



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:00PM

This meeting is being held remotely in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, Section 20

- I. Call to Order (7:05pm)
- 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, and Student Representative Ruby Holtz

- IV. Statement of Audio and Video Recording
- V. Statement of Mission
- VI. 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.

No public comments.

- VII. Superintendent Report

Amy McKinstry shared updates and thoughts on things happening in the district. Amy talked about the 2nd annual Unsung Hero Awards which took place on Wednesday, May 20th. It was a nice virtual

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celebration to celebrate. Student pickups started at each of the buildings for people to come in and pick up belongings. Safety committee meeting with the Board of Health was done today to start preparing for the protocols. Amy talked about a remote learning survey that will be going out on Sunday evening. Amy and the Technology team are starting to work on the process for Chromebook returns that will start June 19th. August 7th is the tentative date for an in person graduation for the Class of 2020 to take place on Lasell Field.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. School Committee Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2020

B. Warrant 40-44s 4/30/2020 \$311,349.69

C. Balmer Food Pantry Donations

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.

IX. Discussion

A. School Committee Self Evaluation

Michael LaBrasseur shared a presentation and talked about the various points of the survey and talked about areas in which areas need improvement and could use further discussion.

Other committee members shared thoughts and concerns about how to improve upon various aspects of the evaluation.

B. Lasell Field Rental Fees

Michael LaBrasseur shared in the packet examples of various districts pricing and rental fees.

The committee shared thoughts and concerns about how the rental process works. Melissa shared process for rentals within Northbridge.

C. Tentative Summer Learning Plans

Amy McKinstry talked about the planning that has been going on such as end of year assessments being done remotely beginning the second week of June. We are planning on doing regular summer school including ELA, Math, and add Science this year too for grades 5-11. We do not predict that the summer school will have larger numbers than they have had

in the past. We expect to be able to offer this in person. A possible hybrid option may be offered with some in person and some working remotely but they are doing it simultaneously. Acceleration academies is something new, these are based on these assessments. We are looking at August where we could have students in place. The students that fit into this would be students that maybe did not do well with remote learning for various reasons, ex: not appropriate supports in place that they would normally have in school did not have enough assistance at home, or a really hard platform for them. They may not have made enough progress during the remote learning. This could be either 1, 2, or 3 weeks long depending on the assessments. At the elementary level we are looking at remediation days, trying to make it a little more fun, engaging, and project based.

Greg Rosenthal shared examples of how they may potentially be able to hold the summer sessions depending on the health guidelines.

D. Policy JJH – Field Trips and Student Travel

Melissa talked about the new language that has been added to the current policy. There are regulations that have come out requiring additional language. The additional language is a copy and paste from either Dept. of Ed guidelines or MASBO guidelines. They request that this information be added to School Committee Policy.

E. Policy JJF – Student Activity Accounts

Melissa talked about the new JJF combines the old JJF and JJFA Policies as well as adding in additional information. The additional language is a copy and paste from either Dept. of Ed guidelines or MASBO guidelines.

X. School Committee Individual Comments

School Committee shared individual comments

XI. Adjournment (8:02pm)

The motion was made by Steven Falconer 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
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