



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 23rd, 2017 7:00 PM Northbridge Middle School Media Center

I. Call to Order (7:03)

II. Attendance

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

Also in attendance were Superintendent Catherine Stickney, Director of Business and Finance Melissa Walker, and Student Representative Emilee Angell

III. Consent agenda

- a. School Committee Minutes from January 9, 2017
- b. Warrant 38-28s 1/04/18 \$276,302.18

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla 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	Absent
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joe Richards	Yes
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.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. Student Representative's Report

- Students from the 8th grade came up for 2 weeks for 1-to-1 shadowing of link leaders
- Drama production of Beauty and the Beast is taking place on February 9 & 10. Tickets went on sale today.
- The term ends today; half year courses switch tomorrow
- Girls' Basketball made districts with win over Auburn last night. Boys' Basketball having a very successful season as well, and they are on their way to make districts.
- Additionally, Indoor Track and Winter Cheer are having great seasons.
- Community Service Corps held annual Trivia Night event to raise money for charitable causes.
- Junior percussionist Lauren Giourard made MMEA All State Orchestra.

VI. Action items:

a. Donation to Special Education Department

A motion was made by Joe Richards to accept the donation to the Special Education Department. 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	Absent
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joe Richards	Yes
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.

**Michael LeBrasseur arrived at 7:09pm*

b. Donation to NHS Student Council

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to accept the Donation to NHS Student Council. The 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	Yes

Joseph Strazzulla Yes
5 members having voted in the affirmative
0 members having voted in the negative
The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 5-0.

VII. Discussion:

- a. Field Trip Approval- Student Council to Hyannis for State Student Council Conference
Carol Lourie requested approval for an overnight trip for the Student Council Members 2018. The trip will take place on March 7-9th, 2018 to Hyannis MA.
- b. School Calendar 2018-2019
Catherine Stickney shared the school calendar for 2018-2019 with the Committee. There were a few adjustments for parent conferences, and we have reached out to surrounding districts for the PD days.
- c. FY 2019 Budget
Melissa Walker stated that she and Cathy had met with the Town Manager yesterday to review the budget information and discuss the next steps. We are expecting that we will receive some information around February 8th or 9th on our proposed appropriation.
- d. Before and After School Programming
Melissa Walker discussed the before and after school programming for the district. Melissa stated that we have had an RFP for the program in 2015. When we did the RFP for that contract, we did a one-year contract with two one-year options to renew. Our options are to look to renew for the 3rd year or put out another RFP to solicit more proposals. Cathy recommended that we put out an RFP verses renewing for the 3rd year.
- e. Transfer of Funds to Cover Chemical Waste Disposal at NHS/NMS
Melissa Walker requested that the School Committee approve a transfer of \$9,215.00 from the Athletic Field Supplies line item to the Contracted Services line item.
- f. School Building Committee Update
Joseph Strazzulla stated that he, Cathy, Melissa, OPM, and the Design Team are going to meet with the MSBA and have the facilities review. We will be more involved with the MSBA in the next few months. The next forum will take place in March. We do still have to vote to appropriate the funds to pay for our share.
- g. High School Principal Search

Catherine Stickney stated that they have created the timeline for the position. We have posted the position and collected applications. This week we are looking for individuals looking to participate in selection/interview process. The search committee will meet to look over applications on February 7th.

Principal Search Committee

A motion was made by Alicia Cannon to appoint Brian Paulhus to the Principal Search Committee on behalf of the School Committee. The motion was seconded by Joe Richards. 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 Yes

Joseph Strazzulla Yes

5 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 5-0.

VIII. School Committee Individual Comments:

None.

IX. Adjournment (7:37 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 Yes

Joseph Strazzulla Yes

5 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 5-0.