

School Committee
North Adams Public Schools
North Adams, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of 01 November 2016

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the North Adams Public Schools was held on Tuesday, 01 November 2016, in the Offices of the Superintendent, 37 Main Street, Suite 200, North Adams.

Members Present: Tara Jacobs
Nicholas Fahey
Heather Boulger
Karen Bond
Mark P. Moulton
John Hockridge

Members Missing: Mayor Richard Alcombright,

Also Present: Dr. Barbara Malkas, Superintendent
Ellen Sutherland, Assistant to the Superintendent
Amy Meehan, Principal
John Franzoni, Principal
Sandra Cote, Principal
Timothy Callahan, Interim Principal
Molly Meczywor, Interim Assistant Principal
Thomas Simon, Director of Student Support Services
Dr. Kimberly Roberts-Morandi, Director of Curriculum Instruction & Assessment
Molly Polk
Tammy Daniels, iBerkshires
Adam Shanks, The Berkshire Eagle
Citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Boulger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

HEARING OF VISITORS

There were no visitors to be heard.

READING AND APPROVAL OF RECORDS

A. Minutes of 04 October 2016 regular meeting

Minutes of the 04 October 2016 regular meeting were read and at the conclusion of which it was

MOVED by Hockridge, SECONDED by Bond
to approve the minutes of 04 October 2016 regular meeting.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes 6	<u>Minutes</u>
	Nays 0	Action No.
		5983

MOTION CARRIED

B. Balance Sheet

Superintendent Malkas reported that the budget was on schedule for this time of year. No action was required.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to be heard.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. Certificate of Academic Excellence

Alexandra Bernard, daughter of Thomas and Jennifer Bernard, was presented with the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents' Certificate of Academic Excellence. This singular honor is conferred annually on the highest ranking high school senior; a student who has distinguished himself or herself in the pursuit of excellence.

B. Williams Elementary Outreach Presentation

Molly Polk, Williams Elementary Outreach Coordinator, gave an overview of the program informing the committee that 51 students worked at Brayton and Greylock Elementary Schools for a total of more than 1000 hours. Programs include First Grade Buddies, Middle School Mentors, the Assist Program. The North Adams Public Schools also have a partnership with Williams and MCLA through a National Science Foundation grants which supports Williams and MCLA students working at all three elementary schools. Ms. Polk was joined by Williams students Joseph Wilson and Zoe Harvan. Principals Franzoni, Cote and Meehan spoke about the benefit of the partnerships.

C. Personnel

Appointments

William Bryce, HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR, Drury High School, effective 01 September 2016.

Audra O'Brien, SOPHOMORE ADVISOR, Drury High School, effective 28 September 2016.

Jacqueline DeGiorgis, JABOP ADVISOR, Drury High School, effective 28 September 2016.

Jaime Hamilton, YEARBOOK ADVISOR, Drury High School, effective 28 September 2016.

John Moore, JUNIOR ADVISOR, Drury High School, effective 28 September 2016.

Gregory Houston, AP COORDINATOR, Drury High School, effective 28 September 2016.

Karen Bedard, SPIRIT ADVISOR, Drury High School, effective 03 October 2016.

Deborah Lighten, AUTSIM SPECIALIST TEACHER, Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 04 October 2016.

Angela Gaudreau, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, effective 04 October 2016.

Paul LaBonte, SUBSTITUTE VAN DRIVERS, effective 27 September 2016.

Maris Owczarski, HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR/SCHOOL NURSE, effective 01 October 2016.

Marcia Messina, TEACHER ASSISTANT, Brayton Elementary School, effective 04 October 2016.

Elizabeth Lane, TEACHER ASSISTANT, Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 20 October 2016.

Debra Duell, PROGRAM SITE ASSISTANT, 21st Century After School Program at Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 17 October 2016.

Lisa Tanner, Elizabeth Bator, Gregory Betti, Megan Gorton and Lori Parrino, ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT LEADERS, 21st Century After School Program at Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 17 October 2016.

Sarah Kenney, Diego Gonzalez, Carrisa Sacherski and Yvonne Elder, ENRICHMENT LEADERS, 21st Century After School Program at Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 17 October 2016.

Lisa DeMarsico, Caitlyn Elder, Debra Duell and Peggy Shartrand, ASSISTANTS, the 21st Century After School Program at Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 17 October 2016.

Susan Oliveri, Tracy Piekos, Denise Morin, James Holmes, Ashley Riordan, Marie McCarron, Lois Hobbie-Welch and Linda Johnson, ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT LEADERS, 21st Century After School Program at Brayton Elementary School, effective 17 October 2016.

Jenny Moulton, JoAnn Hathaway and Karen Cooper, ENRICHMENT LEADERS, 21st Century After School Program at Brayton Elementary School, effective 17 October 2016.

Jenna Gancarz, Michele Mirante, Cheryl Whitherell, Pamela Martischnig, Tina Radlowski and Mary Evelyn Lucier, ASSISTANTS, the 21st Century After School Program at Brayton Elementary School, effective 17 October 2016.

Aldonna Girouard, SERVICE-LEARNING IMPLEMENTATION TEAM REPRESENTATIVE, Drury High School, effective 01 October 2016.

Abby Reifsnyder, SERVICE-LEARNING IMPLEMENTATION TEAM REPRESENTATIVE, E-3 Academy, effective 01 October 2016.

Robyn Lawson, SERVICE-LEARNING IMPLEMENTATION TEAM REPRESENTATIVE, Brayton Elementary School, effective 01 October 2016.

Julie Richard-O'Donovan, SERVICE-LEARNING IMPLEMENTATION TEAM REPRESENTATIVE, Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 01 October 2016.

Christina King, SERVICE-LEARNING IMPLEMENTATION TEAM REPRESENTATIVE, Greylock Elementary School, effective 01 October 2016.

Erica Laprise, PART TIME CAFETERIA WORKER, Drury High School, effective 24 October 2016.

Resignations

Jeffrey Howe, TITLE I DIRECTOR/LITERACY COORDINATOR, effective 07 October 2016.

Jennifer Zahensky, TEACHER ASSISTANT, Brayton Elementary School, effective 23 September 2016.

Alicia Davis, TEACHER ASSISTANT, Drury High School, effective 23 September 2016.

Kasha Wissman, TEACHER ASSISTANT, Brayton Elementary School, effective 12 October 2016.

Jeanne Feder, TEACHER ASSISTANT, Greylock Elementary School, effective 01 November 2016.

Lindsay Osterhoudt, K-12 SCIENCE COORDINATOR, effective 29 September 2016.

Retirements

Lynne M. Burdick, TEACHER ASSISTANT, effective 11 October 2016.

MOVED by Hockridge, SECONDED by Bond
to place the personnel information on file.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	6	<u>Personnel</u>
	Nays	0	Action No.
			5984

MOTION CARRIED

D. Efficiencies in Regionalization

Superintendent Malkas informed the Committee on the Efficiencies in Regionalization grant that the district is pursuing in collaboration with other Northern Berkshire County districts. We will be applying for \$200,000 for the development of a special educational collaborative program for our students that will keep them connected and engaged in their own communities. The proposed program will support transition to and from the sending district, reduce transportation time and cost, and increase family engagement in the stabilization and support of high needs students. The efficiencies of cost reduction in special education tuitions and transportation will then provide funds to support improvement in the educational programs of each district impacting the quality of education for all students. It was

MOVED by Hockridge, SECONDED by Jacobs
to endorse the application.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	6	<u>Efficiencies in Regionalization</u>
	Nays	0	Action No.
			5985

MOTION CARRIED

E. Grant Awards

Superintendent Malkas informed the Committee that to date, 1,901,072.89 in FY17 grants have been awarded to North Adams. Dr. Malkas acknowledged the work of all administrators in the submission of these grants. It was

MOVED by Moulton, SECONDED by Hockridge
to place the information on file.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	6	<u>Grant Awards</u>
	Nays	0	Action No.
			5986

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no matters to be considered.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE

Ellen Sutherland informed the Committee the annual United Way campaign and City Wide Food Drive would begin on November 7, 2016 and gave school committee members United Way pledge cards.

Tara Jacobs announced that Copacabana will be performed at Drury High School on December 1,2 and 3.

Heather Boulger announced that Connor Meehan won the Berkshire County Individual Cross Country Championship and was also named Co-Most Valuable runner for the regular season.

Heather Boulger informed the Committee that the district webpage and Facebook page have many activities listed and are a good resource of information.

Amy Meehan announced the Colegrove Park is looking to start breakfast in the classroom in grade seven on Monday.

Sandy Cote announced that Greylock is applying for the grant and hopes to start after Christmas break.

John Franzoni acknowledged Cory Nicholas and the excellent work he has done with the dinner program. There are more than 150 students participating each night and we will be opening it up to family members for a small fee.

Tim Callahan informed the Committee about “The Exchange” a way for Drury to get supplies to students in need.

Dr. Malkas announced that we participated in an active shooter drill and this participation will help make our plans that much safer.

MASC UPDATE

John Hockridge updated the Committee on the work of the Berkshire Education Task Force. Phase one is completed and we have a report from the Donahue Institute which will serve as a benchmark for phase two. The report will be presented on November 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at Nesacus Middle School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice-Chairperson Boulger stated that the Committee would enter into Executive Session to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with the Cafeteria Managers and the Cafeteria Workers and would reconvene in Open Session.

MOVED by Moulton, SECONDED by Bond
to enter into executive session to discuss
collective bargaining.

