



# Northbridge Public Schools

## Northbridge School Committee

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Michael Clements, Kate Tracy, Randi Zanca

### Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 11th, 2016 7:00 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

#### I. Call to Order from Executive Session (7:00)

#### II. Attendance

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

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

Charlene Manning- 276 Kelly Road- Charlene raised concerns regarding the use of the playground at Balmer during Springboard hours.

#### VII. Student Representative's Report

Connor Nowlan reported that there is a new program taking place at NHS called Game Change. This program is an approach to violence prevention education. The program started today and will continue for the next two days. Students have reported back that

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the program is interesting and informative. Recently, NHS won the MIAA sportsmanship award.

The fall concert is October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Juniors and seniors are currently taking SAT's. Seniors have completed their Naviance training and they are finishing up the college application process, with many looking to do early action.

School Council and Student Advisory Committee have already met. Richard Dineen, a history teacher, is currently working with Town Hall to get assistance in having someone come to the school to help register students to vote.

Connor spoke about the Congressional Youth Cabinet. He stated that they went to WPI with other students from surrounding districts to speak with Rep. McGovern in regards to issues that they felt were important.

Mrs. Herbert, who is in charge of the Broadcast Program, received a \$4,000.00 grant from the Blackstone Valley Education Foundation.

#### VIII. Consent Agenda

- a. School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes from 6:45PM on September 27, 2016
- b. Warrant 37-14s 09/29/2016 \$218,448.27

The motion was made by Michael Clements 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	Yes
Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Absent
Kate Tracy	Yes
Randi Zanca	Absent

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.

#### I. Action Items:

- a. Blissful Meadows Donation to Northbridge High School

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to accept the donation from Blissful Meadows to NHS in the amount of \$4,000.00. 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	Absent
Kate Tracy	Yes
Randi Zanca	Absent

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.

b. Superintendent's Annual Goals

This item will be placed on the agenda in November.

II. Discussion:

a. Community Budget Forum Presentation

Michael LeBrasseur discussed the NPS Budget Input Forum. He shared a draft presentation that contained an Overview, Our Mission, Strategic Goals, Our Budget (2016-2017), Per Pupil Expenditure, where our funding comes from, and how we have adjusted.

IX. Presentation:

MCAS 2016 Results and 2017 Recommendation

Catherine Stickney presented the MCAS 2016 Report. Catherine discussed the 2015 District Data, 2016 District Data, State Data 2015, State Data 2016, 2015 District ELA Student Growth, 2016 District ELA Student Growth, 2016 District ELA Proficiency, 2015 District Math Student Growth, 2016 District Math Student Growth, 2016 District Math Proficiency, Balmer 2015 Accountability, Balmer 2016 Accountability, Balmer- Accounting for "All Students", and Closing Thoughts.

X. Discussion

Michael LeBrasseur stated that the next School Committee meeting is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>. October 25<sup>th</sup> is also Town Meeting. Traditionally, when we hold a meeting on the night of Town Meeting, we meet at 6pm for a brief meeting. This time was agreed upon by the committee.

## XI. School Committee Individual Comments

Michael Clements- Thank you to all of the teachers and the administrators for all of their hard work. The MCAS results show this; it is good to see an upward trend.

Kate Tracy- Thursday night the PTA is hosting the Harlem Wizards at the Middle School. Tickets are available in advance and at the door.

Michael LeBrasseur- The community budget input forms are as follows:

10/18- 10:45am at the Senior Center

10/27- 6:30pm Balmer

11/3 - 6:30pm HS

## XII. Adjournment

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm. The motion was seconded Michael Clements. 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	Absent
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Kate Tracy	Yes
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Randi Zanca	Absent
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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.