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Northbridge School Committee

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Michael LeBrasseur, Chairperson, mlebrasseur@nps.org, Joseph Strazzulla, Vice-Chairperson,
Michael Clements, Kate Tracy, Randi Zanca

Northbridge Public Schools
School Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 28, 2017 7:00 PM
Northbridge High School Media Center

I. Call to Order (7:08)

II. Attendance

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

Also in attendance were Superintendent Catherine Stickney and Business Manager Melissa Walker.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Statement of Audio and Video Recording

V. Statement of Mission

VI. Public Comment:

Jennifer Rice- Middle School Booster Club presented a check in the amount of $5,375.00 to fund all MS Spring Sports.

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to accept a check from the MS Boosters in the amount of $5,375.00 to fund all MS Spring Sports. The motion was seconded by Randi Zanca. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Michael Clements	Absent

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

3 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0.

VII. Presentation

Melissa Walker and Catherine Stickney presented the Superintendent's Proposed FY2018 Budget. They discussed Mission and Goals, FY18 Budget Process, Budget Recap, FY2018 Level Services Operating Budget, FY18 Expense Drivers, Prioritized List of Strategic Additions, FY18 Revenue, Revolver Projections, Budget Gap, Closing the Gap and Should an Override be considered.

VIII. Budget Public Comment

Ken Picotte- Son in the Middle School- He had questions regarding Special Education and the Special Education Budget.

Melissa Walker stated that the deadline to add an article to the May Town Warrant is March 4th. Melissa stated that if we want to consider an override article we should put it on the May Town Warrant. Melissa also stated that $100,000 of capital expenses can be removed from the recommended operating budget and requested at the May Town Meeting in the form of a capital article.

The motion was made by Randi Zanca to move the Override Article and the Capital Expenditures Article to an action item. 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	Absent
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Kate Tracy	Yes
Randi Zanca	Yes

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3 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0.

IX. Consent Agenda

a. School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes from 7:00PM on February 14, 2017

b. Warrant 37-32s 02/02/17 $214,448.05

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:

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

3 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0.

X. Action items:

a. Superintendent's Performance Goals

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to approve the Superintendent's Performance Goals. 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	Absent
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Kate Tracy	Yes
Randi Zanca	Yes

3 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0

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b. 2017-2018 Program of Studies for Northbridge High School

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to approve the 2017-2018 Program of Studies for Northbridge High School. 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	Absent
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Kate Tracy	Yes
Randi Zanca	Yes

3 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0

c. Appointment to Screening Committee for Town Manager

The motion was made by Randi Zanca to appoint Melissa Walker to the Screening Committee for Town Manager. 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	Absent
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Kate Tracy	Yes
Randi Zanca	Yes

3 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0

d. Appointment to the Building Planning Construction Committee

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to appoint Michael LeBrasseur to the Building Planning Construction Committee. 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	Absent
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Kate Tracy	Yes

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Randi Zanca	Yes

3 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0

e. Override Article

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to include the Override Article for the May Town Meeting. 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	Absent
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Kate Tracy	Yes
Randi Zanca	Yes

3 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0

f. Capital Expenditure Article

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to include the Capital Expenditure Article for the May Town Meeting in the amount of $100,000.00 for entry doors for the Middle School and Technology for NES, Balmer, NMS, and 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	Absent
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Kate Tracy	Yes
Randi Zanca	Yes

3 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0

XI. Discussion:

a. Field Trip- Overnight, Out- of State Trip NASA ICED

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James Gorman proposed an out of state field trip to NASA in Langley, Virginia. The trip will take place from March 22, 2017 to March 25, 2017. There will be about 24 students and 2 chaperones. This will be an action item on the next agenda.

XII. School Committee Individual Comments

Joseph Strazzulla- We are headed into a difficult process which includes a discussion of an override. We need to have the community engaged in the discussion.

XIII. Adjournment 7:57

I. The motion was made by Kate Tracy to move into Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A section 21(a) for the following purposes:

a. Purpose (2) to conduct collective bargaining with the AFL-CIO, STATE COUNCIL 93, LOCAL 1709, Unit C - Custodial, specifically to hear the Custodial Boucher grievance; and

b. Purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, specifically to deliberate and determine a response to the Custodial Boucher grievance not to Reconvene in Open Session

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

3 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 3-0.

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