



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Alicia Cannon, Brian Paulhus, Joe Richards

Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 8th, 2018 7:00 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

I. Call to Order (7:01)

II. Attendance

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

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

III. Public Comment

Sara Guerra, a parent, wanted to thank the administration and School Committee for supporting and looking into the Special Education Department. Sara also shared a few thoughts and concerns regarding the department.

Eleni Braley, a parent, shared her concerns regarding the Special Education Department.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Catherine Stickney stated that it is a very busy time for the Northbridge Public Schools. It is obvious that spring is in full swing. Between coming back from vacation and having a fantastic drama production we have also had trips with the music department, DECA, and the China trip. Field trips are happening, MCAS are happening, and sports are in full swing. We have been busy.

V. Consent agenda

- School Committee Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2018
- Warrant 38-42s 04/12/18 \$433,342.42

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

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

3 members having voted in the affirmative
0 members having voted in the negative
The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0.

VI. Action items:

a. Final Exam Schedule for NHS 2017-2018

A motion was made by Alicia Cannon to Approve the Final Exam Schedule for NHS 2017-2018. Senior exams: 5/21, 5/22, 5/23, 5/24 and underclassmen 6/18, 6/19, 6/20, 6/21. 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	Absent
Joe Richards	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent

3 members having voted in the affirmative
0 members having voted in the negative
The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0.

b. School Committee Policy Review EBC

A motion was made by Alicia Cannon to approve the School Committee policy review of EBC Emergency Plans as presented. 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	Absent
Joe Richards	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent

3 members having voted in the affirmative
0 members having voted in the negative
The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0.

c. Last Day of School

A motion was made by Alicia Cannon to approve June 22, 2018 as the Last Day of School for K-11. 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	Absent
Joe Richards	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent

3 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0.

d. A motion was made by Alicia Cannon to approve June 15, 2018 as the Last Day of School for preschool. 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	Absent
Joe Richards	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent

3 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0.

VII. Discussion

a. Independent Review of the Special Education Department

Michael LeBrasseur stated that we reviewed and agreed on the scope of services at the last SC meeting. We needed three proposals as it is anticipated that the cost will exceed \$10,000. The committee will meet on 5/11/18 to discuss the proposals.

b. Special Education Data

Catherine Stickney discussed and clarified the data that was presented at the last SC meeting.

c. School Security

Catherine Stickney stated that we have had community members reach out to assist with school security with items such as AED's and metal detectors. Dr. Stickney has reached out to the principals for their school needs and will be putting together a security committee to assist with these discussions/decisions.

d. School Committee Policy Review EFD

Since the last SC meeting, Dr.Stickney has spoken with other districts such as Douglas and Uxbridge. Their policies are similar to the direction we would like to go. We have received information and an offer for donations, from the community, to assist us in covering the negative feed balances. The group has asked that students follow our regular procedures; students that fall below the \$11.00 balance will still receive a complete lunch. We will observe data at the end of the school year. A fund will be set up to pay for this balance. This is a pilot program.

e. Superintendent Summative Evaluation Process

Catherine Stickney discussed the Superintendents Summative evaluation.

f. School Building Committee Update

Michael LeBrasseur stated that the schematic design was submitted yesterday. June 27th is the next step- MSBA vote. The Mason Road Neighbors meeting will take place on May 19th, at 3pm. There will be a larger neighborhood meeting as well. They had a great joint meeting last night.

VIII. School Committee Individual Comments:

Joe Richards wished Emilee luck on her future endeavors.

Emilee Angell thanked the committee for the experience. She had lots of fun and learned a lot about what goes on from behind the scenes.

IX. Adjournment (8:26 P.M.)

The motion was made by Alicia Cannon to move into executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Chapter Laws chapter 30A section 21 (a) for the following purposes:

- A. Purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with Union Personnel
- B. Purpose (6) to Consider the Purchase, Exchange, Taking, Lease, or Value of Real Property not to return in Open Session.

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

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

3 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0.