



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 12th, 2016 6:15 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

I. Call to Order (6:15)

II. Attendance

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

Executive Session: Hearing of Grievance from AFSCME Council 93, Local 1709, Unit C –

Custodial– To Reconvene in Open Session

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

III. Open Session (7:00)

Also in attendance was Student Representative Connor Nowlan (7:00).

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Statement of Audio and Video Recording

VI. Statement of Mission

VII. Public Comment-

None.

VIII. Student Representative's Report

Connor Nowlan reported that, winter sports are in full swing, and the football team was honored by the Board of Selectmen Monday night. College Acceptances are currently coming in for our seniors, and already over 1 million dollars in academic scholarships. "Chopped on a Shoestring" is going to be held this Thursday night in the theatre to promote awareness of hunger in Northbridge. Last Friday, our DECA program traveled to Boxboro to compete in their district competition. The program of studies is currently being finalized. The term ends on the 26th.

IX. Consent agenda

- a. School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes from 6:15PM on December 22, 2015
- b. Acceptance of Donation for a Bike Rack at Northbridge Middle School from A Better Northbridge

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	Absent
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. Revision to Policy EBC- Emergency Plans

A motion was made by Randi Zanca to approve the revisions to policy EBC-Emergency Plans. 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	Absent
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. Revision to Policy JKAA- Physical Restraint of Students

A motion was made by Kate Tracy to approve the revisions to policy JKAA- Physical Restraint of Students. 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	Absent
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. Capital Plan Update

A motion was made by Kate Tracy to approve the Capital Plan Update. 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	Absent
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: ELL Program Updates

Cynthia Bourgelas, Patricia James, and Kathleen Perry presented on English Language Learners in Northbridge. They discussed what an English Language Learner is, English as a second language instruction, abbreviations in ELL, and what ESL Instruction is and what it is not. They also discussed Northbridge language learners, the state guidelines for service hours, growth over time, and service gaps based on state mandates.

*Michael LeBrasseur joined the meeting at 7:25pm.

XII. Discussions:

a. Public Relations Subcommittee Report

Randi Zanca stated that the Public Relations committee consists of Kate Tracy, Dr. Stickney, and herself. Randi shared some highlights from the November 2015 meeting. Randi stated that they discussed messaging, coming up with a positive slogan such as "Community is our Family", intergenerational messaging, flyers, using social media in a more effective way, upgrading nps.org, connecting with parents by newsletters and newspapers articles to cover our events. Randi also went over a few items that were discussed in the December meeting such as the Celebration of Learning that will take place on March 9th from 6-8pm at the High School. Randi stated that Dr. Stickney suggested a SC table at the Celebration of Learning as well as a voter registration table. Randi shared Dr. Stickney's idea in regards to promoting our schools by having a Real Estate Agent's Open House. The committee discussed what would happen if MSBA moves forward on our building request; we would need to have a really strong plan. NCTV continues to be supportive of our mission. They recently donated equipment (about \$4,000.00). Thank you to NCTV for all of their help.

XIII. Informational

- a. SWCEC Annual Report 2014-2015 and Auditor's Report FY2015
- b. School Committee Visitation Schedule for January 13, 2016
- c. School Committee Public Relations Subcommittee Meeting Minutes from 6:00PM, November 10, 2015

XIV. School Committee Individual Comments

None

XV. Adjournment

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. The motion was seconded Michael Clements. A vote was taken by roll call 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.