



# Northbridge Public Schools

## Northbridge School Committee

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Michael LeBrasseur, Chairperson, [HYPERLINK "mailto:mlebrasseur@nps.org" mlebrasseur@nps.org](mailto:mlebrasseur@nps.org), Joseph Strazzulla, Vice-Chairperson,  
Michael Alden, Bethany Cammarano, Brian Paulhus

### Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 14th, 2018 6:00 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

#### I. Call to Order (6:00)

#### II. Attendance

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

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

A motion was made by Michael Alden to move into Executive Session Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A Section 21(a) for the Following Purpose to Return to Open Session:

A. Purpose (3) to Discuss Strategy with Respect to Collective Bargaining with Union Personnel.

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

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

\*Returned from executive session at 6:13PM.

#### III. Pledge of Allegiance

It is the policy of the Northbridge Public Schools not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, or homelessness in its educational programs, services, activities, or employment.

IV. Statement of Audio and Video Recording

V. Statement of Mission

VI. Public Comment

Sarah Guerra- a NPS parent addressed the committee to make sure the full report of the Special Ed review will be made public.

VII. Consent Agenda

a. School Committee Meeting Minutes from June 26, 2018

b. Warrant 38-52s 6/21/18 \$259,063.02

c. Warrant 38-53s 6/28/18 \$265,623.47

d. Warrant 38-54s 6/30/18 \$34,629.55

e. Warrant 38-55s 6/30/18 \$132,853.88

f. Warrant 39-01s 7/5/18 \$54,094.71

g. Warrant 39-02s 7/12/18 \$2,980.37

h. Warrant 39-04s 7/26/18 \$252,956.88

A motion was made by Michael Alden to accept the consent agenda. Agenda item a has been removed from the agenda. 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 Absent

Michael Alden Yes

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. Presentation

A presentation regarding the Special Education Program Review Findings was presented by Seaside Educational Consultants.

IX. Public Comment (Cont):

Presentation of Donation for Middle School Fall Sports

A motion was made by Michael Alden to accept the donation from the NMS Boosters in the amount of \$19,387.06 to reinstate Fall 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            Absent

Michael Alden                Yes

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.

X. Action:

a. Acceptance of Donation for the Northbridge High School Food Pantry

A motion was made by Michael Alden to accept three donations to the NHS Food Pantry: \$300 from Polyfoam, \$250 from the Sobkowiaks Family, and \$300 from Pleasant Street Church. 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           Absent

Michael Alden                Yes

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.

b. Job Description Department Chairperson

A motion was made by Michael Alden to approve the Job Description for Department Chairperson. 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           Absent

Michael Alden                Yes

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.

c. Proposed Balmer Technology Reorganization

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the Proposed Balmer Technology Reorganization. The motion was seconded by Bethany Cammarano. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur            Yes

Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent
Michael Alden	Yes
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.

d. MOA- Athletic Director

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the Memorandum of Agreement to the Teachers Association Contract for the Role of Athletic Director and Authorize the Chair to Sign the MOA. The motion was seconded by Michael Alden. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

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

e. Joint Board Meeting Minutes from June 12, 2018

A motion was made by Michael Alden to approve the Joint Board Meeting Minutes from June 12, 2018 with amendments. 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	Absent
Michael Alden	Yes
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.

f. Appointments to the School Building Committee

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to appoint Richard Maglione as the local official responsible for maintenance to the SBC and Greg Rosenthal as the member knowledgeable in educational mission and

function of a facility. The motion was seconded by Michael Alden. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

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

#### XI. Discussion:

a. Student and Family Handbooks 2018-2019

Catherine Stickney stated that last year we streamlined the handbook process from each building having a handbook and moved to a District wide handbook. Catherine stated that there have been some changes and additions to the document.

b. Meal Charging Policy EFD

Catherine Stickney stated that this is a policy that was discussed at length back in the spring. The MASC has also revised their policy. We have made our own modifications to the policy to customize it for Northbridge.

c. Crowdfunding Policy GBEBD

Catherine Stickney stated that this policy helps us put guidelines and parameters in place for teachers that have great ideas or could better support their students with some outside purchases. This would help us put together a protocol that would ensure that teachers would have to go through a process of having their concept approved by the building administrator, Director of Technology, etc..

d. School Building Committee Update

Michael LeBrasseur stated that the next School Building Committee Community forum is September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Balmer.

#### XII. School Committee Individual Comments

Brian Paulhus- wanted to recognize Craig Mahoney. This weekend is a big corn hole tournament for the MS sports. He is still accepting donations for this event. There is a rain site at the Hab in Uxbridge.

Michael LeBrasseur- wanted people to be aware that we are having a Safety and Security forum on September 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be more information to follow.

XIII. Adjournment (7:41 P.M.)

The motion was made by Brian Paulhus 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 (3) to Discuss Strategy with Respect to Collective Bargaining with Non-Union Personnel
- B. Purpose (3) to Discuss Strategy with Respect to Collective Bargaining with Union Personnel
- C. Purpose (7) to Comply with, or Act Under the Authority of, any General or Special Law or Federal Grant-in-Aid Requirements.

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

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