



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 25, 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	Absent

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 13, 2020

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	Absent

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.

VIII. Discussion

A. Reopening Updates

Superintendent, Amy McKinstry provided the committee with an update to the progress and planning of the reopening of the schools. The Leadership Team met and the building administration is finalizing the particulars in their buildings including the lists of students attending in person. We are finalizing the in person lists for the bus lists. Room preparations are underway for our special population coming in for full in person learning as well as preschool. We are preparing all the signage and protocols. Building specifics and communications will be going out on Friday. Staff is returning to the buildings for fall reopening. We are continuing to work with community partners to provide child care for our students. We are working on in building learning hubs for our staff members who have students who will be remote learning. We are preparing for our Chromebook distribution. We have had an overwhelming response for Chromebook needs. The NPS food pantries are stocking up and will be running out of both the Balmer School and the High School. The committee asked some more specific questions pertaining to the Chromebooks as well as the AlphaBest program that will be offered.

B. Athletics Plans

High School Principal, Tim McCormick and Athletic Director, Jeff Kozik shared the 2020-2021 Athletic Proposal with the committee. The went into detail about the meetings that took place and continue to take place around how to safely run the sports programs as well as the changes to the rules of some sports programs. The guidance from a meeting between DESE and MIAA is to break the seasons into 4 seasons vs. the traditional 3 (Fall 1, Winter, Fall 2, Spring). The proposal can be viewed on the school committee section of the website by clicking on August 25th of the Calendar of events and is located in SC Packet 8-25-20.

IX. School Committee Individual Comments

School Committee shared individual comments.

X. Adjournment (7:43)

The motion was made by Steven Falconer 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:

- A. Purpose (3) to Discuss Strategy with Respect to Collective Bargaining with Union Personnel: Food Services; and
- B. Purpose (3) to update the School Committee in MOA negotiations for remote learning. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. 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	Absent

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