



# Northbridge Public Schools

## Northbridge School Committee

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Michael Alden, Bethany Cammarano, Brian Paulhus

### Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 14th, 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 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

None.

#### VII. Superintendent's Report

Amy McKinstry shared district updates with the Committee.

#### VIII. Consent Agenda

- a. School Committee Meeting Minutes from April 23, 2019
- b. Warrant 39-42s 4/18/19 \$290,232.94
- c. Food Pantry Donation
- d. Jump Rope for Heart Donation
- e. United Sports Donation/Grant

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to accept items from 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:

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. Presentation

The SEL team shared information on Social Emotional Learning-Educating the Whole Child.

#### X. Action Items:

##### a. ECC Job Description Revision

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve the ECC Job Description Revision. 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. School Calendar 2019-2020 Revision

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve the School Calendar 2019-2020 Revision. 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.

XI. Discussion:

a. Introduction: Jonathan Pryor- Vocational Coordinator

Timothy McCormick and Amy McKinstry introduced Jonathan Pryor. They shared information regarding his position and the projects he is working on.

b. New High School Schedule

Timothy McCormick discussed a New High School Schedule in regards to an internship program they are working on.

c. Elementary Team Leaders Job Description

Amy McKinstry shared the job description with the Committee.

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve the Elementary Team Leader 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
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Brian Paulhus	Yes
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Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
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Michael Alden	Yes
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Bethany Cammarano	Yes
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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. SLP Reorganization

Melissa Walker shared the reorganization of the SLP's with the Committee. This will be an action item at the next meeting.

e. Vocational Coordinator Position Funding

Melissa Walker shared the position funding with the Committee.

f. MS SOI Funding

Melissa Walker shared the MS SOI funding and process with the Committee. We will discuss at the July meeting.

g. Food Service RFP

Melissa Walker discussed the RFP's and suggested we continue services with Aramark.

h. Director of Curriculum

Amy McKinstry shared with the committee that she is looking to post the position without changes to the current job description.

i. School Building Update

Joseph Strazzulla stated that if all went well tonight with the planning board we have everything in place as far as the towns concerned, so that we can move ahead and start preparing the site when school is out. There will be a brief meeting next week to discuss the ground breaking ceremony and when that will take place.

j. May 28<sup>th</sup> School Committee Meeting

Michael LeBrassuer stated that he is not sure that we will have a quorum for that evening of the 28th. The Superintendent stated that there is not anything critical that would require a meeting that night. Mike proposed that we skip the May 28th meeting and have the next meeting take place on June 11th.

XII. School Committee Individual Comments

Wesley Mawn- Thank you, I have enjoyed my time here. It was nice to see what happens behind the scenes.

Bethany Cammarano- Thank you to the departing members for everything they have done. They have been wonderful to Bethany, especially Joe taking his time to explain things to me. Wesley it has been nice to get to know you and I wish you the very best! Bethany wanted to thank all of the teachers out there for Teacher Appreciation week.

Brian Paulhus- Echo sentiments for Joe, Mike, and Wesley. Thank you for everything you have given to the Committee, School and to Brian. He has learned a lot~Ruby looking forward to three years with you as Student Representative. May 31<sup>st</sup> between 8-9am invited to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade interest fair at the MS. Looking forward to graduation and all of the events.

Joseph Strazzulla- Thank you Wes, it's been great. Congratulations to Amy! It's an unfortunate time to leave as we are poised to do so many great things. Thank you to Melissa, your insights and commitment. I have never seen a business manager do what you do. It has been a pleasure to work with everyone on the board, Mike specifically. All the best to the Committee members.

Michael Alden- I echo everything and I could not agree more. Congrats to Amy! Melissa to be able to do what you do is impressive. Wes your comments and views have been insightful. It has been a year already and the district has changed from a negative spot to a bright fantastic future. This community is a passionate one. Encourage people to use your passion in a positive direction. Thank you

XIII. Adjournment (7:55P.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 (2) and (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:

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Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Michael Alden	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Yes

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The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 5-0.