



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Michael Clements, Kate Tracy, Randi Zanca

Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 9th, 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 Mission

V. Public Comment

Crystal Sadik- Presented a check to the School Committee in the amount of \$955.00. These funds will reinstate the Balmer Show Choir.

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to accept the check in the amount of \$955.00 from the PTA to reinstate the Balmer Show Choir. 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

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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.

VI. Superintendent's Report

Catherine stated that it is her pleasure to introduce the complete administrative team of Northbridge Middle School: Principal John Zywiec, Assistant Principal Bob O'Brien, and Assistant Principal Nick Hoffman.

Our DEP/Water Sampling program has excellent results. Of the 122 samples taken from NES, Balmer, and the MS, two fixtures needed corrections. With those corrections in place, our re-testing has proven that we are 100% in compliance with safe levels of lead and copper at all three buildings. We will test NHS in September.

We are pleased to report that community service continues during the summer at the HS Community Garden. We also received a thank you note from John 21 Breakfast for the MS Student Council's \$500 donation in the spring. We are proud of the continued efforts of our students and staff.

Northbridge High School has been chosen to participate in the "Game Change" - a year-long training program that supports non-violent, prosocial, healthy physical relationships. This is sponsored by the Patriots.

We extend an invitation to our School Committee members to the Opening Day school address. We will host a keynote speaker from DESE to promote "Safe Schools" for all students, addressing social-emotional security.

We are disappointed to share that, not only did we lose the Full-day Kindergarten grant for \$55,000, we have also lost the Academic Support grants, totaling \$23,000. These grants funded our MCAS tutoring sessions and SCIP at Northbridge High School. Funding for these grants was cut at the state level during the state budget approval process. We will seek other funding sources.

VII. Consent Agenda

- a. School Committee Meeting Minutes from 7PM, June 23, 2016
- b. Warrant 36-52s 6/23/16 \$313,657.39
- c. Warrant 36-53s 6/30/16 \$181,037.49
- d. Warrant 36-54s 7/7/16 \$153,656.54
- e. Warrant 36-55s 7/15/16 \$64,424.74
- f. Warrant 37-01 7/1/16 \$33,125.80
- g. Warrant 37-02s 7/7/16 \$153,656.54
- h. Warrant 37-04s 7/21/16 \$60,075.52

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Joseph Strazzulla. 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. Senior Trip Field Trip Request

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to approve the senior class trip to High Meadow.

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.

b. Student Handbooks 2016-2017 Handbooks

The motion was made by Randi Zanca to approve the 2016-2017 student handbooks for NES, Balmer, and NHS. The motion was seconded by Joseph Strazzulla. 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. Capital Project/Fall Town Meeting

It was decided by the committee to not take action at this time. At this time, there is not any item of an emergency situation that would necessitate being placed on the warrant.

d. Food Celebrations in the Classroom

It was decided by the committee to not take action at this time. The School Committee asked that the Wellness Committee create one document that includes the current policy with the new revision.

II. Discussion:

a. Middle School 2016-2017 Handbook

John Zywiec stated that the new administrative team updated the handbook.

b. Gender Identity Policy

Catherine Stickney presented the Gender Identity Policy. Cathy stated that MASC has not presented guidance as to this policy being a replacement policy. She recommended a

Policy File of “ACAA”. The school system has already hosted a social transition at Balmer School. The transition was a success for the student, parents, staff, and fellow classmates. Each school will have their own operating procedure.

c. **Bullying Policy Update**

Catherine Stickney and the Wellness Committee looked over the policy for consistency. We will not need to make any changes. However, we will need to revise our bullying intervention policy.

d. **MCAS 2.0 Update**

We have not been given technology parameters for hardware and devices. Grades 4 and 8 will be taking MCAS online. We have money remaining in our Title 1 grant for FY16. These funds need to be spent by August 31st. We plan on purchasing Chromebooks and 5 carts (30 Chromebooks per cart) with these funds along with access points for the wireless connection.

VIII. School Committee Individual Comments

Joseph Strazzulla- The School Building Committee is still waiting to hear back on the survey. Joe asked if anyone would like to take his seat on the BPCC due to him chairing the School Building Committee.

IX. Adjournment

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. The motion was seconded Randi Zanca. 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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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.

