



# Northbridge Public Schools

## Northbridge School Committee

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Alicia Cannon, Brian Paulhus, Joe Richards

### Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 12th, 2017 6:30 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

I. Call to Order (6:30)

II. Attendance

Alicia Cannon	Absent
Mike LeBrasseur	Present
Brian Paulhus	Present
Joe Richards	Present
Joseph Strazzulla	Present

Also in attendance were Superintendent Catherine Stickney, Director of Business and Finance Melissa Walker and Student Representative Emilee Angell.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Statement of Audio and Video Recording

V. Statement of Mission

VI. Public Comment

None.

VII. Student Representative's Report

Emilee Angell stated that the 50th annual national honor society induction took place. Winter sports have begun, with basketball having their first game yesterday and indoor track having their first meet tomorrow. The drama, a cappella, the band ensemble, and chorus have been rehearsing diligently. There are performances to look forward to this winter, including the MICCA competition, Beauty and the Beast, and the holiday concert, which is on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Progress reports for Term 2 were just given out to students. The John and Abigail Adams Scholarships were awarded to eligible senior scholars. The following students from the music program were accepted to be members of Central District ensembles: Lauren Girouard for

Central District Band, and she received an All State Recommendation; James Briand for Central District Jazz band, with an All State Recommendation; and Peter Dupuis for the Central District Chorus group.

College acceptances have begun coming in for seniors who applied for Early Action.

The high school hosted a step up day last week to introduce NMS 8th graders to the many programs, sports, and clubs that we have to offer.

#### VIII. Consent agenda

a. School Committee Minutes from November 28, 2017

b. Warrant 38-22s 11/22/17 \$355,773.38

c. Warrant 38-24s 12/7/17 \$334,699.43

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Joe Richards. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon Absent

Mike LeBrasseur Yes

Brian Paulhus Yes

Joe Richards Yes

Joseph Strazzulla Yes

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. Action items

a. Acceptance of Donation from Blissful Meadows

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to accept the Donation from Blissful Meadow. The motion was seconded by Joe Richards. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon Absent

Mike LeBrasseur Yes

Brian Paulhus Yes

Joe Richards Yes

Joseph Strazzulla Yes

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. Acceptance of Donation of Lacrosse Uniforms

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to Accept the Donation of Lacrosse Uniforms. The motion was seconded by Joe Richards. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon	Absent
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joe Richards	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes

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.

c. Acceptance of Donation for the NHS Food Pantry

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to accept the Donation for the NHS Food Pantry in the amount of \$250.00 from ERA Key Realty. The motion was seconded by Joe Richards. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon	Absent
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joe Richards	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes

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.

d. Change of School Calendar

A motion was made by Joseph Richards to approve the change in the School Calendar changing the Professional Development Day on May 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon	Absent
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joe Richards	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes

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.

X. Presentation:

Gregory Palmer shared updates on District Technology. He discussed goals, insights, purchasing practices, impact of the hardware, and purchasing options.

XI. Discussion:

a. Transfer of Funds-Technology Purchase

Melissa Walker recommended that the School Committee approve a transfer of \$13,520 from Software, Instructional to Hardware, Instructional and approves utilizing \$11,043 originally allocated for Hardware, Networking for the purchase of 90 Chromebook and associated power and security management devices for the Northbridge Middle School.

b. Nichols Honors Program

Catherine Stickney discussed the Nichols College Academy at Northbridge.

c. School Building Committee Update

Joseph Strazzulla stated that Community Forum #5 took place last evening at NES; it was well attended. There was good feedback on the options presented. On December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, a recommendation will be made for one option that will be submitted to MSBA.

1. Michael LeBrasseur stated that depending on the decision that if the School Building Committee chooses to go with the C series (PK-5) model the School Committee will have to formally vote to approve the reconfiguration of the grades. There is a tentative SC meeting set for December 21<sup>st</sup> if needed.

d. Change in School Calendar

Catherine Stickney requested a change in the school calendar. Cathy asked that we change January 31<sup>st</sup> to a professional development day for all schools. Currently, NMS and NHS are scheduled for a PD day and NES and Balmer are scheduled to have parent conferences. She also requested the Early Release of students from NHS on April 6th for NEASC work.

XII. School Committee Individual Comments

Michael LeBrasseur wanted to shout out to the broadcast class. They released two awesome videos this week- Tour of NHS and the video for Keaton Jones.

XIII. Adjournment (8:02 P.M.)

The motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to move into executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Chapter Laws chapter 30A section 12 (a) for the following purposes:

A. Purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, specifically to deliberate and determine a response to the NTA High School grievance; Not to Return to Open Session.

The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. A vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon	Absent
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Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
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Brian Paulhus	Yes
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Joe Richards	Yes
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Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
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4 members having voted in the affirmative

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The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.