

**North Adams Public Schools  
School Committee Meeting  
October 1, 2019**

**MINUTES**

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The School Committee of the North Adams Public Schools met Tuesday, October 1, 2019, in the Office of the Superintendent, 10 Main Street, Second Floor, North Adams.

**Members present**

Mayor Thomas Bernard, chair  
Heather Boulger, vice chair  
Karen Bond  
Nicholas Fahey  
James Holmes  
Tara Jacobs

**Member not present**

Ian Bergeron

**Also attending**

Dr. Barbara Malkas, Superintendent  
Francisco Alicandri, Student Representative  
Carrie Burnett, Business Administrator  
Timothy Callahan, Principal, Drury High School  
Kimberlee Chappell, Literacy/Title 1 Coordinator  
Sandra Cote, Principal, Greylock Elementary School  
Amy Meehan, Principal, Colegrove Park Elementary School  
Nancy Rauscher, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent  
Thomas Simon, Director of Student Support Services  
Carolyn Wallace, Principal, Brayton Elementary School

Michael Monti, Resource Coordinator, Brien Center  
James Mucia, Division Director Child and Adolescent Services, Brien Center

**Press**

Tammy Daniels, *iBerkshires*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bernard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

The mission of the North Adams Public Schools is to help every child learn every day and empower all students to recognize and optimize their full potential.

There were no visitors to be heard.

Chair Bernard introduced Francisco Alicandri, a current senior at Drury High School. As the president of the student council, Francisco is the 2019-2020 school committee student representative.

### **READING AND APPROVAL OF RECORDS**

#### **A. Minutes of September 3, 2019, School Committee meeting**

The committee considered the minutes from the September 3, 2019, School Committee meeting.

It was **moved** by vice chair Boulger and **seconded** by committee member Holmes to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2019, School Committee meeting.

<b>Action #6237 minutes from September 3, 2019</b>	
Ayes	6
Nays	0
Result	Motion carried

#### **B. Balance sheet**

The school committee reviewed the balance sheet.

No action was required.

#### **C. Personnel Report**

The school committee reviewed the personnel report. Principal Callahan noted that Drury High School is currently seeking to fill teaching positions in English and science.

It was **moved** by committee member Jacobs and **seconded** by vice chair Boulger to place the personnel report on file.

<b>Action #6238: personnel report</b>	
Ayes	6
Nays	0
Result	Motion carried

### **REQUEST TO REORDER THE AGENDA**

Chair Bernard requested reordering the agenda in order to take up School/Community Based Targeted Intervention Services as the next agenda item. There were no objections.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. School/Community Based Targeted Intervention Services

Brien Center resource coordinator Michael Monti and division director of child and adolescent services James Mucia reviewed the Brien Center’s School/Community Based Targeted Intervention Services for Drury and Taconic High Schools. This new initiative focuses on prevention and intervention.

No action was required.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

A. FY19 Annual Report

Superintendent Malkas reviewed the North Adams Public Schools Annual Report for FY19.

It was **moved** by vice chair Boulger and **seconded** by committee member Holmes file the FY19 annual report.

<b>Action #6239: FY19 Annual Report</b>	
Ayes	6
Nays	0
Result	Motion carried

B. Accountability Data

Superintendent Malkas presented the 2019 district and school accountability data. Based on 2019 MCAS results, the district was identified by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) as having made substantial progress.

It was **moved** by vice chair Boulger and **seconded** by committee member Holmes to accept the report of the *Accountability Data*.

<b>Action #6140: Accountability Data</b>	
Ayes	6
Nays	0
Result	Motion carried

**NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

B. General Dynamics Mission Systems donation

Superintendent Malkas presented a corporate contribution in the amount of \$6,081 from General Dynamics Mission Systems, intended to support the curriculum at each school in the district.

It was **moved** by committee member Fahey and **seconded** by vice chair Boulger to accept the corporate contribution from General Dynamics Mission Systems in the amount of \$6,081.

<b>Action #6241: \$6,081 corporate contribution from General Dynamics Mission Systems</b>	
Ayes	6
Nays	0
Result	Motion carried

C. Adams Community Bank donation

Superintendent Malkas presented a donation in the amount of \$3,600 from Adams Community Bank to support student learning at each of our elementary schools.

It was **moved** by vice chair Boulger and **seconded** by committee member Fahey to accept the donation from Adams Community Bank in the amount of \$3,600.

<b>Action #6242: \$3,600 donation from Adams Community Bank</b>	
Ayes	6
Nays	0
Result	Motion carried

D. Finance and facilities sub-committee update

Superintendent Malkas and sub-committee chair Fahey provided an update from the finance and facilities sub-committee meeting held on September 23, 2019.

No action was required.

**REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE**

Vice chair Boulger noted the Adams Community Bank is hosting a College Prep Info Night on Tuesday, October 8 at 7:00 at the Norad Mill.

Committee member Holmes thanked Chief Wood and the school district for supporting an additional .5FTE school resource officer.

Committee member Bond indicated the Annual Fall Foliage children's parade is on Friday, October 4 and the Fall Foliage parade is on Sunday, October 6. The Drury High School band will be marching.

Chair Bernard thanked the North Adams Public Schools’ team for their work and commitment to the Start with Hello program.

Chair Bernard thanked everyone who participated in Start with Hello week activity.

Chair Bernard congratulated all the student athletes who participated in the Drury/McCann football game on Saturday, September 28.

Superintendent Malkas distributed the district activity and athletic calendars.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Bernard announced that the committee would enter into executive session under M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21 to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2019 executive session and to conduct a strategy session for negotiations with non-professional staff with the intent to reconvene in Open Session.

It was **moved** by committee member Bond and **seconded** by vice chair Boulger to enter into executive session. Chair Bernard administered the roll call:

<b>Action #6243: Enter into Executive Session</b>	
Ayes: Heather Boulger Karen Bond Nicholas Fahey James Holmes Tara Jacobs Chair Thomas Bernard	6
Nays	0
Result	Motion carried

The committee entered into executive session at 7:19 p.m.

The committee exited executive session at 7:30 p.m.

The committee reconvened in open session at 7:31 p.m.

### **ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT**

It was **moved** by committee member Fahey and **seconded** by vice chair Boulger to approve the Settlement Agreement by and between The North Adams Public Schools and The North Adams Cafeteria Workers Association.

<b>Action #6248: Cafeteria Workers Agreement</b>	
Ayes	6
Nays	0
Result	Motion carried

## ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bernard indicated that there was no more business to come before the committee.

It was **moved** by vice chair Boulger and **seconded** by committee member Fahey to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes	6
Nays	0
Result	Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Rauscher  
Administrative Assistant  
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