



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Alicia Cannon, Brian Paulhus, Joe Richards

Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 9th, 2018 7:00 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

I. Call to Order (7:00)

II. Attendance

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

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Statement of Audio and Video Recording

V. Statement of Mission

VI. Public Comment

None.

VII. Recognition

Catherine Stickney recognized Kaia Dziekiewicz as the NMS Project 351 Representative.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

Catherine Stickney briefly reviewed some district updates.

IX. Consent agenda

a. School Committee Minutes from December 12, 2017

b. Warrant 38-26s 12/21/17 \$450,206.52

A motion was made by Alicia Cannon to accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon Yes

Mike LeBrasseur Yes

Brian Paulhus Yes

Joe Richards Absent

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. Action items

a. Acceptance of Donation for the NHS Food Pantry

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to accept the \$300 Donation from Polyfoam for the NHS Food Pantry. A motion was seconded by Alicia Cannon. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon Yes

Mike LeBrasseur Yes

Brian Paulhus Yes

Joe Richards Absent

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. Change in School Calendar

A motion was made by Alicia Cannon to approve the change in the School Calendar. January 31st is now a PD day for all schools, March 7th is parent conferences for all schools, and April 6th is an early release day for NHS only. A motion was seconded by Joe Strazzulla. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Alicia Cannon Yes

Mike LeBrasseur Yes

Brian Paulhus Yes

Joe Richards Absent

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.

XI. Presentation:

Susan Palmer-Howes presented on the Northbridge Career Academies.

XII. Discussion:

a. Leading the Nation Campaign

Catherine Stickney stated that the DESE has started a campaign called Leading the Nation. This campaign is an opportunity for districts to highlight their successes and the good work happening in the schools. The district would have to follow a timetable, submit numerous documents, launch a website, and submit programing ideas.

b. School Building Committee Update

Joseph Strazzulla stated that he attended the BOS meeting last night. He gave a brief but well received presentation that outlined all that we have done. We have a lot of work to do and the next step is to secure a construction manager at risk.

Tomorrow night we will have a short but informative forum with the Chamber of Commerce. This will take place at Balmer 6pm.

XIII. School Committee Individual Comments

Joseph Strazzulla stated that he wanted to open a dialogue about school start times, gather information and have a discussion later on. Join us at Balmer at 6pm for a brief informative forum

Alicia Cannon wanted to wish the HS DECA team good luck. They are going to districts on Friday.

Michael LeBrasseur wanted to remind everyone that we are having our first budget meeting next Thursday at 6:30pm to look at the FY19 budget. The Governor's budget will be released next Wednesday.

XIV. Adjournment (7:44 P.M.)

The motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to meet in executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A section 21(a) for the following purposes:

A. Purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining; Not to Return to Open Session.

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

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

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.