



# Northbridge Public Schools

## Northbridge School Committee

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Michael Clements, Kate Tracy, Randi Zanca

**Northbridge Public Schools  
School Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 7:00 PM  
Northbridge High School Media Center**

**I. Call to Order (7:00)**

**II. Attendance**

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

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

\*Kate Tracy arrived at 7:08pm

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Statement of Audio and Video Recording**

**V. Statement of Mission**

**VI. Recognition of New Staff**

Michael Gauthier stated that the following staff members have recently joined NHS: Breana Accardi (Chemistry), David Accardi (Physics/Engineering), Diane Moruzzi (Special Ed Teacher), Katie Brunelle (Intensive Special Needs), Brittany Stockwell (Long-term Sub-English), and Brita Riley (Ceramics).

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John Zywiec stated that the following staff members have recently joined NMS: T.J. Schofield (Behavior Technician), Greg Mezzoni (Grade 7 SS/Humanities), Donna Wilson (Title 1), Betsy Wermuth (STEM), Lynn Powell (Substantially Separate), and Brittani Reilly (BCBA).

Karlene Ross stated that the following staff members have recently joined Balmer: Kathleen Humphrey (Grade 2 Teacher), Jill Cote (Grade 4 Math/Science), Steven Bracero (Substantially Separate), Kimberly Dadah (ELL), Kimberly Dineen (Title 1), and Emily Gauthier (Title 1).

## VII. Student Representative's Report

Connor Nowlan reported that yesterday, we officially started our first full week of the 2016/2017 school year. The freshman class adjusted fairly quickly to their new high school climate and classes have transitioned from logistics and preparing for the year to getting into core material with the workload ever so slightly increasing.

Fall Sports have started out well, with the Rams Football team winning their first game of the season, 21-18 against Saint Peter-Marian.

Last week, the Class of 2020 held their first class election. Class officers from all classes have been staying after recently to prepare for Homecoming, which is on September 24th. The Homecoming Dance will take place on Friday, September 23rd.

Starting soon, seniors will be working with Guidance for college and career readiness utilizing Naviance to work on college applications.

On Friday, at 8:46, we held a moment of silence for 9/11.

## VIII. Public Comment

Caryn and AJ Gagner- advised the committee that she will be presenting a check in the amount of \$6,705.00 to fund Wrestling.

The motion was made by Rand Zanca to accept a donation in the amount of \$6,705.00 to reinstate wrestling pending receipt of check. 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.

## IX. Consent Agenda

a. School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes from 7:00PM on August 23, 2016

b. Warrant 37-08s 08/18/2016 \$157,929.79

The motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to accept the consent agenda as presented. 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.

## I. Discussion:

a. DECA MA Competition Trip- Boston

The trip will take place March 9-11, 2017. The conference will be open to all DECA members who qualified at the district level in January.

b. DECA Conference- Washington DC

The conference will take place November 17-20, 2016. The conference is open to all new and current DECA members.

c. DECA International Competition Trip- Anaheim CA

The competition will take place April 26-30, 2017. Students will need to qualify at the MA DECA State Competition in March.

d. Summer School Report

Kathleen Perry shared with the committee student enrollment, services, staffing, and academic information.

e. Preliminary FY16 Budget Recap

Melissa Walker discussed salary adjustments, transportation, out of district tuition, utilities, and other revenue funding.

f. FY18 Budget Planning

There is going to be a series of community planning sessions. Below is a timeline:

October 6<sup>th</sup>- About the Valley

October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm- Balmer Cafeteria

November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm- NHS Theater

TBD- Senior Center

November 7<sup>th</sup>- Input at SC meeting

November 15<sup>th</sup>- SC members will report out on feedback

g. Fall Town Meeting Appropriation

Melissa Walker discussed the Town Meeting School Committee Appropriation increase.

The total increase to FY17 School Committee Appropriation is \$175,000. Chapter 70 total appropriation increase to fund operating budget is \$81,970. The total appropriation increase for Capital Items is \$93,000. The total for Chapter 70 and Capital Items is \$174,970.

h. Early Professional Status Notification

Catherine Stickney notified the School Committee that she was granting early professional status to Cynthia Bourgelas and Stephanie Dec.

X. School Committee Individual Comments:

Connor Nowlan- question regarding the ETA of website

Randi Zanca- asked when MCAS scores will be released. Randi also stated that she was able to meet many new staff members during the first day of school opening.

Joseph Strazzulla- The Wizards game will be hosted by the PTA on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Congrats to new hires.

Michael LeBrasseur- Meeting new hires at the SC meeting was a great idea. Congrats to the wrestling team for coming up with the funding.

XI. Adjournment

The motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm. The motion was seconded Randi Zanca. A vote was taken by roll call 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.