



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Brian Paulhus, Steven Falconer, Allan Richards, Kathryn Atchue

Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 28, 2020 7:00 PM

I. School Committee Call to Order

II. Attendance

Michael LeBrasseur	Present
Steven Falconer	Present
Brian Paulhus	Present
Allan Richards	Present

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

III. Board of Selectmen Call to Order

Attendance

Charles Ampagoomian	Present
James Athanas	Present
Alicia Cannon	Present
Thomas Melia	Present
Russell Collins	Present

IV. Statement of Audio and Video Recording

V. Michael LeBrasseur called to order the Joint meeting of the School Committee and Board of Selectmen.

a) Interviews

- Kathryn Atchue introduced herself to the board
- Joseph Strazzulla introduced himself to the board

b) Candidates were asked a series of questions by both committee members.

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to appoint Joseph Strazzulla to the School Committee. The motion was seconded by Thomas Melia. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Steven Falconer	No
Brian Paulhus	Yes

Allan Richards	No
James Athanas	No
Alicia Cannon	Yes
Russell Collins	No
Thomas Melia	Yes
Charles Ampagoomian	No

4 members having voted in the affirmative

5 members having voted in the negative

The motion was not accepted with a roll call vote of 4-5

A motion was made by Russell Collins to appoint Kathryn Atchue to the School Committee. The motion was seconded by Charles Ampagoomian. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Allan Richards	Yes
James Athanas	Yes
Alicia Cannon	Yes
Russell Collins	Yes
Thomas Melia	Yes
Charles Ampagoomian	Yes

9 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was not accepted with a roll call vote of 9-0.

VI. Board of Selectman Adjournment (8:04)

Alicia Cannon adjourned the Board of Selectmen

VII. Swearing in of Appointee

Town Clerk swore in Kathryn Atchue to the School Committee

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.

Michael LeBrasseur read a public comment that was received by school committee via email. Angela Tivnan

asked about support for parents for the remote learning model and what opportunities might be available for daycare.

X. Consent Agenda

- a. School Committee Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2020
- b. Warrant 40-53s 6/30/20 \$367,816.90
- c. Warrant 40-54s 6/30/20 \$201,349.61
- d. Warrant 40-55s 6/30/20 \$214,942.68
- e. Balmer Food Pantry Donations

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
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Allan Richards	Yes
Kathryn Atchue	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. Committee Appointments and Subcommittees

A. Budget Subcommittee

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to appoint Michael LeBrasseur and Steven Falconer to Budget Subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Allan Richards	Yes
Kathryn Atchue	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. Negotiations Subcommittee

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to appoint Michael LeBrasseur and Brian Paulhus to Negotiations Subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Allan Richards. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Allan Richards	Yes

Kathryn Atchue 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. Policy Subcommittee

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to appoint Kathryn Atchue and Allan Richards to Policy Subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Steven Falconer. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur Yes
Steven Falconer Yes
Brian Paulhus Yes
Allan Richards Yes
Kathryn Atchue 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. Building, Planning and Construction Committee Representative

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to appoint Brian Paulhus as Building, Planning and Construction Committee Representative. The motion was seconded by Kathryn Atchue. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur Yes
Steven Falconer Yes
Brian Paulhus Yes
Allan Richards Yes
Kathryn Atchue 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

E. Cable Corporation Board of Directors Representative

Michael LeBrasseur is to confirm the community member that has held this position still wished to be the representative.

F. Community Preservation Committee Representative

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to appoint Brian Paulhus as Community Preservation Committee Representative. The motion was seconded by Steven Falconer. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur Yes
Steven Falconer Yes
Brian Paulhus Yes
Allan Richards Yes
Kathryn Atchue 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. Fields Committee Representative

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.

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to appoint Allan Richards as Fields Committee Representative. The motion was seconded by Kathryn Atchue. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Allan Richards	Yes
Kathryn Atchue	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. Green Committee Representative

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

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Allan Richards	Yes
Kathryn Atchue	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. Safety Committee Representative

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to appoint Allan Richards as Safety Committee Representative. The motion was seconded by Steven Falconer. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Allan Richards	Yes
Kathryn Atchue	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. Town Charter Review Committee Representative (2nd member)

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to appoint Kathryn Atchue in addition to voting Steven Falconer at the last SC meeting as Town Charter Review Committee Representatives. The motion was seconded by Allan Richards. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Allan Richards	Yes
Kathryn Atchue	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

II. Action Items

A. Reopening Plan Submission to DESE

Superintendent Amy McKinstry introduced the Draft Proposed Reopening Plan that will be submitted to DESE. The proposed reopening plan is available for review on the district website. Amy McKinstry answered several questions from the school committee.

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the Reopening Plan submission to DESE as presented. The motion was seconded by Allan Richards. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Allan Richards	Yes
Kathryn Atchue	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. Student/Family Handbook

A motion was made by Steven Falconer to approve the Student/Family Handbook with the edits pointed out by the School Committee Chair, Michael LeBrasseur. The motion was seconded by Allan Richards. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Allan Richards	Yes
Kathryn Atchue	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

III. Discussion

A. Superintendent Goals

A motion was made by Steven Falconer to approve the Superintendent Goals as presented. The motion was seconded by Allan Richards. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Allan Richards	Yes
Kathryn Atchue	Abstain

4 members having voted in the affirmative
0 members having voted in the negative
1 members having abstained
The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0-1

II. School Committee Individual Comments

School Committee members shared individual comments.

III. Adjournment (9:18pm)

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to adjourn the meeting at 9:18pm. The motion was seconded by Kathryn Atchue. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Allan Richards	Yes
Kathryn Atchue	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