

**RE:** Northbridge School Committee  
**DATE:** August 24, 2010  
**TIME:** 7:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Northbridge High School Theater

**MINUTES**

*The Meeting of the Northbridge School Committee was called to order by Mike McGrath at 7:00 PM.*

<i>Fred Beauregard</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Susan Brouwer</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Richard DeLuca</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Julie Gawlak</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Mike LeBrasseur</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Selena Livingston</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Diane Mimmo</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Karen Kittredge</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Mike McGrath</i>	<i>Present</i>

*Also present: Sue Gorky, Superintendent, Nancy Spitulnik, Assistant Superintendent, and Melissa Walker, Business Manager*

***Certificates of Recognition:*** (To be held for next School Committee Meeting)  
*Recognition to our Community Partners for their help with the Collaborative Partnership for Student Success grant:*

*Whitin Community Center:*  
*Gary Wood, CEO*  
*Brian Paulhus, Senior Counselor*

*Omni Control Technology, Inc.*  
*Peter Bedigian, President*  
*Will Arias, Production Manager*

**New News:** *Mike McGrath announced to the School Committee that at noon today Massachusetts has been named one of ten award recipients in the federal Race to the Top competition distributing \$250 million with the amount for Northbridge yet to be determined. Mike McGrath thanked the teachers and Superintendent Gorky for all their help in obtaining this financial award.*

**Agenda Change**

*A motion was made by Mike McGrath to add the Charter Review to discussion section of the agenda.*

*The motion was seconded by Karen Kittredge. The vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:*

<i>Fred Beauregard</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Susan Brouwer</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Richard DeLuca</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Julie Gawlak</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike LeBrasseur</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Selena Livingston</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Diane Mimmo</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Karen Kittredge</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike McGrath</i>	<i>Yes</i>

*6 members having voted in the affirmative*  
*0 members having voted in the negative*  
*0 members having abstained*  
*The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 6-0*

**Agenda Change 2**

*A motion was made by Fred Beauregard to add the Friends of Lasell Field 501 C 3 application to the discussion section of the agenda.*  
*The motion was seconded by Karen Kittredge. The vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:*

<i>Fred Beauregard</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Susan Brouwer</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Richard DeLuca</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Julie Gawlak</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike LeBrasseur</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Selena Livingston</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Diane Mimmo</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Karen Kittredge</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike McGrath</i>	<i>Yes</i>

*6 members having voted in the affirmative*  
*0 members having voted in the negative*  
*0 members having abstained*  
*The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 6-0*

**Agenda Change 3**

*A motion was made by Karen Kittredge to add the update on the High School Fields walkway to discussion section of the agenda.*  
*The motion was seconded by Mike LeBrasseur. The vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:*

<i>Fred Beauregard</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Susan Brouwer</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Richard DeLuca</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Julie Gawlak</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike LeBrasseur</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Selena Livingston</i>	<i>Yes</i>

<i>Diane Mimmo</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Karen Kittredge</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike McGrath</i>	<i>Yes</i>

*6 members having voted in the affirmative*  
*0 members having voted in the negative*  
*0 members having abstained*  
*The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 6-0*

**Agenda Change 4**

*A motion was made by Selena Livingston to add the Friends of Lasell Field signage to the discussion section of the agenda.*  
*The motion was seconded by Julie Gawlak. The vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:*

<i>Fred Beauregard</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Susan Brouwer</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Richard DeLuca</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Julie Gawlak</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike LeBrasseur</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Selena Livingston</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Diane Mimmo</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Karen Kittredge</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike McGrath</i>	<i>Yes</i>

*6 members having voted in the affirmative*  
*0 members having voted in the negative*  
*0 members having abstained*  
*The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 6-0*

**Public Comment:**     *none*

**Student Report:**     *none*

**Consent Calendar:**

***1. Approve:***

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*The motion was made by Mike LeBrasseur to accept the Consent Calendar as amended.*  
*The motion was seconded by Selena Livingston. The vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:*

<i>Fred Beauregard</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Susan Brouwer</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Richard DeLuca</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Julie Gawlak</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike LeBrasseur</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Selena Livingston</i>	<i>Yes</i>

<i>Diane Mimmo</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Karen Kittredge</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike McGrath</i>	<i>Yes</i>

*6 members having voted in the affirmative*  
*0 members having voted in the negative*  
*0 members having abstained*  
*The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 6-0*

**Presentation:**    *none*

**Discussion:**

***Lasell Field 501 C3 application***

*The Friends of Lasell Field are in the process of applying for a 501 C3 application. The application must be submitted in order to apply as a non-profit organization for grants and corporate donations. Applying for a 501 C3 can take up to 6 months. Friends of Lasell received a letter from the IRS asking them to submit a letter from the School Committee supporting the Lasell Field Project and the efforts of the Friends of Lasell Field, Inc. to raise funds. A sample letter was read by Fred Beauregard. There was a discussion on the content of the letter. Mike McGrath mentioned that our attorney has already looked over the wording. There will be one change in the last line of the letter that was presented.*

*The motion was made by Mike McGrath to allow the Chair to sign the letter as presented and amended.*

*The motion was seconded by Selena Livingston. The vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:*

<i>Fred Beauregard</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Susan Brouwer</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Richard DeLuca</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Julie Gawlak</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike LeBrasseur</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Selena Livingston</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Diane Mimmo</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Karen Kittredge</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike McGrath</i>	<i>Yes</i>

*6 members having voted in the affirmative*  
*0 members having voted in the negative*  
*0 members having abstained*  
*The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 6-0*

***Charter Review Committee update***

*The Charter Review Committee met on August 23, 2010. They reviewed Chapter III in the charter review regarding the size of the School Committee. They extended an invitation to the School Committee and the Superintendent to attend the next meeting on September 9, 2010 at 6PM in the Selectman's Room of the Town Hall. They would love to hear the*

*committee's input on changing the School Committee from nine members to either seven or five which they will then be voting on.*

***Revised BEDH: Public Participation at School Committee Meetings***

*The School Committee discussed Section #2 and not adding the requirement that (topics for discussion must be limited to those items listed on the School Committee meeting agenda for that meeting.)*

***Revised EEAA: Transportation Services***

*The School Committee discussed the need for the third bullet on this policy. At this time they would like to take this section off the policy. (Students must be picked up from the same location and dropped off at the same location 5 days a week.)*

***School Committee Workshop Meeting, October 6, 2010, 6PM at BVT, tour the facility, explanation of BVT budget process, funding formula and a question and answer session.***

*The Chair asked the School Committee if they would like to move forward with the October 6, 2010 workshop meeting at BVT. It was decided that this meeting would be helpful. Superintendent Gorky asked the members to provide her with questions or topics for discussion at this workshop and to email her with them. The collected draft questions will be submitted at the next meeting. Superintendent Gorky will work with Dr. Fitzpatrick to set up this meeting.*

***Update on High School Walkway***

*The Athletic Subcommittee met on August 23, 2010. The committee got approval from the BPCC to use funds allocated from the High School Construction account to construct a concrete stairway to the field to make it safer.*

***Friends of Lasell Field signage***

*The Friends of Lasell voted to allocate funds to install a new sign on the back of the scoreboard. There will be no name change. The sign is to create pride and show support for the field. The wooden sign that is there now will get refurbished and moved to the press box. It is also possible that Graffiti Works will donate the letters for a banner and Friends of Lasell will just have to pay for the banner itself. The Friends of Lasell will work with the Superintendent and the Director of Facilities regarding the signage and placement of this banner.*

**Reports: none**

**Ongoing Business:**

*Fred Beauregard mentioned that West Bridgewater High School has adopted a texting procedure for bullying reporting.*

**New Business:**

**Action Items:**

***District & School Committee Goals***

*The motion was made by Karen Kittredge to accept District & School Committee Goals.*

*The motion was seconded by Mike LeBrasseur. The vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:*

<i>Fred Beauregard</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Susan Brouwer</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Richard DeLuca</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Julie Gawlak</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike LeBrasseur</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Selena Livingston</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Diane Mimmo</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Karen Kittredge</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike McGrath</i>	<i>Yes</i>

*6 members having voted in the affirmative*

*0 members having voted in the negative*

*0 members having abstained*

*The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 6-0*

***Field Trip/ Student Travel: IJOA-JJH***

*The motion was made by Karen Kittredge to amend, Field Trip/ Student Travel: IJOA-JJH - 2<sup>nd</sup>, and resubmit for a second reading on September 14, 2010.*

*The motion was seconded by Julie Gawlak. The vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:*

<i>Fred Beauregard</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Susan Brouwer</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Richard DeLuca</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Julie Gawlak</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike LeBrasseur</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Selena Livingston</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Diane Mimmo</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Karen Kittredge</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike McGrath</i>	<i>Yes</i>

*6 members having voted in the affirmative*

*0 members having voted in the negative*

*0 members having abstained*

*The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 6-0*

***Section E Support Services – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading***

*Mike McGrath read off all Policies in Section E and asked if any needed to be held out for discussion. Policies EBCD, EEAA, EEAJ were held out for discussion.*

*The motion was made by Karen Kittredge to accept Section E Support Services as amended with third Bullet on EEAA staying. (Students must be picked up from the same location and dropped off at the same location 5 days a week.)*

*The motion was seconded by Julie Gawlak. The vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:*

<i>Fred Beauregard</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Susan Brouwer</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Richard DeLuca</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Julie Gawlak</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike LeBrasseur</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Selena Livingston</i>	<i>Yes</i>

<i>Diane Mimmo</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Karen Kittredge</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike McGrath</i>	<i>Yes</i>

*6 members having voted in the affirmative*  
*0 members having voted in the negative*  
*0 members having abstained*  
*The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 6-0.*

***Warrant 31-06s, 8/5/10, \$94,274.58***

*The motion was made by Karen Kittredge to accept Warrant 31-06s, 8/5/10, \$94,274.58.*  
*The motion was seconded by Mike LeBrasseur. The vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:*

<i>Fred Beauregard</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Susan Brouwer</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Richard DeLuca</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Julie Gawlak</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike LeBrasseur</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Selena Livingston</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Diane Mimmo</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Karen Kittredge</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike McGrath</i>	<i>Yes</i>

*6 members having voted in the affirmative*  
*0 members having voted in the negative*  
*0 members having abstained*  
*The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 6-0.*

***Appoint:*** *None*

***Accept:***

***Information:***

*Opening staff letter*  
*Opening letter to students and families*  
*Bylaw Review Committee*  
*June 21, 2010 Budget Subcommittee Minutes*  
*March 18, 2010 Policy Subcommittee Minutes*  
*April 20, 2010 Policy Subcommittee Minutes*

*May 5, 2010 Policy Subcommittee Minutes  
Invitation to opening events.*

***Executive Session:***    *None*

***Adjournment:***

*The motion was made by Mike LeBrasseur to adjourn.*

*The motion was seconded by Karen Kittredge*

*The vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:*

<i>Fred Beaugard</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Susan Brouwer</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Richard DeLuca</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Julie Gawlak</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike LeBrasseur</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Selena Livingston</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Diane Mimmo</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Karen Kittredge</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mike McGrath</i>	<i>Yes</i>

*6 members having voted in the affirmative*

*0 members having voted in the negative*

*0 members having abstained*

*The School Committee adjourned 8:20 PM with a roll call vote of 6-0.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Selena Livingston  
Secretary to the School Committee*

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