

# Northbridge Public Schools Northbridge School Committee

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# Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 7th, 2019 7:00 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

- I. Call to Order (7:00)
- II. Attendance

Michael LeBrasseur Present
Bethany Cammarano Present
Steven Falconer Present
Brian Paulhus Present

Also in attendance was Superintendent Amy McKinstry

- III. Call to Order (7:00)
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance
- V. Statement of Mission
- VI. Amy McKinstry shared a statement with the Committee in regards to Lasell Fields.
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Consent Agenda
  - a. School Committee Meeting Minutes from July 9, 2019
  - b. Warrant 39-53s 6/30/19 \$221,008.02
  - c. Warrant 40-01s 7/5/19 \$83,872.97
  - d. Warrant 39-54s 7/15/19 \$405,242.31
  - e. Warrant 40-02s 7/11/19 \$6,297.35
  - f. Warrant 40-03s 7/25/19 \$58,958.46
  - g. Donation- Eco Challenge Carpentry Event

A motion was made by Steve Falconer 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:

Michael LeBrasseur Yes
Bethany Cammarano Yes

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Steven Falconer Yes
Brian Paulhus Yes

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.

#### IX. Presentation:

Greg Palmer presented on Technology Projects and Updates.

#### X. Action Items:

# a. MSBA Accelerated Repair-Schematic Design Funding

A motion was made by Steve Falconer that the School Committee reallocate and authorize the expenditure of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from its FY2020 annual budget appropriation for the purpose of paying for a Schematic Design Study for a potential boiler replacement project at the Northbridge Middle School, located at 171 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, MA 01588, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the Town has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Committee, and any amount remaining after payment of such costs shall be authorized for expenditure according to said 2020 appropriation. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur Yes
Bethany Cammarano Yes
Steven Falconer Yes
Brian Paulhus Yes

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.

# b. Kindergarten/Grade 1 Reorganization

A motion was made by Steve Falconer to approve the Kindergarten/Grade 1 Reorganization. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur Yes
Bethany Cammarano Yes
Steven Falconer Yes

Brian Paulhus Yes

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.

# c. Safer Schools and Communities "Local Equipment and Technology" Grant

A motion was made by Steve Falconer to accept the Safer Schools and Communities "Local Equipment and Technology" Grant. The motion was seconded by Bethany Cammarano. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur Yes
Bethany Cammarano Yes
Steven Falconer Yes
Brian Paulhus Yes

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.

# d. Appointment of Theresa Gould as a non-voting member of the SBC

A motion was made by Steve Falconer to appoint Theresa Gould as a non-voting member of the SBC. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur Yes
Bethany Cammarano Yes
Steven Falconer Yes
Brian Paulhus Yes

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.

#### XI. Discussion:

a. Balmer Chorus Stipend

Karlene Ross discussed the Balmer chorus stipend. This will be an action item on the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### b. 1:1 Nurse for Preschool Student

Amy McKinstry stated there will be a ½ day 4 days a week preschool student coming to NES this fall. This student requires a 1:1 nurse and transportation. This will be an action item on the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

# c. Nurse Assistant Job Description

Greg Rosenthal discussed this job description and the changes that were made to make it current.

# d. Lasell Field Update

Brian Paulhus shared an update regarding Lasell Field.

### e. School Building Update

Michael LEBrasseur shared a School Building update.

# f. Student/Family Handbook 2019-2020

Michael LeBrasseur and Amy McKinstry discussed the handbook and the new updates.

# g. School Committee Vacancy

Michael LeBrasseur stated that they are going to reopen the vacancy. Applications must be received by Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### XII. School Committee Individual Comments

The School Committee members shared their comments.

# XIII. Adjournment (7:46P.M.)

The motion was made by Brian Paulhus to adjourn the meeting and move into Executive Session Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A Section 21(a) for the Following Purpose, Not Returning 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 Steve Falconer. A vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseurYesBethany CammaranoYesSteven FalconerYesBrian PaulhusYes

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0