Northbridge Public Schools
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Michael Clements, Kate Tracy, Randi Zanca

Northbridge Public Schools
School Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 23rd, 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                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 Audio and Video Recording

V. Statement of Mission

VI. Public Comment

   Jennifer Rice- Presented a check in the amount of $20,400.00 to fund all of MS Fall Sports.
   The motion was made by Kate Tracy to accept the check in the amount of $20,400.00 to reinstate
   all Middle School Fall Sports. The motion was seconded by Randi Zanca. 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

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orientation, gender identity, disability, age, or homelessness in its educational programs, services, activities, or employment.
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.

VII. Consent Agenda

a. School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes from 7:00PM on August 9, 2016
b. Warrant 37-06s 08/04/2016 $173,890.15

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 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. Action Items:

a. Middle School 2016-2017 handbook

The motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve the Middle School Handbook for the 2016-2017 school year. 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.

b. Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity Policy (FILE: ACAA)

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The motion was made by Kate Tracy to approve the Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity Policy (FILE: ACAA). The motion was seconded by Joseph Strazzulla.

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.

II. Discussion:

a. Class Rank

Michael Gauthier and Aaron Katz provided an overview of the current use of class rank, discussed the reasons for elimination of formalized class rank, reviewed current research regarding formalized class rank, and they discussed what eliminating class rank would mean for Northbridge High School students.

b. Athletic Data

Al Richards and Michael Gauthier discussed the participation and fee comparison for High School sports for FY2015 and FY2016.

c. Transportation Data

Melissa Walker updated the committee on transportation and discussed transportation comparison for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.

VIII. School Committee Individual Comments

Kate Tracy- Have a great first day of school next week. She also wanted to thank Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney for holding a corn hole tournament in order to raise money for the schools.

Michael LeBrasseur- Thank you again to the MS boosters and to all of the parents and the community members that have continued to support the schools and programs.

The Junior Police Academy seemed like a great program and hopes that it continues.

Thank you again to Catherine Stickney for organizing the Gender Equity event we had this evening.

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IX. Adjournment

The motion was made by Kate Tracy to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm. The motion was seconded Randi Zanca. A vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

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The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.