



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Michael Clements, Kate Tracy, Randi Zanca

Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 9, 2017 7:00 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

I. Call to Order (7:08)

II. Attendance

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

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Statement of Audio and Video Recording

V. Statement of Mission

*Joseph Strazzulla arrived at 7:11.

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. Recognitions:

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.

Catherine Stickney recognized the following students for receiving the Girl Scouts Silver Award: Alyssa Corral, Isabelle Croteau, Ella DiFinizio, Cora Gauthier, and Megan O'Meara

Catherine Stickney recognized Molly Prior for receiving the Girls Scouts Gold Award. Molly shared her Gold Award project with the committee.

Catherine recognized Aaron Meadows, NCTV, for his volunteerism with NETV Bulletin Board.

Catherine also recognized the following outgoing School Committee Members: Michael Clements, Kate Tracy, and Student Representative Connor Nowlan.

VIII. Student Representative Report

May 1st was Decision Day. Seniors committed to their colleges, and everyone wore their college gear to school to show where they will be attending next year.

AP testing is currently going on; students who have spent the entire year in an AP course now have a chance to get a qualifying score for college credit.

Spring sports are proceeding well, with our teams doing good and looking to secure a postseason district playoff spot.

The last day of classes for seniors is next Friday, May 19th, and seniors are looking to finish the year strong.

Quarter 4 progress reports come out on Thursday. Math MCAS testing begins next week.

We have a couple field trips coming up. Students who are taking Law or are in the Justice Career Academy have the opportunity to visit the Uxbridge Court House. The sophomore history classes are taking their annual trip up to Boston to get a tour of the State House and take the duck boat tours.

Memorial Day weekend is a "No Homework Weekend".

The senior class trip is May 30th at High Meadow Resort.

The 150th graduation is on June 2nd.

All in all, students are looking to prepare for finals and end the year on a high note.

IX. Consent Agenda

a. School Committee Minutes from April 25, 2017

The motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to accept the consent agenda as presented. 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.

X. Action items

a. Approval for NASA/ICED Trip to Present at MCSSS Student Research

The motion was made by Randi Zanca to approve the NASA/ICED Trip to present at MCSSS Student Research. The motion was seconded by Joseph Strazzulla. 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. Northbridge High School Principal Search Process

The motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to appoint Randi Zanca to the High School Principal Search 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
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

c. Last Day of School 2016-2017

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to approve the last day of school as Monday, June 19, 2017. The motion was seconded by Joseph Strazzulla. 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

d. Final Exam Schedule for Northbridge High School 2016-2017

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to approve the Final Exam Schedule for NHS 2016-2017. The motion was seconded by Joseph Strazzulla. 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

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XI. Discussion:

a. Superintendent Summative Evaluation

Michael LeBrasseur discussed the timeline for the Superintendent's Summative Evaluation. The timeline is as follows: June 27th- Vote to accept the final evaluation; June 13th- We will have reviewed the consolidated feedback from the School Committee; May 31st- Survey completed by the School Committee. The survey should be posted by Friday.

b. MASS IT Project

Melissa Walker stated that we are in receipt of a MASS IT Grant. This grant partners up with E-rate funding. We are a district that received 60% for E-rate funding. The grant is structured in a way that the state will pay 40% and E-rate will pay 60%. This will be 100% funded through grant funding. This is an IT grant that allows us to build up our infrastructure in the High School and the Middle School.

c. Job Coach Job Description

Catherine Stickney discussed the Job Coach Position, the savings of having this position in house, and the role of the position.

XII. School Committee Individual Comments

Connor Nowlan- Wanted to thank the committee members for being supportive and understanding. Connor stated when he first started the meetings, it was a little rough and took some time to get a handle on it, but the committee was very patient and helpful.

Connor thanked Dr. Stickney for being great to him throughout the years. Connor stated that he has enjoyed doing this; it was a lot of fun.

Joseph Strazzulla- wanted to thank Connor, for a great student perspective. Connor's ability to jump in and engage the committee was a huge help this year. Kate, you will be missed.

Randi Zanca- Welcome, Emilee. We will miss you, Connor. Connor stated that he had some rough spots in the beginning, and it did not seem like that to us. We saw maturity

and dedication. Kate, we will miss you. Thank you for coming in and stepping up and being with us.

Michael LeBrasseur- will echo those comments, and thanks to Kate for all your support and all of the work you have done. We all know you will still be making a contribution to the community and to the schools in one way or another. Thank you, Connor. Welcome, Emilee. Also wanted to thank the members of the community who were at the Town Meeting last week for voting for our budget and approving our warrant article.

Kate Tracy- Thank you, everyone. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity. It has been an honor and privilege to do so. Connor, best wishes. I know you are going to go far.

XIII. Adjournment 7:55

The motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. The motion was seconded Kate Tracy. A vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

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Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Kate Tracy	Yes
Randi Zanca	Yes

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