



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Michael Clements, Kate Tracy, Randi Zanca

Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 10th, 2016 7:00 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

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I. Call to Order (7:00)

II. Attendance

Michael Clements	Absent
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.

*Michael Clements arrived at 7:03pm

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Statement of Audio and Video Recording

V. Statement of Mission

VI. Special Guest: Rep. David Muradian

Rep. David Muradian stated that he has seen a lot of Northbridge folks at the State House. He was excited to see the Football team and the High School Band there recently.

In April, they did the House budget, and in May, the Senate will do their budget. Rep. Muradian discussed the budget, Chapter 70, Local Aid, Ways and Means Committee, and Unrestricted General Government Aid.

VII. Public Comment

Jill Redding- NTA President- discussed concern with the new Open House format.

VIII. Recognition

Catherine Stickney and the School Committee recognized the following students:

Patrick Rosenlund- Community Service for the PAN-MASS Challenge

Christopher Sullivan- Community Service as a Math Tutor for MAP

Hunter Dansereau- Project 351 Student Representative

IX. Student Representative's Report

Connor stated that the seniors' days are numbered, as they only have 7 days left in school. Seniors have also been making the big decision as to where they plan to attend college.

AP Testing is currently going on. AP students are looking to score well on these tests in order to receive college credit for the class they have been working hard for since last summer.

Today, students in Advisory took part in our first "RAMS" block, which students were able to go visit other teachers that acted as a "study" period where students could go visit teachers to get extra help, work on makeup work, study, or just do their homework.

Spring sports are in full swing and student athletes look to continue working hard and make the rest of the season great.

Sophomores have the Math MCAS coming up.

X. Consent agenda

a. School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes from 5:30PM on April 24, 2016

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to accept consent agenda item b. Consent agenda item a was moved to an action item per Randi Zanca. 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. School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes from 5:30pm April 24, 2016

The motion was made by Randi Zanca to accept the School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes from April 24, 2016 with recommended changes. 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.

b. Last Day of School

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to approve the Last Day of School to be June 20, 2016. The motion was seconded by Randi Zanca. 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. Final Exam Schedule

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to approve the High School Final Exam Schedule as presented with appropriate communication to follow. 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.

II. Discussions:

a. School Building Project Update

Catherine Stickney stated that the deliverables, descriptions, due date, and timeline are included in the packet. The deliverables are as follows: Initial Compliance Certification, Establishment of School Building Committee, Educational Profile Questionnaire, Online Enrollment Projection, Enrollment/Certification Executed, Maintenance and Capital Planning Information, Local Vote Authorization, and Feasibility Study Agreement.

b. School Building Committee Composition

Catherine Stickney shared a proposed timeline for the establishment of the School Building Committee. The timeline includes School Committee discusses School Building Committee (SBC) and timeline; Proposed SBC information is released; Interested applicants submit letter with qualifications to Kristen Ferrante; Letters released in the SC packet for review; SC meeting at 6:00 for interviews; Special meeting to determine the composition of SBC; Vote to "approve" the SBC composition and members; and Submit to MSBA for approval.

c. Superintendent Summative Evaluation Process

Catherine Stickney shared the Superintendents Summative Evaluation with the Committee. Catherine discussed: Assess Progress Towards Goals, Assess Performance on Standards, Rate Overall Summative Performance, Evaluator Comments, Performance Goals, Performance Rating for Instructional Leadership, Performance Rating for Management and Operations, Performance Rating for Family and Community, and Performance Rating for Professional Culture.

XI. Special Guest: Senator Michael Moore

Sen. Michael Moore addressed the committee and discussed Ways and Means, Governors' and the House numbers for FY17, Chapter 70 for FY17, Lifting of the Charter School Cap, Foundation budget, and vocational school funding.

XII. School Committee Individual Comments

Randi Zanca- Annie was fantastic- Commended MS for a "job well done".

Joseph Strazzulla- wants to get everyone thinking about the 5-year plan - promoting the budget and building project wise. We need to start thinking about how we are going to communicate that to the public. Share the process with MSBA. We have an obligation to let them know their involvement and where we stand financially between now and 2019. Start a working session/budget subcommittee, and set some benchmark dates.

Kate Tracy- Tomorrow evening at 7pm the Balmer Show Choir/Chorus will be at the MS for their Spring Concert. It may be the last year for the Show Choir as there is not any secured funding for the program for next year.

Catherine Stickney- Understands there may be some level of concern regarding the Open House question earlier in the meeting. However, Catherine contends that there have been thoughtful conversations about curriculum night as it was originally planned. It would look different from a typical curriculum night. It would also encourage families and support. The administrators were very much focused on our core beliefs and encouraging student and family interaction. We will still plan all of our August events with packet pick up and building visits. This was an additional suggestion to allow one more opportunity for parents to come in.

XIII. Adjournment

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to adjourn the meeting at 8:56pm. The motion was seconded Michael Clements. The vote was taken by roll call vote 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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