

RE: Northbridge School Committee
DATE: December 22, 2009
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Northbridge High School Media Center

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Michael McGrath, Vice Chairman Dr. Karen Kittredge, Susan Brouwer, Rich DeLuca, Julie Gawlak, Mike LeBrasseur, Selena Livingston, Superintendent Gorky and Assistant Superintendent Spitulnik, Melissa Walker

Absent: Fred Beauregard and Mary Contino absent

Call to Order: Chairman McGrath called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Public Comment: none

Student Report: none

Consent Calendar: Mike McGrath made a motion to accept the consent calendar items. Sue Brouwer and Mike LeBrasseur asked that all three of these items be moved for further discussion into the accept area.

Discussion: none

The Action items area and the Accept area were moved up in the agenda while preparations were being made for the Power Point presentation by Nancy Spitulnik and Susan Gorky.

Accept:

1. Approve December 8, 2009 School Committee Minutes:

Karen Kittredge made a motion to accept the December 8, 2009 School Committee minutes as amended. Mike LeBrasseur seconded the vote. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 7-0.

2. Approve warrant number 30-24s, 12/10/2009 in the amount of \$275,688.33:

It was discussed by Sue Brouwer that we get copies of the cover sheets of all the signed warrants presented to the school committee. Karen Kittredge made a motion to accept the warrant number 30-24s, 12/10/2009 in the amount of \$275,688.33. Julie Gawlak seconded the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 7-0.

2. Accept Rachel's Challenge Donations:

Sue Brouwer asked that thank you notes should be sent out to all businesses that made donations. This has been done. Karen Kittredge made a motion to accept the following Rachel's Challenge Donations:

*Brian's Catering-\$250.
Old New England Company-\$500
E Osterman Propane-\$100
Jubes-\$10
J&S Auto-\$5
Varky's Cleaners-\$25
David and Denise Lachapelle-\$20
Kathy Kane-\$200
NHS Class of 1959-\$200*

Sue Brouwer seconded the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 7-0.

Action Items:

Fees & Fields Subcommittee Recommendation:

HS Upper Fields ~ The road is for handicap access and handicap parking only.

Sue Brouwer gave an update of the Fees & Fields subcommittee meeting. She stated that the Building Planning and Construction Committee gave an update on the access road during the last subcommittee meeting. They discussed stairs going up the hill for safety. Parks and Recreation and Fees and Fields recommended that the road be used for handicap access only.

Sue Brouwer made a motion for a vote of confidence from the School Committee that the road to the upper fields only be used for handicap access and handicap parking only. No other vehicles at all should be using this road. Julie Gawlak seconded this motion. Mike Lebrasseur stated that we need to find a way to enforce this motion. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 7-0.

Budget Subcommittee Reorganization:

A motion was made by Mike LeBrasseur to have a reorganization of the Budget Subcommittee to Mike LeBrasseur chair, Mike McGrath, Karen Kittredge and Fred Beauregard. Karen Kittredge seconded the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 7-0.

Presentation:

Nancy Spitulnik and Sue Gorky presented a PowerPoint presentation of the District and School Improvement Plans Overview. This is a written plan to address the school needs, advance goals, and improve the performance of students. This is mandated by the Mass. Ed. Reform Act and is the responsibility of the principals and school councils and approved by the Superintendent.

The Principals from all of our schools were present for questions on their school improvement plans.

Reports Superintendent ~ Susan M. Gorky

Susan Gorky congratulated all the students from the holiday concerts. They all did spectacular presentations.

Special thanks to Friends of Music and Friends of LaSelle for all their hard work.

The high school daily and weekly announcements are now on the school websites under nps.org.

There will be a Community H1N1 clinic on Jan 9, 2010 from 9-1pm. Details can be found on the main web page.

Note of information: The three Principal positions have been internally posted. We are hoping to appoint these principals in January and give them a three year contract.

We are proud to have such talented administrators.

We wish all of our students, employees and families a happy holiday and a wonderful new year.

Ongoing business:

The School Committee members were asked to look over the self-evaluation survey from the last meeting for further discussion in January.

New Business:

Appoint:

Information:

District Improvement Plan

School Improvement Plans

*Commission on Public Secondary Schools Communication,
November 23, 2009*

*Blackstone Valley Community Concert Band Communication,
December 5, 2009*

November 7, 2009 Budget Subcommittee Minutes

November 14, 2009 Budget Subcommittee Minutes

NPS Technology Plan 2010-2013

Mike LeBrasseur had questions on the NPS Technology Plan. Sue Gorky suggested that he email questions to Brian L'Hereux, Nancy Spitulnik and herself.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mike LeBrasseur to adjourn the School Committee meeting and go into executive session at 8:25 P.M. Executive Session is for the purpose of discussing

matters pertaining to contract negotiations in accordance with C39s23B of M.G.L. and not returning to open session.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Karen Kittredge. The motion carried 7-0 with a roll call vote.

The following areas were discussed:

Personnel Matter ~ NTA Grievance

Collective Bargaining

Negotiations ~ NTA

Respectfully submitted,

Selena Livingston

Secretary to the School Committee

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