

**North Adams Public Schools  
Special School Committee Meeting**

**June 18, 2019**

**MINUTES**

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The School Committee of the North Adams Public Schools held a special meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, in the Office of the Superintendent, 10 Main Street, Second Floor, North Adams.

**Members present**

Mayor Thomas Bernard, chair  
Ian Bergeron  
Karen Bond  
Nicholas Fahey  
James Holmes  
Tara Jacobs

**Member not present**

Heather Boulger, vice chair

**Also attending**

Dr. Barbara Malkas, Superintendent  
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 the Superintendent  
Kimberly Roberts-Morandi, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment  
Thomas Simon, Director of Student Support Services  
Carolyn Wallace, Principal, Brayton Elementary School

Laura Richane, Supervisor of the Office of District Reviews and Monitoring from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Family members of Mrs. Barbara Dowling

**Press**

Tammy Daniels, *iBerkshires*

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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.

## HEARING OF VISITORS

There were no visitors to be heard.

## READING AND APPROVAL OF RECORDS

A. Minutes of June 4, 2019, School Committee meeting

The committee considered the minutes from the June 4, 2019, School Committee meeting.

It was **moved** by committee member Bergeron and **seconded** by committee member Holmes to approve the minutes of June 4, 2019.

<b>Action #6202: minutes</b>	
Ayes	6
Nays	0
Result	Motion carried

Chair Bernard thanked all retirees for their service to the North Adams Public Schools.

## RE-ORDERING AGENDA

It was **moved** by committee member Jacobs and **seconded** by committee member Bond to re-order the agenda to consider New Business at this point in the meeting.

<b>Action #6203: re-order New Business on agenda</b>	
Ayes	6
Nays	0
Result	Motion carried

## NEW BUSINESS

A. \$2,580 gift in memory of Mrs. Barbara Dowling

Superintendent Malkas and Principal Meehan presented a gift in the amount of \$2,580 to the North Adams Public Schools in support of playground equipment at Colegrove Park Elementary School. The gift is in memory of former administrative assistant to the superintendent of the North Adams Public Schools, Mrs. Barbara Dowling.

It was **moved** by committee member Bond and **seconded** by committee member Bergeron to accept the \$2,580 gift in memory of Mrs. Barbara Dowling.

<b>Action #6204: \$2,580 gift in memory of Mrs. Barbara Dowling</b>	
Ayes	6
Nays	0
Result	Motion carried

B. \$1,000 contribution from 1Berkshire

Superintendent Malkas presented a contribution in the amount of \$1,000 from 1Berskhire towards the North Adams Public Schools 2019 iNAv8r summer program for fifth and sixth graders.

It was **moved** by committee member Bond and **seconded** by committee member Holmes to accept the contribution of \$1,000 from 1Berkshire.

<b>Action #6205: \$1,000 contribution from 1Berkshire</b>	
Ayes	6
Nays	0
Result	Motion carried

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) District Review

Superintendent Malkas and Ms. Laura Richane, Supervisor of the Office of District Reviews and Monitoring from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) presented the DESE district review report. The report detailed the comprehensive review conducted from October 22, 2018 through October 25, 2018.

It was **moved** by committee member Bergeron and **seconded** by committee member Bond to file the District Review Report: Comprehensive review conducted October 22 through 25, 2018.

<b>Action #6206: file DESE district review report</b>	
Ayes	6
Nays	0
Result	Motion carried

**Summative Evaluation of the Superintendent**

A. Summative evaluation of the superintendent by the school committee

The school committee reviewed the evidence provided by Superintendent Malkas and rolled up their input to provide an evaluation based on the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Education rubric for evaluations of superintendents.

It was **moved** by committee member Fahey and **seconded** by member Bond to approve the summative evaluation of Superintendent Malkas including the overall rating and rating on each indicator.

<b>Action #6207: superintendent summative evaluation</b>	
Ayes	6
Nays	0
Result	Motion carried

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Bernard announced that the Committee would enter into executive session to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-professional staff with the intent to reconvene in open session.

It was **moved** by committee member Fahey and **seconded** by member Jacobs to enter into executive session. Chair Bernard administered the roll call:

Chair Bernard	aye
Committee member Bergeron	aye
Committee member Bond	aye
Committee member Fahey	aye
Committee member Holmes	aye
Committee member Jacobs	aye

The committee entered into executive session at 8:25 p.m.  
The committee exited executive session at 8:36 p.m.  
The committee reconvened in open session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

It was **moved** by committee member Holmes and **seconded** by committee member Fahey to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes	6
Nays	0
Result	Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Rauscher