



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Brian Paulhus, Bethany Cammarano, Steven Falconer, Robert Dziekiewicz

Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 24, 2020 6:15PM Remote Google Hangout Meet

- I. Call to Order (6:18)
- II. Statement regarding Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law
- III. Attendance

Michael LeBrasseur	Present
Bethany Cammarano	Absent
Steven Falconer	Present
Brian Paulhus	Present
Robert Dziekiewicz	Present

Also in attendance Superintendent Amy McKinstry, Director of Business and Finance Melissa Walker

- IV. Executive Session Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A Section 21(a) for the Following Purpose, Returning to Open Session:
 - A. Purpose (2) to conduct collective bargaining with the NTA, specifically to hear the NTA Level III grievance; and
 - B. Purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, specifically to deliberate and determine a response to the NTA Level III grievance.

The motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to adjourn the meeting and move into Executive Session Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A Section 21(a) for the Following Purpose Returning to Open Session:

- A. Purpose (2) to conduct collective bargaining with the NTA, specifically to hear the NTA Level III grievance; and
- B. Purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, specifically to deliberate and determine a response to the NTA Level III grievance. 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	Absent
Steven Falconer	Yes

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Brian Paulhus Yes

Robert Dziekiewicz 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.

V. Return to Open Session (7:00)

VI. Statement regarding Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law

VII. Statement of Audio and Video Recording

VIII. Statement of Mission

IX. Public Comment

Comments for this meeting may be emailed in advance of the 7:00 p.m. start time to school_committee@nps.org. All comments will be recorded in the record, and all attempts will be made to mention them live during the meeting. Any emails received during the meeting before the public comment period ends will also be attempted to be mentioned.

Four emails were received. Inquiries were around the budget and instructional aid positions. All emails were responded to by either School Committee Chairperson Michael LeBrasseur or Superintendent Amy McKinstry.

X. Consent Agenda

A. School Committee Meeting Minutes from March 3, 2020

B. Donation – The Middle School Booster Club - \$7,750.00

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to accept items from the Consent Agenda 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 Absent

Steven Falconer Yes

Brian Paulhus Yes

Robert Dziekiewicz 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. FY21 Budget - \$28,851,528.00

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the FY21 Budget - \$28,851,528.00 as presented. The motion was seconded by Robert Dziekiewicz. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Comments made before the vote:

Superintendent Amy McKinstry addressed and answered some questions that were asked during the public hearing re: budget on 3-10-2020.

School committee member, Steven Falconer expressed concerns re: reorganization of positions and changes

with instructional aids as well as the elimination of a position of the photography teacher at the High School.

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Absent
Steven Falconer	No
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Robert Dziekiewicz	Yes

3 members having voted in the affirmative

1 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-1.

B. Student Opportunity Act – Plan

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the Student Opportunity Act-Plan 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	Absent
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Robert Dziekiewicz	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. Line item transfer – Athletics

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the Line Item Transfer- Athletics as presented. The motion was seconded by Michael LeBrasseur. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Absent
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Robert Dziekiewicz	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. Budget subcommittee update

Michael LeBrasseur wanted to share that the budget subcommittee voted to recommend the school committee modify athletic and club fees for FY21 budget school year. The modifications include a reduction in athletic fees at the high school from the 1st sport = \$225, 2nd sport = \$150, 3rd sport = \$100, a decrease overall. Included in the recommendation is a reduction in the club fees, currently \$35 per club with a cap at 2 clubs, down to \$25 per club with a cap at 2 clubs.

XIII. Information

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A. Responses to Questions Asked at Public Hearing Re: Budget

Superintendent Amy McKinstry shared responses to the questions prior to the FY21 Budget vote.

XIV. School Committee Individual Comments

School Committee members shared their individual comments.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Next School Building Committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2020

XV. Adjournment (7:35)

The motion was made by Brian Paulhus to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Steven Falconer.

A vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur Yes

Bethany Cammarano Absent

Steven Falconer Yes

Brian Paulhus Yes

Robert Dziekiewicz 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