



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, January 7, 2020 7:00PM Northbridge High School Media Center

I. Call to Order (7:00)

II. Attendance

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

Also in attendance Superintendent Amy McKinstry, Director of Business and Finance Melissa Walker

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Statement of Audio and Video Recording

V. Statement of Mission

VI. Public Comment

No public comments

VII. Student Representative Report

Student Representative, Ruby Holtz was unable to attend this evenings meeting.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. School Committee Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2019

B. Warrant 40-22s 11/17/19 \$314,037.64

C. Warrant 40-24s 12/12/19 \$474,738.97

D. Warrant 40-26s 12/26/19 \$171,945.28

E. Polyfoam Donation to NHS Food Pantry - \$300

F. Milford Federal Donation to NHS Food Pantry - \$324

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	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.

IX. Presentation

A. Glen King, Community Preservation Committee – Update

Glen King introduced himself to the committee. Glen is the Chairman of the Community Preservation Committee. Glen explains the Community Preservation Act (CPA) is State law. In 2017 the Town of Northbridge voted to adopt the CPA. The intent by the State was to create a mechanism in funding for towns to tackle projects that might not otherwise rise to the top of their priorities or are limited because of funding that towns just don't have the money to get around to certain projects. Glen goes on to explain by voting to adopt the CPA that included a tax increase of 1% surcharge on real estate tax. There are matching funds that come from the state. The purpose of the Preservation Committee is to meet with all boards in town and to assess the needs of the town. Money can be spent on Affordable Housing, Recreation, Historic Preservation and Renewal, and Open Space. The Preservation Committee is currently working on Policies and the people of the town can go to the Preservation Committee with projects which would go to Town Meeting if the projects fit the requirements.

B. Tim McCormick – NEASC Report – planned actions

Tim McCormick, High School Principal and Elaina Batchelder, World Language Dept. Chair and NEASC Co-Chair went through a PowerPoint presentation about the NEASC timeline, Commendations, recommendations, and Next Steps. The PowerPoint presentation is available for viewing on the School Committee Page of the District Website under the tab Public Meeting Presentations.

C. Jason Matthews, BVEF – Re: Community Partnership/Internships

Superintendent, Amy McKinstry introduced Jason Matthews from the Blackstone Valley Education Foundation (BVEF). Jason is excited to partner with Northbridge and the internship program. Jason has a background in Career Services. Jason explains that working with employers over the last ten years conversation is consistently around soft skills, professional development, job attainment skills. He explains that when we try to introduce that into an adult learning environment through the workforce it becomes clear that that education and that influence needs to reach back into the high school and the middle schools.

X. Discussion

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.

A. Tim McCormick/Kevin Callahan – HS Internships Plan/Status

Tim McCormick, High School Principal shared a PowerPoint presentation with the committee. This is a follow up conversation from a meeting in the fall of 2019. The internships at the High School will be starting in the fourth quarter of the 2019/2020 school year. The PowerPoint presentation is available for viewing on the School Committee Page of the District Website under the tab Public Meeting Presentations.

B. Bretton Woods Ski Trip – NHS & NMS Ski Clubs – February 29, 2020

No discussion

C. Student Council – Hyannis Conference, March 4-6, 2020

No discussion / no questions

D. Capital Plan Review

Melissa Walker, Director of Business and Finance shared comments and answered questions from the committee.

E. Student User Fees

Steven Falconer, School Committee Member spoke about club & athletic fees as well as bus costs.

XI. Action Items

A. Athletic Fees Cap – FY20 Spring Sports

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to accept Athletic Fees Cap- FY20 Spring Sports 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	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.

XII. Information

A. November YTD Report

Melissa Walker, Director of Business and Finance shared comments and answered questions from the committee.

XIII. School Committee Individual Comments

School Committee members shared their comments.

XIV. Adjournment (8:35)

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 Not to Return to Open Session:

- A. Purpose (3) to Discuss Strategy with Respect to Collective Bargaining with Union Personnel:
Teamsters Union Local 170 Instructional Classroom Assistants. 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