

III. Executive Session Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A Section 21(a) for the Following Purpose:

- a. Purpose (3) To discuss strategy with respect to litigation (U.S. District Court CA. NO. 19-40047)
if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and
the chair so declares

IV. Call to Order (7:05)

V. Pledge of Allegiance

VI. Statement of Mission

VII. Recognition

Amy McKinstry recognized the NHS Hockey Team- State Champions

VIII. Open Public Hearing for New Elementary School Name

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to Open the Public Hearing.

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.

IX. Close Public Hearing

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to Close the Public Hearing.

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.

X. Public Comment

None.

XI. Superintendent's Report

Amy McKinstry shared district updates with the Committee.

XII. Consent Agenda

a. School Committee Meeting Minutes from March 26, 2019

b. Warrant 39-38s 3/21/19 \$258,821.44

c. Acceptance of Lunch Program Donation

A motion was made by Michael Alden to accept all items from the consent agenda as amended. 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.

XIII. Action

a. Program of Studies

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla approve the Program of Studies.

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.

b. Field Trip to CT Health Center

A motion was made by Michael Alden to approve the Field Trip to CT Health Center. 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. Field Trip to Kennedy Space Center

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve the Field Trip to Kennedy Space Center June 6-9th.

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. Vote to Approve Custodian Contract 2018-2019

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve Custodian Union Contract 2018-2019. 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.

e. Vote to Approve Secretary Contract 2018-2019.

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve the Secretary Contract for 2018-2019. 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.

f. Line item Transfer-Technology Network Upgrade

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve a transfer of \$50,500 from salary line items into the Technology Infrastructure-Contracted Services line item and a transfer of \$61,367 from salary line items into the Networking, Hardware/Software line item. 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.

g. Appoint Amy McKinstry to the School Building Committee

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to appoint Amy McKinstry to SBC as Superintendent. 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.

XIV. Discussion:

a. ECC Job Description

Melissa Walker shared the Job Description and stated that this position is from the Reorganization.

This position will start on 7/1/19. This was a recommendation from the Independent Review.

b. Safer Schools Grant Submission

Amy McKinstry stated that we submitted the Safer Schools Grant. Decisions on the grant will be made on April 26th.

c. Last Day of School Proposed

Michael LeBrasseur proposed that the last day of school will be June 13th.

d. MSBA Site Visit at MS- April 11th

Amy McKinstry shared with the Committee that MSBA will be coming to look at the MS. They are looking at 44 schools in a 3 week period

e. Review Potential SBC Requests for Approval of Proprietary Products and Materials

Joseph Strazzulla updated the committee on the potential products and materials they are looking at for the new school.

f. Superintendent Search Update

Michael LeBrasseur stated that the Screening Committee will have the first round of Interviews this week. The final candidates will be at the April 23rd SC meeting. The next step is site visits.

XV. School Committee Individual Comments

Michael Alden- Congrats to the Hockey Team and to the NHS Ladies- There is a variety of excellence in Northbridge.

Brian Paulhus- There will be another landscaping opportunity for NHS students

Michael LeBrasseur- Welcomed Amy Ministry to her first meeting- great report!

XIII. Adjournment (7:42P.M.)

The motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm. 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.