



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Michael Clements, Kate Tracy, Randi Zanca

Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 11, 2017 6:30 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

I. Call to Order (6:47)

II. Attendance

Michael Clements	Absent
Mike LeBrasseur	Present
Joseph Strazzulla	Present
Kate Tracy	Present
Randi Zanca	Absent

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

Purpose (2) to Conduct Collective Bargaining with Non-Union Personnel

IV. Regular Session Call to Order (7:05 PM)

Attendance

Michael Clements	Absent
Mike LeBrasseur	Present
Joseph Strazzulla	Present
Kate Tracy	Present
Randi Zanca	Present

Also in attendance were Superintendent Catherine Stickney, Business Manager Melissa Walker, and Student Representative Connor Nowlan.

V. Pledge of Allegiance

It is the policy of the Northbridge Public Schools not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, or homelessness in its educational programs, services, activities, or employment.

VI. Statement of Audio and Video Recording

VII. Statement of Mission

VIII. Public Comment

None

IX. Student Representative Report

Now is the time of the school year where seniors are committing to the college of their choosing, and look to maintain strong quarter four grades.

Last week, we had our Spring Concert. There was a great turnout, and everyone did a fantastic job.

Spring sports have started up with teams playing their first few games this week. We hope all the sports teams have a successful season.

AP Classes are beginning to prepare for the AP exam. Classes have begun their Saturday sessions as students look to ready themselves and try and get a qualifying score for college credit.

In order to celebrate Autism Awareness Month, which is the month of April, we will be reading a fact about Autism each morning.

Prom is Next Friday, April 21st, at Grand View Ballroom in Mendon.

We've had our first student graduate from the Class of 2017. Hannah Souza graduated early a few weeks ago. She is joining the Army and will be leaving for training soon.

X. Consent Agenda

- a. School Committee Minutes from March 22, 2017
- b. School Committee Minutes from March 28, 2017
- c. Warrant 37-40s 03/30/17 \$169,332.47

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Randi Zanca. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael Clements	Absent
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Kate Tracy	Yes
Randi Zanca	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. Action items

a. School Committee Self-Evaluation

The motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve moving forward with the School Committee Self-Evaluation. The motion was seconded by Kate Tracy. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael Clements	Absent
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Kate Tracy	Yes
Randi Zanca	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. Superintendent's Contract

The motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve the employment contract as presented for Superintendent Stickney covering the five year period from July 1, 2017 to June 30th, 2022 and to authorize the chair of the School Committee to execute such employment contract on behalf of the Northbridge School Committee. The motion was seconded by Kate Tracy. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael Clements	Absent
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Mike LeBrasseur Yes

Joseph Strazzulla Yes

Kate Tracy Yes

Randi Zanca 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

XII. Discussion:

a. School Choice 2017-2018

Catherine Stickney stated that this is an annual item that we need to complete for the Department of Education. We are recommending that Northbridge Public Schools continue to accept School Choice Students for the 2017-2018 school year. This will be an action item at the 4/25 meeting.

b. Price for School Lunch 2017-2018

Melissa Walker stated that we needed to adjust the paid school lunch price in order for us to continue receiving free and reduced lunch reimbursement; we have to comply with the federal regulations. The new price for student lunches will be \$2.85 per lunch. This will be an action item at the 4/25 meeting.

c. FY18 Operational Budget

Melissa Walker stated that the committee approved the operating budget of \$27,152,325 million. Melissa asked the committee for direction in regards to the budget and how they would like to close the gap, whether it is reductions or reducing the revolver. The committee agreed to use the revolver for up to \$200,000 and reductions for the remainder amount.

d. School Building Committee Update

Catherine Stickney stated that the OPM was officially on board with MSBA approval. We have already updated our website with the information. There is a bulletin and a link to the site on our webpage. Our RFS for a designer was released today, and we will have a walkthrough at Balmer for potential designers over vacation.

e. Administrative Update

Catherine Stickney stated that, as of this week, Mike Bedard, will be the Interim Director of Facilities. The position has been posted.

Superintendent Stickney also stated that John Doldoorian Jr. will be our Interim Athletics Director for the spring. This position will be posted in the next few weeks.

XIII. School Committee Individual Comments

Randi Zanca- We made the front page of the Tribune. It may have been in regards to the override but we are on the front page.

- Chinese exchange program- How did it go?

Connor Nowlan stated that it was a great experience, and he made some new friends. The students loved it.

Catherine Stickney- The Career Academy application is open. There is an informational session at 5pm prior to Evening of the Arts.

XIV. Adjournment 7:30

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. The motion was seconded Randi Zanca. A vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Michael Clements	Absent
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Kate Tracy	Yes
Randi Zanca	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.

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