



# Northbridge Public Schools

## Northbridge School Committee

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Brian Paulhus, Kathryn Atchue, Allan Richards, Erin Donahue

### Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Tuesday, June 22, 2021 7:00PM Northbridge High School Media Center

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

#### II. Attendance

Steven Falconer	Present
Brian Paulhus	Present
Allan Richards	Present
Kathryn Atchue	Present
Erin Donahue	Absent

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

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

#### IV. Statement of Mission

#### V. Public Comment (7:05)

*Comments for this meeting may be emailed in advance of the 7:00 p.m. start time to [school\\_committee@nps.org](mailto: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.*

#### VI. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Amy McKinstry provided an update on what has been going on in the district. She discussed summer programming which includes traditional summer school at both the high school and middle school. There will be a social emotional and team building camp offered to students on grades K-4, and there will be 100 students participating. The extended school year program will begin after the 5<sup>th</sup> of July and there will also be a severe special needs camp offered. There will be acceleration academies offered for grades K-2 providing through DESE grants. More information will be provided in July. Summer program attendees no longer need to wear masks according to the update from DESE, however, it is recommended that unvaccinated students continue to wear them. All distancing and mask protocols have been lifted at this point for the next year with no remote options. The district will continue to offer breakfast and lunch through next year and during the summer, however families who receive other assistance are encouraged to fill out the free and reduced lunch form. The new Northbridge Elementary School is up and running and the administrative offices are in business. The last of the furniture is expected to be delivered by the end of the week. Amy provided an athletics update and encouraged students 12 and older to get vaccinated.

#### VII. Consent Agenda

A. School Committee Meeting Minutes from June 6, 2021

B. Warrant 41-50s 6/10/2021 \$355,440.90

A motion was made by Allan Richards to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Kathryn Atchue.

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Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Allan Richards	Yes
Kathryn Atchue	Yes
Erin Donahue	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. Action Items

### A. Superintendent's Final Summative Evaluation

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the Superintendent's Final Summative Evaluation. The motion was seconded by Kathryn Atchue.

Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Allan Richards	Yes
Kathryn Atchue	Yes
Erin Donahue	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.

### B. Athletic Director Salary Proposal

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the proposed Athletic Director salary up to \$36,750. The motion was seconded by Kathryn Atchue.

Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Allan Richards	Yes
Kathryn Atchue	Yes
Erin Donahue	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.

## IX. Discussion

### A. MS Sports

Amy McKinstry received emails from the Northbridge Boosters regarding the difficulty raising funds due to the pandemic. The Boosters are looking to assist the athletics not completely cover the costs and due to the pandemic, it has caused a deficit without many opportunities to fundraise. Amy will be meeting with them on Thursday to discuss collaborations to fund and support middle school sports. The district wants to, and is able to, but will need to discuss how to do this in the future. Melissa Walker reviewed the estimated costs. This will be a potential action item in July.

X. Information

XI. School Committee Individual Comments

XII. Adjournment (8:00)

A motion was made by Kathryn Atchue to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus.

Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Allan Richards	Yes
Kathryn Atchue	Yes
Erin Donahue	Absent

5 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.

Note: The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. Also, the timeframe for each topic is a general guideline and may not be strictly adhered to.