



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Michael Alden, Bethany Cammarano, Brian Paulhus

Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 13, 2018 7:00 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

I. Call to Order (7:30)

II. Attendance

Mike LeBrasseur	Present
Brian Paulhus	Present
Joseph Strazzulla	Present
Michael Alden	Absent
Bethany Cammarano	Present

Also in attendance were Superintendent Catherine Stickney and Director of Business and Finance Melissa Walker.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Statement of Mission

V. Public Comment

Heather Charbonneau presented a check in the amount of \$6,934.00 on behalf of the NHS Booster Club to the School Committee to reinstate wrestling.

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to accept the donation presented from Heather Charbonneau on behalf of the NHS Booster Club in the amount of \$6,934.00 to reinstate the wrestling team. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Michael Alden	Absent
Bethany Cammarano	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.

Rick Coutier presented a check in the amount of \$30,446.00 on behalf of the Blackstone Valley Hockey Coop to reinstate Varsity Hockey.

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to accept the donation presented from Rick Coutier on behalf of the Blackstone Valley Hockey Coop to reinstate Varsity Hockey.

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

Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Michael Alden	Absent
Bethany Cammarano	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.

VI. Consent Agenda

a. School Committee Meeting Minutes from October 16, 2018

b. Warrant 39-16s 10/18/18 \$293,142.09

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to accept the consent agendas presented. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Michael Alden	Absent
Bethany Cammarano	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.

VII. Action:

a. MS Booster Winter Sports

A motion was made by Michael LeBrasseur to accept the donation in the amount of \$9,026.00 from the MS Booster Club to reinstate Middle School winter sports. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Michael Alden	Absent
Bethany Cammarano	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.

VIII. Discussion:

a. School Building Project Update

Joseph Strazzulla stated that we are going to build a school. Joseph updated the committee on the process moving forward.

b. School News and Updates

Catherine Stickney stated that the Middle School Family Fun Night is Thursday!

c. Special Education Updates: Staffing Request

Greg Rosenthal updated the committee in regards to Special Education. Greg Rosenthal spoke to the committee about adding a new position in order to better support students in programs in the district.

d. Innovation Pathway and EdHub Update

Timothy McCormick updated the committee on the Blackstone Valley Education Hub. Timothy discussed what would be offered to our students, who we are partnering with, how NHS will support this project, the Innovation Pathways trail to success, and what we have done.

e. Policy Review Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care (JFABF)

Catherine Stickney stated that this is a new policy, and it is the MASC version. This will be a discussion item on 11/27.

f. Policy Review Minutes (BEDG)

Catherine Stickney stated that they have updated the current policy, and and it models the MASC version. This will be a discussion item on 11/27.

g. FY20 Budget Timeline

Melissa Walker discussed the FY20 Budget Timeline with the Committee.

h. FY20 Budget Parameters

Melissa Walker discussed the FY20 Budget Parameters. Melissa discussed a level service budget, reorganization of positions/programs to align with current needs, and further review upon notice of available revenue.

IX. School Committee Individual Comments

Joseph Strazzulla- stated that Family fun night at the MS is Thursday and many staff volunteer their time for this event.

XIII. Adjournment (8:22 P.M.)

The motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to adjourn the meeting and move into Executive Session Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A Section 21(a) for the Following Purpose and Not to Return to Open Session:

A. Purpose (7) to Comply with the General Provisions of Any General or Special Law or Federal Grant-In-Aid Requirements (General Privacy)

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

Mike LeBrasseur	Present
Brian Paulhus	Present
Joseph Strazzulla	Present
Michael Alden	Absent
Bethany Cammarano	Present

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.