



# Northbridge Public Schools

## Northbridge School Committee

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Michael Clements, Kate Tracy, Randi Zanca

**Northbridge Public Schools  
School Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 14th, 2017 6:30 PM  
Northbridge High School Media Center**

I. Call to Order (7:08)

II. Attendance

Michael Clements	Absent
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. Recognition

Catherine Stickney and John Zywiec recognized Emery Amtmann for the Northbridge Middle School Project 351 Representative.

## VIII. Student Representative's Report

Things are going well at NHS, the new principals, have gotten acclimated and things are business as usual.

Last Friday, our drama program, performed the musical Annie. There was a great turnout and everyone did a great job.

Tomorrow, February 15th, seniors will be fitted for their cap and gown measurements.

This week is spirit week at NHS. Today was Twin/Group Day, tomorrow is Pajama Day, Thursday is America day, and Friday is class color day. This Friday we have our winter carnival, each of the grades will compete in various fun activities throughout the day. The Winter Ball will also take place on Friday.

College acceptances are continuing to come in and seniors are starting to apply for scholarships and figure out where they want to go to school.

Winter sports are beginning to wrap up, the boys' basketball team finished their season last week, the girls' basketball team is preparing for districts, and track competed last Saturday. Wrestling is going very well; James Baldwin won the sectional championship and is moving on to states. I hear the swim team and hockey have been doing well.

Game change has been meeting with students during advisory to teach students about domestic violence protection and pass along their knowledge.

## IX. Consent Agenda

- a. School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes from 7:00PM on January 24, 2017
- b. Warrant 37-30s 01/19/17 \$277,090.28

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

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Michael Clements	Absent
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Kate Tracy	Yes
Randi Zanca	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. Field Trip- Overnight Student Council Trip to Conference

The motion was made by Randi Zanca to approve the Overnight Student Council Trip to Conference. The motion was seconded by Kate Tracy. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

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

##### b. Pre-School Proposal for 2017-2018

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to approve the Pre-School Proposal for 2017-2018. The motion was seconded by Randi Zanca. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

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

c. Youth Risk Behavior Survey for NHS

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to approve the Youth Risk Behavior Survey for NHS. The motion was seconded by Randi Zanca. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

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

d. Bullying Surveys

The motion was made by Randi Zanca to approve the Bullying Surveys. The motion was seconded by Kate Tracy. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

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

e. SWCEC FY17 Second Quarter Report

The motion was made by Randi Zanca to accept the SWCEC FY17 Second Quarter Report. The motion was seconded by Joseph Strazzulla. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael Clements	Absent
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes

Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Kate Tracy	Yes
Randi Zanca	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

f. School Calendar 2017-2018

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to approve the School Calendar for the 2017-2018 Academic Year. The motion was seconded by Joseph Strazzulla. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

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

g. Superintendent's Formative Evaluation/Performance Goals

The motion was made by Randi Zanca to approve the Superintendent's Formative Evaluation/Performance Goals. The motion was seconded by Kate Tracy. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

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

Cindy Bourgelas (NES), Kim Dadah (Balmer and Grade5), and Patricia James (Grades 6-12) presented on English Language Learners. They discussed what an EL (English Learner) is, the number of ELs in the schools, the numerous languages that are spoken, challenges that we are faced with the increased number of ELs in the schools, changes that the state has made, and what is next.

XII. Discussion:

a. 2017-2017 Program of Studies for Northbridge High School

Aaron Katz and Amy McKinstry discussed the Program of Studies and the changes that were made.

b. Proposed Visit from Chinese Students- 4/2/17-4/9/17

Catherine Stickney discussed an opportunity for NHS to welcome students from China. Last year, through the Cambridge Institute, two students reached out and were accepted to NHS. They did choose another school as they apply to numerous amounts. This program would involve having families in Northbridge host these students. There is a stipend to help offset the costs of being a host.

c. Budget Update FY18

Michael LeBrasseur shared with committee the FY2018 draft budget. This budget was also shared at the BOS meeting. Michael discussed the process, priorities, the options to close the gap, and the next steps.

d. Appointment to Screening Committee for Town Manager

Michael LeBrassuer stated that we have the opportunity to be on the screening committee for the Town Manager. A School Committee member or an administrator may serve on the committee. This item will be an action item for the SC meeting of February 28, 2017.

XIII. School Committee Individual Comments

Joseph Strazzulla- Congrats to the Superintendent on the snow day video.

Michael LeBrasseur- Stated that he has reached out to Senators Moore and Fattman as well as Representative Muradian in regards to attending the March 28<sup>th</sup> SC meeting.

XIV. Adjournment 8:43

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to move into Executive Session: Regarding Negotiations with Non Union Personnel– Not to Reconvene in Open Session. The motion was seconded Randi Zanca. A vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Michael Clements	Absent
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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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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.