



# Northbridge Public Schools

## Northbridge School Committee

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Brian Paulhus, Bethany Cammarano, Steven Falconer, Robert Dziekiewicz

### Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 8th, 2019 7:00 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

#### I. Call to Order (7:00)

#### II. Attendance

Michael LeBrasseur	Present
Bethany Cammarano	Absent ( <i>Ms. Cammarano arrived at 7:07pm</i> )
Steven Falconer	Present
Brian Paulhus	Present
Robert Dziekiewicz	Present

Also in attendance were Superintendent Amy McKinstry, Director of Business and Finance Melissa Walker, and Student Representative Ruby Holtz.

#### III. Pledge of Allegiance

#### IV. Statement of Audio and Video Recording

#### V. Statement of Mission

#### VI. Public Comment

#### VII. Student Representative Report

“Wrapping up the week of homecoming, the support from the games was excellent. Most stands raised over \$1,000 dollars for their class and the seniors raised over \$6,000 from the dance alone. The class of 2020 wants to thank everyone who donated and supported their last homecoming.

This week the signups for the PSATs went out at the high school. The test is on Wednesday, October 16th. Recently Kelly Heffernan was recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, meaning she was in the top 34,000 of over 1.5 million students who took the PSATs in October of last year. Congratulations Kelly!

DECA at NHS is currently in the process of planning a Credit for Life Fair for the seniors. The fair will be held on January 30th in the field house from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The purpose of this fair is to educate students regarding the financial decisions that they will face in the future. The fair will consist of several local businesses, each running their own booth to educate students on their specific topic and to create an understanding of various budgeting decisions. Recently the guidance department also gave a presentation to the seniors on financial support in college.”

Finally, this past week at the middle school, the students have been investing more time into organized Social-Emotional learning based activities. The introduction of this concept into the school has had a lot of support from the students and their families, and hopefully we will see that continue throughout the year.

#### VIII. Consent Agenda

##### A. School Committee Meeting Minutes from September 24, 2019

A motion was made by Steven Falconer to accept items from 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:

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Absent
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Robert Dziekiewicz	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.

#### IX. Presentation

Amy McKinstry, Superintendent, presented the 2019 Assessment & Accountability Report to the committee. Explained the next-generation high school MCAS tests in ELA and mathematics given for the first time in the spring to grade 10 (Class of 2021). Sharing that the next-generation tests have different score ranges and achievement levels than the old tests. Indicated the next-gen tests are more challenging. Spoke about reported vs. actual scores for graduation purposes. Non-high school highlights were shared, continued growth and increased achievements. Touched upon areas identified for improvement, and accountability indicators & weighting.

*\*Bethany Cammarano arrived during presentation, 7:07pm*

#### X. Discussion:

##### A. Field Trip – STEM Discovery – NYC- NMS Tech/STEM

Betsy Wermuth, STEM and Engineering teacher at the Middle School and Lisa Gogolinski, Computer Science teacher at the Middle School, shared details of this unique field trip opportunity targeted to Grade 7 & 8 students.

##### B. FY19 Budget Recap

Melissa Walker, Finance Director shared the FY19 Budget Recap with the committee. Several questions were asked by the committee members. School Committee agreed to add a discussion of FY21 budget at the next meeting on 10-22-19, to be held at the Middle School Library at 6:00pm.

#### XI. Information

##### A. Athletic Uniform Replacement

School Committee reviewed and discussed the Athletic Uniform Information supplied by Melissa Walker, Director of Business and Finance.

#### XII. School Committee Individual Comments

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.

The School Committee members had no individual comments to share.

XIII. Adjournment (8:15P.M.)

The motion was made by Brian Paulhus to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bethany Cammarano. A vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur                      Yes

Bethany Cammarano                      Yes

Steven Falconer                          Yes

Brian Paulhus                              Yes

Robert Dziekiewicz                      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