



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Agenda Monday, August 28, 2023 7:00PM Northbridge High School Media Center

- I. Call to Order (7:00PM)
 - II. Pledge of Allegiance
 - III. Attendance
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| Jill Leonard | Present |
| Heather Alden | Present |
| Erin Donahue | Absent |
| Shannon Canoy | Present |
| Jonathan Canoy | Present |

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

- IV. Statement of Audio and Video Recording: Will not be recorded as Richard Vallee cannot make the meeting.
- V. Statement of Mission
- VI. Superintendent's Report

Last Friday was Freshmen Orientation at the High School. Despite the rain, 85 families showed up. Monday was the First Day for the staff. Amy kept her opening speech very short so the teachers would have more time to get to their building start of the year speeches and have more time to work on their classrooms. Tuesday and Wednesday would be full days with PD for the teachers. The Parent Packet will be sent out tonight, once the Handbook is approved. Classes for K-12 will start on 8/31/2023 and Pre-K will start on 9/5/2023. Wants to remind parents to update Infinite Campus contact information and addresses if they changed over the summer.

Cellphone pouches will be starting on September 5th and 6th for the High School, and rolled out September 7th and 8th at the Middle School. NES will be holding Open Houses all next week for each of the different grades.

School Committee heard that the teachers were all excited for the new Cell Phone procedures. Enquired about the new signs at NES and how well they will help with traffic around NES for the new year. Also wants to be kept up to date with any changes to the process to update NES traffic flow.

Staffing levels are about the same as last year, with the High School and the Middle School missing one to two people at most, and the Elementary school still needing more IAs and SpEd teachers. DESE has brought back some old licenses to allow some teachers to continue to come back to working.

VII. Consent Agenda (7:10)

A. Warrant 24-07 8/24/2023 \$51,452.60

A motion was made by Heather Alden to approve the Warrant. It was seconded by Jonathan Canoy.

Jill Leonard Yes

Heather Alden Yes

Shannon Canoy Yes

Jonathan Canoy Yes

The motion was passed with a vote of 4-0

XI. Public Comment (7:15)

No one arrived for Public Comment

XII. Action (7:25)

A. NPS District Handbook - 2023-2024

[Final Draft - Handbook 2023-2024](#)

Shannon Canoy stated that he was no longer stuck in the circle of links around the dress code. Superintendent McKinstry confirmed this had been fixed. A motion was made by Heather Alden to approve Handbook. It was seconded by Jonathan Canoy.

Jill Leonard Yes

Heather Alden Yes

Shannon Canoy Yes

Jonathan Canoy Yes

The motion was passed with a vote of 4-0

B. Middle School Kitchen Serving Line

A motion was made by Heather Aldren to approve purchasing the new Serving Line. It was seconded by Jonathan Canoy.

Jill Leonard	Yes
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Heather Alden	Yes
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Shannon Canoy	Yes
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Jonathan Canoy	Yes
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The motion was passed with a vote of 4-0

XIII. Information

XV Adjournment (7:30)

A motion was made by Heather Alden to adjourn. It was seconded by Jonathan Canoy.

Jill Leonard	Yes
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Heather Alden	Yes
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Shannon Canoy	Yes
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Jonathan Canoy	Yes
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The motion was passed with a vote of 4-0