



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 26, 2019 7:00PM Northbridge High School Media Center

I. Call to Order (7:04)

II. Attendance

Michael LeBrasseur	Present
Bethany Cammarano	Present
Steven Falconer	Present
Brian Paulhus	Absent
Robert Dziekiewicz	Present

Also in attendance Director of Business and Finance Melissa Walker

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Statement of Audio and Video Recording

V. Statement of Mission

VI. Discussion:

A. Senior Class Trip

Senior Class Advisor and teacher at the High School, Neil Polucha presented details about the facility and detailed agenda for the senior class trip. School committee asked questions and agreed to make this an action item for the December 10th meeting.

VII. Public Comment

A. NHS Hockey Donation - \$30,979.00

A motion was made by Bethany Cammarano to accept items from the NHS Hockey Donation as presented. The motion was seconded by Steven Falconer. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

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

VIII. Student Representative Report

Ruby Holtz presented her November report to the school committee.

Last Saturday, the Rams played Amherst in the semifinals at Westfield State, and although we lost, it was great to see the enthusiasm in the fan section. A big thank you to everyone who signed up for the fan bus to show their support!

Last week at the high school, Mr. Swayze held an after school event where he taught his students how to make a Thanksgiving dinner. The participants seemed to enjoy their time and learned a lot, so thank you Mr. Swayze!

In terms of updates within Balmer, the school drop off plan has been updated and progress is currently being made on the construction of the school. You can now see the building formation coming together, which has been a great learning opportunity for the students there.

The turnout at the Middle school Family Fun Night last week was great, as well as the fourth grade expo at Balmer, so great job to the teachers and students who put it all together.

Tonight is the 52nd induction ceremony for National Honors Society. There are a total of 20 inductees this year, including the induction of the 1,000th member, Callie Ellis. Congratulations to the newest members on all of their achievements thus far!

Also, just a small reminder that the release times for the half day on the 27th are 10:20 at the High school, 10:50 at the Middle school, 11:30 at Balmer, and 11:40 at NES.

And lastly, the NHS Drama Club (who is currently wrapping up a West Side Story rehearsal tonight) would like to personally wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

IX. Consent Agenda

A. School Committee Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2019

B. Donation for Middle School Winter Sports

C. Warrant 40-20s 11/14/19 \$341,269.00

A motion was made by Steven Falconer to accept items from the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Bethany Cammarano. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

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

X. Action Items

A. NHS – Educational Tours – Greece and Italy Field Trip – April 2021

A motion was made by Steven Falconer to approve the STEM Field Trip to NYC. The motion was seconded by Bethany Cammarano. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael LeBrasseur	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes

Brian Paulhus **Absent**

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.

XI. Discussion:

A. School Building Project update

Michael LeBrasseur provided an update on the school building project, items that were discussed at the last School Building Committee meeting on 11-19-2019 as well as details from the Construction Kick off meeting held on 11-21-2019

B. Lasell Field Update

Michael LeBrasseur suggested the Lasell Field Update be moved to the next meeting as Brian Paulhus was unable to attend school committee meeting due to the conflict of the Northbridge High School National Honor Society Induction.

C. NMS Boiler project

Melissa Walker provided detailed updates on the Middle School Boiler Project.

D. Line item transfer – OSHA Science Lab Safety Gear

Melissa Walker provided detailed explanation of the transfer of funds as well as why the funding of the OSHA Science Lab Safety Gear became a priority this year.

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XII. Information

A. Food Services update

Aramark provided informational power point presentation included in the school committee packet for this evenings meeting.

B. NEASC accreditation report

NEASC report provided to the district included in the school committee packet for this evenings meeting.

XIII. School Committee Individual Comments

Ruby Holtz, student rep shared thoughts on experience working with the visiting NEASC committee in the spring. School Committee members shared comments and wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving to the Northbridge community. The next Northbridge School Committee Meeting will be held on December 10, 2019

XIV. Adjournment (7:34)

The motion was made by Steven Falconer 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

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Bethany Cammarano	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Absent
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