



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Agenda Tuesday, September 26, 2023 7:00PM Northbridge High School Media Center

- I. Call to Order (7:00PM)
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Attendance
 - Erin Donahue Absent
 - Jill Leonard Present
 - Heather Alden Present
 - Shannon Canoy Present
 - Jonathan Canoy Present
- IV. Statement of Audio and Video Recording
- V. Statement of Mission
- VI. Student Representative Report

Last Friday and Saturday was Homecoming. Friday was a pep Rally for the Last Block. Saturday, despite the rain, all tables and club members were fully staffed. All the tables made a lot of sales. The Sophomore Class went through 7 crock pots of Mac and Cheese. The final numbers for what each class made will be in soon. The Football team won 28-7, Boys Soccer lost 5-2, Girls Soccer won 3-0, and Field hockey lost 3-2. HOSA swabbed 15 people for "Be the Match" and pre-registered 3 students who are too young to register now, but will be contacted at 18 to register. UMASS Amherst conferenced into Guidance center to help give students preview of College Life. More colleges will be doing this as the year goes on. Wednesday is a half day. Thursday will be the first RAMS block, where students can study and make up work. Happy they are bringing this back.

- VII. Superintendent's Report

District finished 3 days of Mobile Dentist Clinic. Because of the need of students and request of parents, they did 3 days total. Serviced over 50 students at NES. NES has begun the Data meetings to review the initial student benchmarking to start WIN and Intervention groups. K-2 Focusing on Literacy. For 3-5 adding Math focus onto the Literacy focus. Student of the Month celebration will be happening soon. One student from each class for the trait of the Month: Respect. Parents have been invited to join. Afterschool activities have begun. Band and Chorus have started, and flag football will begin soon.

NMS 2nd parent meeting on Sept 20th. NMS did post video recording and PowerPoint of meeting on the district website. Will continue to hold parent meetings every 3rd Thursday of each month. Congratulations to the students voted into the large student council: 21 6th graders, 27 7th graders and 25 8th graders. President: Emily Flauto, Vice president: Audrey Simasco, Secretary: Olivia Sansone, Treasurer: Ava Strazzula. Still looking for parent participation for School Council. Reach out to Sue Palmer-Howes. Curriculum night is Wednesday, from 6-7:30. Parents invited to meet the teachers and curriculum. The new Admins will hold a little presentation before hand to meet the parents.

Attended kickoff of Leading Now Cohort in Dedham. Tuesday evening and Wednesday of previous week. Part of Cohort 10 which has 17 Superintendents from all over the Country. Was a valuable learning experience to be able to get exposure to other districts around the country. Counted her blessings and realized how small her issues were compared to districts that have over 10,000 students. Talked about leadership values and how to lever those to have transparent and better communication and build connections with the district. Assigned to small break off cohorts with 2 others who will all work together and provide feedback. They are both from other states. School Committee has an opening on it, and will be filled via a joint committee with Selectman board and School Committee. Linda Swain has already posted the opening on the town page, and on the district webpage and the Facebook page. All forms to run for council need to be turned in October 5th at the latest. Confirmation meeting will be on November 14th at 5:30, before regularly scheduled school committee meeting.

Tomorrow is half day for professional Development. Next week marks halfway through first quarter. Good time to view Child's progress. Reach out to the teachers sooner rather than later.

How often does the cohort meet? They will meet monthly and be virtual, as the people are from all over the country. There is also 1-1 coaching and additional perks she will get from the program. In July, there will be another in person gathering.

VIII. Presentations

A. Wellness Report (Health Data) - Lori Johnson

Added her report to the packet so the School Committee could see there are 871 students in the district with medical needs and to have an idea of what the students go through in addition to being children in school. Wellness committee wanted to increase Nutrition information and sent small nutrition blurbs through the principals out to parents. Wanted to make sure they were short so parents will read them. Will continue that this year. Planned to do Youth Risk behavior survey, but State chose our district to have the state come in and do the survey. A company called ICF administer the Survey to just over 100 students for Aggregate data. We will not get that data. But they gave us resources to gather info from 200 students and will put that data together for us so the Wellness team can go over the data this fall. Developed a Vaping Divergent Program for NMS last year. Had one in NHS since 2019. Had 10 students went through program last year. Updating NHS program this year as the articles are around 4 years old. Will be doing a pre and post test to see if the students are truly learning. Already has first 3 students signed up. Wrote and received a behavioral health grant for teaching staff for a “Regulated Classroom” to help keep the class running and the students paying attention. Hoping to get more money for training this year. Expanded Mobile Dentist to cover all 3 schools. Saw 75 students total, got cleanings, fluoride, and x-rays. 24 of 75 had cavities. Most were taken care of. Can only do one side of mouth at a time. Some had multiple cavities. One student at NES had 8. Wellness Committee wants to send out blurbs about dental care as well. Want to also go to each of the classrooms to do teaching with the students in NES, and do small group learning at NMS and NHS. The dentist will be coming back in the spring. Lori will cover the office so the Nurses that the students know can go into the classroom to teach the students who know and trust them. Jill Leonard asked if they could get local dentists to come in for education or to donate. Hoping to continue to do the Mobile Dentist 2 times per year. Heather Alden asked if there is a cap, and there is not, they will just add days as they can only do so many a day. The Dentist asked if they could come back before the spring, as there are so many students who need and wanted the dental care. District is very

willing to have them come back to service the students who need follow ups or did not get seen.

IX. Consent Agenda

A. School Committee Meeting Minutes: September 12, 2023

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

Jill Leonard	Yes
Heather Alden	Yes
Erin Donahue	Absent
Shannon Canoy	Yes
Jonathan Canoy	Yes

The motion was passed with a vote of 4-0

B. Warrant 24-11 9/21/2023 \$49,928.75

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

Jill Leonard	Yes
Heather Alden	Yes
Erin Donahue	Absent
Shannon Canoy	Yes
Jonathan Canoy	Yes

The motion was passed with a vote of 4-0

X. Discussion

XI. Public Comment

XII. Action

A. Superintendent's Goals

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

Jill Leonard	Yes
Heather Alden	Yes
Erin Donahue	Absent
Shannon Canoy	Yes
Jonathan Canoy	Yes

The motion was passed with a vote of 4-0

XIII. Information

A. Staffing Update

Looks a lot better than last year. Still interviewing for new IAs, as we still need a few. Social Worker position is still not filled, but the district is trying. Last Teacher position filled today, as an NHS SPED teacher. There is a Spanish Teacher whose surgery recovery is taking longer than thought, but they are still coming back. The Foreign Language department is helping to make lesson plans and grade for the teacher's classes. District purchased a program: Voces, as an online supplement to help those students who would have that teacher. Nancy Sweeney has been covering most of the classes, and is certified to do so.

XV Adjournment

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

Jill Leonard	Yes
Heather Alden	Yes
Erin Donahue	Absent
Shannon Canoy	Yes
Jonathan Canoy	Yes

The motion was passed with a vote of 4-0