



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 11, 2020 7:00PM 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
Robert Dziekiewicz	Present

Also in attendance Superintendent Amy McKinstry, Director of Business and Finance Melissa Walker, and Student representative Ruby Holtz

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Statement of Audio and Video Recording

V. Statement of Mission

VI. Public Comment

VII. Superintendent Report

Amy McKinstry highlighted events and happenings going on at each of the schools and around the district, including sports, the recent drama production at NHS of Westside Story, and the Middle School Principal search.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- A. School Committee Budget Workshop Minutes from January 27, 2020
- B. School Committee Meeting Minutes from January 28, 2020
- C. Warrant 40-30s 1/23/20 \$307,901.68

A motion was made by Steven 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
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes

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Robert Dziekiewicz 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

A. NHS Drama Director and Drama Crew

The School Committee and Amy McKinstry thanked and recognized Drama Director Rebecca Wright for her years of fierce and selfless dedication to the students and community with the amazing productions they put together each and every year. The School Committee, Amy McKinstry, and Rebecca Wright also wanted to recognize several individuals who have continued to help with the productions with their unique expertise, Pauline Wright as the choreographer, Paula VandenAkker, alumni of Northbridge Public Schools, as the costume designer, and Dawn Burt for all of her administrative assistance with each of the productions. Thank you for all that you do.

X. Presentation

A. Kevin Courtney, Superintendent's NSIP Mentor

Amy McKinstry introduced Kevin Courtney. Kevin is her mentor in the New Superintendents Induction Program (NSIP). Kevin handed out a flyer and talked a bit about the program and the benefits to new superintendents each year. The program was started 10 years ago and is a partnership between the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents. A copy of the flyer has been uploaded to the School Committee Page of the District Website under the tab Public Meeting Presentations.

B. Student Opportunity Act

Amy McKinstry shared a presentation regarding the Student Opportunity Act. She talked about the Student Opportunity Act and answered questions from the School Committee members. The presentation has been made available on the School Committee Page of the District Website under the tab Public Meeting Presentations.

XI. Action Items (7:30)

A. Field Trip – Kennedy Space Center – NASA ICED – 4/23/20-4/27/20

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to accept Field Trip - Kennedy Space Center – NASA ICED – 4/23/20-4/27/20 as presented. The motion was seconded by Steven Falconer. 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
Robert Dziekiewicz	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.

XII. Discussion

A. Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

1. Middle School Boiler

Don Velozo and Jeff Seyer are Project Manager's from Architectural Consulting Group. They talked to the school committee about the middle school boiler project. The presentation has been made available on the School Committee Page of the District Website under the tab Public Meeting Presentations. The school committee members had questions which Don Velozo and Melissa Walker provided answers to.

2. Foster Care Transportation Reimbursement

Melissa Walker talked about the Foster Care Transportation and answered questions from the school committee members.

B. 2020 – 2021 School Calendar

Amy McKinstry talked about the new format and school start date was presented to the leadership team and the union. The union voted that it was fine to start more than 7 days before Labor Day.

C. Athletic Transfer – Uniforms

Melissa Walker talked about the agenda item and answered questions from the school committee. Melissa answered questions from school committee members.

D. FY20 Indirect Costs

Melissa Walker talked about the Indirect Costs, detail is provided in the SC Packet.

E. FY21 Budget Update

Melissa Walker provided an update on the FY21 Budget. The budget will be presented at the SC Meeting on 2-25-20. Melissa answered questions from school committee members.

F. Transportation Contract

Melissa talked about the two bidders on the Transportation Contract and the pricing provided by the two different vendors. Melissa answered questions from the school committee members.

XIII. Information

A. SWCEC Report

B. Accountability Report Update

Information provided in the SC Packet. There were no questions from the school committee members.

XIII. School Committee Individual Comments

The school committee shared their individual comments.

XIV. Adjournment (8:27pm)

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The motion was made by Brian Paulhus to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Robert Dziekiewicz. A vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
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Bethany Cammarano	Yes
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Steven Falconer	Yes
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Brian Paulhus	Yes
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Robert Dziekiewicz	Yes
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0 members having voted in the negative

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