



# 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 23rd, 2017 7:00 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

#### I. Call to Order (7:00)

#### II. Attendance

Alicia Cannon	Present
Mike LeBrasseur	Present
Brian Paulhus	Present
Joseph Strazzulla	Present
Randi Zanca	Present

Also in attendance were Superintendent Catherine Stickney and Student Representative Emilee Angell.

#### III. Pledge of Allegiance

#### IV. Statement of Audio and Video Recording

#### V. Statement of Mission

#### VI. School Committee Reorganization

##### a. Chairperson

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to nominate Michael LeBrasseur as Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Randi Zanca. The vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Randi Zanca	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.

b. Vice-Chairperson

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to appoint Joseph Strazzulla as Vice-Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Alicia Cannon. The vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Randi Zanca	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.

c. Secretary

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to appoint Alicia Cannon as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Randi Zanca. The vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Randi Zanca	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.

d. Budget/Negotiation Committee

This will be discussed at the June 13<sup>th</sup> School Committee meeting.

e. Cable Corporation Board of Directors Representative

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to appoint Randi Zanca as Cable Corporation Board of Directors Representative. The motion was seconded by Joseph Strazzulla. The vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Randi Zanca	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.

f. Building, Planning, and Construction Committee Representative

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to appoint Michael LeBrasseur as the Building, Planning, and Construction Committee Representative. The motion was seconded by Randi Zanca. The vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Randi Zanca	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.

g. Green/Solar Committee Representative

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to appoint Melissa Walker as the Green/Solar Committee Representative. The motion was seconded by Joseph Strazzulla. The vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Randi Zanca	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.

h. Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative Board Member

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to appoint Catherine Stickney, as the Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative Board Member. The motion was seconded by Alicia Cannon. The vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes

Brian Paulhus                      Yes

Joseph Strazzulla                      Yes

Randi Zanca                      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.

i. Warrants (3)

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to appoint Randi Zanca, Brian Paulhus, and Michael LeBrasseur as warrant signers. The motion was seconded by Randi Zanca. The vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon                      Yes

Mike LeBrasseur                      Yes

Brian Paulhus                      Yes

Joseph Strazzulla                      Yes

Randi Zanca                      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.

j. Weekly Payroll

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to appoint Randi Zanca as the committee member to sign the weekly payroll. The motion was seconded by Joseph Strazzulla. The vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon                      Yes

Mike LeBrasseur                      Yes

Brian Paulhus                      Yes

Joseph Strazzulla                      Yes

Randi Zanca                      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.

k. Student Representative

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to appoint Emilee Angell as Student Representative. The motion was seconded by Alicia Cannon. The vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon                      Yes

Mike LeBrasseur                      Yes

Brian Paulhus                      Yes

Joseph Strazzulla                  Yes

Randi Zanca                        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.

#### VII. Public Comment

None.

#### VIII. Recognitions:

Catherine Stickney recognized the following DECA students:

Annmarie Haas and Zachary Merian- Entrepreneurship Innovation Plan at States & Senior Management Institute at Internationals.

Robert Cannon and Curtis Gogolinski- Sports & Entertainment Team Decision making event- 1<sup>st</sup> place at States and competing at International.

Nate Lyons- Sports & Entertainment Promotional Plan at States and first Business Academy Graduate.

#### IX. Superintendent's Report

NPS is a busy place! Our seniors are finished classes and taking finals. It is hard to believe that we will be celebrating graduation next Friday night!

Cathy was fortunate enough to be one of five superintendents from Massachusetts invited to represent M.A.S.S. at an International Conference for Global Studies at Harvard two weeks ago. Sixty-six countries were represented, including numerous dignitaries and ambassadors from around the world. Two hundred and fifty people were present, and 2,500 people were watching the conference on live stream. Our goal is to articulate competencies for global education that transcend any cultural or linguistic barriers. Cathy plans on sharing this work with our staff, because it is relevant to the work we are doing in our community. This work is also timely as we continue to participate in programs with students and faculty from China.

Carissa Letendre and Christopher Sullivan graduated from the BVYLA on May 9th. They were honored at a ceremony with participants from other communities. We recognized Carissa for her wheelchair swing project. Christopher will join us for an upcoming meeting.

We have inducted students into National Art Honor Society and Tri-M National Music Honor Society for next school year.

Students have completed Math MCAS. Science is yet to come, and Grade 8 students are eager to try a pilot of the science test online.

We are completing interviews for High School Principal and Director of Facilities. We are looking forward to holding a meet and greet on May 30th at 5 pm.

Cathy has been working with Joshua Atchue, a senior Broadcast student, to produce a movie about Balmer and Northbridge Elementary School for the feasibility study. We're eager to complete the project!

Our 1st graders are presenting their Annual Memorial Assemblies this week. We are very proud to begin teaching Civics and Patriotism early.

Students and staff are working hard to finish end-of-year work and benchmark assessments. We are pleased with the results coming in so far. We are preparing for transitions, summer reading, and summer programs. Please check our website or social media for updates!

X. Consent agenda

a. School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes from 7pm on May 9, 2017

b. Warrant 37-44s 4/27/17 \$144,837.98

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla 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:

Alicia Cannon Yes

Mike LeBrasseur Yes

Brian Paulhus Yes

Joseph Strazzulla Yes

Randi Zanca Yes

5 members having voted in the affirmative

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

XI. Action items:

a. MASS IT Project

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve the expenditures related to the MASS I.T project in the amount of \$108,000.00 for technology purchases. A motion was seconded by Alicia Cannon. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon Yes

Mike LeBrasseur Yes

Brian Paulhus Yes

Joseph Strazzulla                Yes

Randi Zanca                      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.

b. Job Coach Job Description

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve the Job Coach Position Description. A motion was seconded by Randi Zanca. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon                Yes

Mike LeBrasseur              Yes

Brian Paulhus                Yes

Joseph Strazzulla            Yes

Randi Zanca                      Yes

5 members having voted in the affirmative

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XII. Presentation:

Susan Palmer-Howes shared the Northbridge Career Academy program with the committee. The following career academies are available to our students: Business Academy, Media Broadcast Pathway, Computer Science Pathway, Engineering Academy, Justice Academy, Pre-Med Academy, Pre-Vet Academy, and the Art & Design Academy.

XIII. Discussion:

a. FY18 Budget Discussion

Catherine Stickney discussed the FY18 budget, the proposed reorganization, and the proposed budget reductions to close the budget gap of \$77,317.00 to maintain the minimum revolver balance.

b. School Building Committee Update

Joseph Strazzulla stated that the last SBC meeting was to get the committee ready to go to the state and to discuss designer proposals. We will be working with the state to select one designer out of eleven by June 20<sup>th</sup>.

c. Student Trip to China

Catherine Stickney discussed a proposed student trip to China. Catherine stated that we were contacted approximately two weeks ago by the Berlin-Boylston District and Tahanto Regional HS.

The Berlin-Boylston District is planning a trip to visit their sister HS in China. They will need a

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group of 20 students and are short their quota of students. They have extended their invitation to Northbridge. The trip is run through Education First.

d. Accountability Status Information

Catherine Stickney discussed the changes to the 2017 Accountability Reporting. Catherine discussed the Commonwealth's framework for district accountability and the process for placing schools into Levels 1-5.

e. SWCEC Third Quarter Report

This is the regular periodic update that we are required to review.

XIV. School Committee Individual Comments

Michael LeBrasseur - Welcomed Alicia and Brian to the Committee and thanked them for joining

Randi Zanca- Hoping members can attend the HS graduation

Joseph Strazzulla- Looking forward to the Memorial Day Parade

Brian Paulhus- Glad to be here and will be attending graduation.

Alicia Cannon- Happy to be here, hoping to make some contributions

Emilee Angell- Excited to be a new member of the SC and will be attending graduation

Catherine Stickney- Tomorrow is an early release day- a ConnectEd message will be going out. There are two upcoming drama productions: Thursday evening at NHS and Friday and Saturday at the MS.

XV. Adjournment (8:04 P.M.)

The motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to enter into executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A section 219(a) for the following purposes:

- A. Purpose (2) to conduct collective bargaining with AFSCME Council 93, Local 1709, Unit C not to return to open session.

The motion was seconded by Alicia Cannon. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

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Mike LeBrasseur                      Yes

Brian Paulhus                      Yes

Joseph Strazzulla                      Yes

Randi Zanca                      Yes

5 members having voted in the affirmative

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