



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 1, 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 (7:00pm)
- 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. The motion was made by Allan Richards to move into Executive Session Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A Section 21(a) for the Following Purpose returning to Open Session:
 - A. Purpose (3) to Discuss Strategy with Respect to Collective Bargaining with Union Personnel: AFSCME Council 93, Local 1709 Unit A- Cafeteria
 - B. Purpose (3) to Discuss Strategy with Respect to Collective Bargaining with Union Personnel: NTA The motion was seconded by Kathryn Atchue. 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

- V. Return to Open Session (7:37pm)
- VI. Statement of Audio and Video Recording

VII. Statement of Mission

VIII. Public Comment (7:25)

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 received in email prior to the start of the meeting. No public comment during open meeting.

IX. Consent Agenda

A. School Committee Meeting Minutes from August 25, 2020

B. Balmer Food Pantry Donations

C. Warrant 41-08s 8/20/20 \$214,663.86

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.

X. Action Items

A. Approve the MOA with AFSCME Council 93, Local 1709 Unit A- Cafeteria

A motion was made by Steven Falconer to approve the MOA with AFSCME Council 93, Local 1709 Unit A- Cafeteria 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. Approve the MOA with the NTA

Action item postponed to a later date to be determined.

XI. Discussion

A. Chromebooks

Superintendent, Amy McKinstry provided an update on chromebooks, devices, and technology. She shared current number of chromebooks requested by students and staff. Amy gave an update of current number of chromebooks in the district as well as a small number of iPads that have been retrofitted to accommodate remote learning. The distribution will start Tuesday, September 8th and run through Thursday, September 10th. We are able to outfit all of the desktops in the buildings with cameras and speakers to prepare for remote learning/teaching in all of the classrooms.

B. Handbook Addendums

Superintendent, Amy McKinstry shared COVID-19 Handbook Addendum with the committee. This addendum is in addition to the Student and Faculty Handbook. This will supersede the normal handbook for the items covered in the addendum. Both handbooks are important to read and are relevant. This COVID-19 Handbook Addendum covers all requirements regarding mask wearing, social distancing, drop off and pick up procedures, tardy procedures, visitors and item drop-off procedures, recording of virtual instruction is prohibited, as well as online learning expectations. Amy talked about how offenses would be disciplined. Mask wearing is the number one way to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and is mandatory while in any and all of the Northbridge Public School buildings. Buildings will have signage and areas will be marked appropriately to remind everyone of the social distancing.

XII. School Committee Individual Comments

Michael LeBrasseur reminded everyone the next meeting will take place next Tuesday, September 8, 2020

XIII. Adjournment (8:01pm)

A motion was made by Allan Richards to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm. 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