



# 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, December 10, 2019 7:00PM Northbridge High School Media Center

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

#### II. Attendance

Michael LeBrasseur	Present
Bethany Cammarano	<b>Absent</b> ( <i>Ms. Cammarano arrived at 7:16pm</i> )
Steven Falconer	Present
Brian Paulhus	Present
Robert Dziekiewicz	<b>Absent</b>

Also in attendance 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. Recognition

- A. MCAS Perfect Score Award Recipients
- B. 2020 John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Recipients
- C. AP Scholar Recipients
- D. 2020 Superintendent Award Recipients
- E. National Merit Commended Scholar Recipient

Superintendent Amy McKinstry along with Principal Karlene Ross handed out Certificates to Students from Balmer that received perfect scores on the spring MCAS test. Assistant Principal Nicholas Hoffman distributed Certificates to the perfect MCAS score recipients from the Middle School. Principal Tim McCormick assisted Superintendent Amy McKinstry with the distribution of Certificates to the Class of 2020 John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Recipients as well as the AP Scholar Recipients. Superintendent Amy McKinstry spoke a about each of the students receiving the 2020 Superintendent Awards as well as the National Merit Commended Scholar Recipient as she delivered their Awards. Bethany Cammarano arrived during recognitions at 7:16pm. A brief recess was taken at 7:22pm giving time for students and families attending the recognitions time to depart if they had other obligations and were unable to attend the entire meeting. Meeting resumed at 7:24pm.

#### VII. Public Comment

No public 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.

## VIII. Superintendent Report

### **NES:**

Kindergarten is currently “traveling around the world” learning about holidays and celebrations in different parts of the world.

The NES staff sent care packages of candy and snacks to the soldiers in Iraq for the holidays and got a nice thank you email back from some very grateful soldiers last week.

Mrs. Gould will have a principal’s tea on Thursday from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. for parents of NES students. All are welcome.

### **Balmer:**

On Thursday, December 5th the Grade 2 Student Showcase: A Home for Everyone was held. The second graders did an amazing job presenting to over 200 families and community members.

Last night the third grade chorus members also sang to a full house!

This Thursday, December 12th at 6:00 and 6:45, the Fourth Grade Chorus will be performing for families and friends.

On Thursday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m., the Grade 3 students will be presenting their Student Showcase: Native American Museum. They have been working hard to research different Native American tribes and to create artifacts to put in the museum.

Balmer would love for everyone to come to their concerts and showcases and see (and hear) the great work the kids have been doing!

### **NMS:**

Tonight - MS Band concert (happening now) - started at 7 p.m.

Tomorrow night, the MS chorus will be performing beginning at 7 p.m.

Anthony Amitrano, our K-12 teach integration specialist, has started an "NMS Geek Squad". He is working with and training a small group of 6th grade students after school to work on technology issues in the building.

The MS Class Officers recently conducted a food drive during which they collected, organized and delivered more than 2500 food items to the Northbridge food pantry. There was a nice article about them in the Blackstone Valley Tribune. We’re very proud of their efforts to give back to the community.

The MS Community Closet will be open from 2:15 - 4:15 p.m. tomorrow, December 11th The closet provides new and gently used clothing, school supplies and other daily essentials at no cost to Northbridge Middle School’s neediest students and their families.

Reminder: Mid-term grades are open to parents on iParent portal as of today.

### **NHS:**

On Thursday, November 21st, 37 World Language students participated in the 5th Culture Fair, presenting 24 projects on regions from around the world to students and faculty.

Winter sports tryouts have taken place at middle and high school, and our winter sports season is now underway. Our HS boys basketball teams will have their season openers this Friday against Quabbin. JV plays at 5 p.m. and Varsity at 6:30.

On Wednesday, December 18th, the HS will be holding their winter concert at 7:00 pm.

The High school’s next school council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 11th at 6 pm** in the main office. Please contact Ms. Berger, in the HS main office if you are interested in attending.

### **District:**

We had our first joint staff meeting today at NES that included all NES and Balmer staff and all of the 5th grade teachers. Mrs. Ross led the combined staff in some activities to help staff members from the different buildings get to know each other better, and also conducted an activity that allowed staff from each building to voice their hopes and their concerns about becoming one staff. Special thanks to the entire 5th grade staff who had already attended a PLC meeting at the MS after school and still came to the joint meeting.

We recently received notice that we are receiving \$1500 for a grant we wrote to purchase much needed pedestrian safety gear for our crossing guards and crosswalks from MIIA (Mass Interlocal Insurance Association).

The DAC is hosting a free night of babysitting at Balmer on Friday night, December 13th for parents of students in grades PK-5. We have about 70 kiddos who will be joining us for a night of games and activities while their parents get a few hours to shop or relax. (Registration closed yesterday) We currently have about 10 adult volunteers and 10 student volunteers. But if anyone else is interested in volunteering to join us, and have an active CORI, please email me. The more the merrier.

## IX. Consent Agenda

- A. School Committee Meeting Minutes from November 26, 2019
- B. Blissful Meadows donation to HS - \$4,461.00
- C. Donation to HS Unified Sports - \$500.00
- D. St. Gobain Grant to HS Ceramics - \$1874.00

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	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Robert Dziekiewicz	<b>Absent</b>

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. Senior Class Trip

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the Senior Class Trip. 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	Yes
Robert Dziekiewicz	<b>Absent</b>

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. Line Item Transfer – OSHA Science Lab Safety Gear

A motion was made by Steven Falconer to approve the Line Item Transfer – OSHA Science Lab Safety Gear. 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	Yes
Steven Falconer	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Robert Dziekiewicz	<b>Absent</b>

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. Line Item Transfer – OSHA Science Safety Cabinets

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the Line Item Transfer – OSHA Science Safety Cabinets. 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	Yes
Robert Dziekiewicz	<b>Absent</b>

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. School Committee Individual Comments

Michael LeBrasseur reminding all that the next School Committee Meeting will be January 7, 2020.

Bethany Cammarano would like to extend congratulations to all Award Recipients for their accomplishments.

#### XII. Adjournment (7:35)

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	<b>Absent</b>

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