



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, August 13, 2020 7:00PM

Remote public attendance only via the Google Meet Link 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 (7:00)
- II. Statement regarding Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law
- III. Attendance

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

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

- 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.

There was no public comment via email to committee or during meeting.

- VII. Consent Agenda
 - A. School Committee Meeting Minutes from August 6, 2020
 - B. Warrant 41-06s 8/6/20 \$51,390.92
 - C. Balmer Food Pantry Donation

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
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.

VIII. Action Items

A. Reopening Plan Submission to DESE

Superintendent, Amy McKinstry touched upon the Final Reopening Plan being presented to be submitted to DESE. Ms. McKinstry talked about some modifications that had been made to the proposed reopening plan based on the School Committee's recommendations from the previous meetings where the reopening plan was on the agenda. Committee members asked questions and shared comments with Ms. McKinstry. Ms. McKinstry responded with answers elaborating on details of the plan. Mr. Greg Rosenthal, Director of Pupil Personnel Services spoke to the specifics of the SPED plans and communications to families.

A motion was made by Allan Richards to approve the Final Reopening Plan Submission and submit to DESE 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.

B. Lasell Field Rental/Usage Policy

A motion was made by Allan Richards to approve the Lasell Field Rental/Usage Policy 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
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

Michael LeBrasseur pointed out this is only for rental for the field for usage by organizations in and outside of

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the town. The track will be open for the public to use at designated times as it was in the past.

C. Appointment to Northbridge Cable Television Board of Directors

A motion was made by Steven Falconer to appoint Mr. Rod Lee, to the Northbridge Cable Television Board of Directors as presented. 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

D. Authorize Chair as Signatory on MSBA required documents for MS Boiler Project

A motion was made by Steven Falconer to authorize the Chair to serve as Signatory on MSBA required documents for MS Boiler Project 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

Melissa Walker explained that the Project Funding Agreement (PFA) for the MS Boiler project needs to be signed. The PFA is a standard contract that the MSBA enters into with Districts that have projects being completed with MSBA funding. The way the MS Boiler Project article was written at the town meeting is that the project and funds are under the direction of the school committee. Instead of having the full committee have to sign this document, and any other required MSBA documents related to the MS boiler project, we are looking to have an authorized signer who will be authorized to sign the PFA and then any other required documents that may come up.

IX. School Committee Individual Comments

School Committee shared individual comments, expressing appreciation to the Superintendent, Leadership Team, and all the people involved in the committees, for all of the hard work, time, and efforts involved in putting together the reopening plan.

Superintendent, Amy McKinstry also wanted to acknowledge all involved in putting together the plans. A tribute to how much this community cares about the students and education in Northbridge.

X. Adjournment (7:35)

The motion was made by Kathryn Atchue to adjourn the meeting and move into Executive Session Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A Section 21(a) for the Following Purpose Not to Return to Open Session:

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- A. Purpose (3) to update the School Committee in MOA negotiations for remote learning. The motion was seconded by Allan Richards. A vote was taken by roll call 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