



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Michael Clements, Kate Tracy, Randi Zanca

Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 29th, 2016 7:00 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

- I. Call to Order (7:00)
- II. Attendance

Michael Clements	Present
Mike LeBrasseur	Present
Joseph Strazzulla	Present
Kate Tracy	Present
Randi Zanca	Present

Also in attendance were Superintendent Catherine Stickney, Business Manager Melissa Walker and Student Representative Connor Nowlan.

- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Statement of Audio and Video Recording
- V. Statement of Mission

- VI. Public Comment

None.

- VII. Recognitions:

Catherine Stickney recognized Ryan Brochu for receiving the Superintendent's Award for Excellence.

VIII. Student Representative's Report

The month of November has been pretty exciting. The Thanksgiving football game marks the end to the fall athletic season; winter sports tryouts started this week, and players are looking forward to the new season.

Seniors who applied for Early Action have begun receiving acceptance letters, and seniors who are applying for regular decision are finalizing their college applications, getting letters of recommendation, and making sure they're all set and ready to apply when their deadline comes.

Last week was the National Honor Society Induction, and many new students were inducted.

A few weeks ago, our DECA program traveled to Washington DC and won the Pitch Competition. While they were there, they ran into Vice-President Elect Mike Pence.

We were very happy to have the Six String Soldiers come and perform for us; it was a great experience to watch them perform.

The Program of Studies is being developed for the 2017-2018 school year.

Tomorrow, November 30th, NMS is hosting a Family Fun Fundraiser from 6-8 pm, and our Career Academies will be showcased.

This Friday, Quinsigamond Community College will be visiting NHS and meeting with students who may be interested in applying.

Update on Wifi Lounge: Last year we had a fire that made one of our computer labs unusable. This year, we replaced the lab with Chromebooks, couches, and tables and turned it into a "Wifi Lounge". We're currently allowing teachers to sign it out and let students work in there. So far, it's been great, and we haven't had any problems.

Personally, I'm a big fan of it, and the Chromebooks are very nice.

The Holiday Concert is 12/21.

IX. Public Comment:

Denise Foster, the Head Swim Coach, presented a check in the amount of \$6,000.00. Grafton Public Schools donated \$5,000.00 for a total of \$11,000.00 to reinstate the HS swim program.

The motion was made by Michael Clements to accept the donation of \$11,000.00 to reinstate the HS swim program. The motion was seconded by Kate Tracy. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael Clements	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Kate Tracy	Yes
Randi Zanca	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.

X. Consent Agenda

a. School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes from 7:00PM on November 15, 2016

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Michael Clements. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael Clements	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Kate Tracy	Yes
Randi Zanca	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.

I. Action Items:

a. High School History Club- Field Trip to Newport Mansion

The motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve the High School History Club Field Trip to Newport Mansion. The motion was seconded by Kate Tracy. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael Clements	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Kate Tracy	Yes
Randi Zanca	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.

b. Policy Revisions IHAMB

The motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve the Policy Revision for IHAMB. The motion was seconded by Michael Clements. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael Clements	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Kate Tracy	Yes
Randi Zanca	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.

c. SWCEC First Quarter Report

The motion was made by Michael Clements to approve the SWCEC First Quarter Report. The motion was seconded by Randi Zanca. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael Clements	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Kate Tracy	Yes

Randi Zanca 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.

d. Donation- Middle School Veterans Breakfast

The motion was made by Michael Clements to accept the Donations from the Northbridge Police Association, Unibank for Savings, Harry's Famous Pizza, Koopman Lumber, and Shaw's Supermarket for the Middle School Veterans Breakfast. The motion was seconded by Kate Tracy. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael Clements Yes

Mike LeBrasseur Yes

Joseph Strazzulla Yes

Kate Tracy Yes

Randi Zanca 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.

e. Donation- Cabinet for Middle School Music Program

The motion was made by Randi Zanca to accept the Donation from the Aicardi Family for the Cabinet for the Middle School Music Program. The motion was seconded by Michael Clements. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael Clements Yes

Mike LeBrasseur Yes

Joseph Strazzulla Yes

Kate Tracy Yes

Randi Zanca 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.

XI. Discussion:

a. Substitute Teacher Rates of Pay

Melissa Walker discussed increasing the rate of pay for substitute teachers. Melissa discussed raising the rates from \$80.00 to \$90.00 for certified and from \$60.00 to \$70.00 for non-certified.

b. Student Fees

Michael Le Brasseur discussed student fees such as athletics, transportation, and parking. Michael stated that he was looking into seeing if modifications could be made to save parents money without impact.

c. Use of Fields

Catherine Stickney stated that she is planning to get together with representatives from the Parks and Recreation Department to discuss our plan and the School Districts plan to officially rest and revive some of the upper fields. An internal plan has been developed that we would like to share regarding two fields that we can seed, fertilize, and rest.

d. Southern Worcester County Regional Roundtable

Michael LeBrasseur stated that this meeting took place two weeks ago in Charlton. In attendance from our district were Catherine Stickney, Melissa Walker, and Michael LeBrasseur. The event was pretty well attended by school districts and legislature. Discussions took place in regards to budget challenges and solutions to these challenges.

XII. School Committee Individual Comments

Kate Tracy- This Saturday is NMS Booster Club's Breakfast with Santa. This event is hosted at the Whitinsville Golf Club. There is more information on the website or Facebook page. On Monday, December 5th, there will be an online auction on the NMS Booster Club Facebook page to benefit MS sports.

Michael LeBrasseur- Website update? Catherine Stickney stated that it will be here soon. There is district internal training December 5th and 8th.

Catherine Stickney- The Middle School Fall Family event will take place tomorrow evening. This is a community building and fundraising event. Friday Night is the PTA Winter Wonderland at Balmer School.

XIII. Adjournment

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. The motion was seconded Michael Clements. A vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Michael Clements	Yes
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Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
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Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
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Kate Tracy	Yes
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Randi Zanca	Yes
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The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 5-0.