

School Committee
North Adams Public Schools
North Adams, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of 04 April 2017

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the North Adams Public Schools was held on Tuesday, 04 April 2017, in the Offices of the Superintendent, 37 Main Street, Suite 200, North Adams.

Members Present: Nicholas Fahey
Heather Boulger
Karen Bond
Mark P. Moulton
John Hockridge
Tara Jacobs
Mayor Richard Alcombright, Chairperson

Also Present: Dr. Barbara Malkas, Superintendent
Ellen Sutherland, Assistant to the Superintendent
Sandra Cote, Principal
Amy Meehan, Principal
John Franzoni, Principal
Thomas Simon, Director of Student Support Services
Dr. Kimberly Roberts-Morandi, Director of Curriculum Instruction & Assessment
Kimberlee Chappell, Literacy/Title I Coordinator
Makenzie Wright, Student Representative
Shelley Fachini, Special Education Coordinator for Early Childhood
Citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Alcombright 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 07 March 2017 regular meeting

Minutes of the 07 March 2017 regular meeting were read and at the conclusion of which it was

MOVED by Boulger, SECONDED by Moulton
to approve the minutes of 07 March 2017 regular meeting.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes 7	<u>Minutes</u>
	Nays 0	Action No.
		6010

MOTION CARRIED

B. Balance Sheet

Superintendent Malkas reviewed the budget sheet. No action was required.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to be heard.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. Personnel

Appointments:

Andrea Filkins and Robert Colantuono, SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, effective 21 February 2017.

Madison Marceau, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ASSISTANT, effective 13 January 2017.

Madison Tarsa, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ASSISTANT, effective 15 February 2017.

Cassie Bolus, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ASSISTANT, effective 27 February 2017.

Kirby Bryce, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ASSISTANT, effective 13 March 2017.

Courtney Bussiere, BEHAVIOR TECHNICIAN, Colegrove Elementary School, effective 27 February 2017.

Elizabeth Patenaude and Joyce Fruscio, ACADEMIC LEADERS, 21st Century after school program second session, Brayton Elementary School, effective 13 February 2017.

Patrick Boulger, VARSITY BASEBALL COACH, effective 20 March 2017.

Chase Preite, JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL COACH, effective 20 March 2017.

James Buffoni, HEAD TRACK COACH, effective 20 March 2017.

James Holland and Harry Urban, ASSISTANT TRACK COACHES, effective 20 March 2017.

Morgan Shafer, VARSITY SOFTBALL COACH, effective 20 March 2017.

Alon Willing, JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL COACH, effective 20 March 2017.

Aldonna Girouard, MUSIC DIRECTOR, Spring Musical at Drury High School, effective 20 March 2017.

Jamie Choquette, LIGHTING & SOUND DIRECTOR & PRODUCER, Spring Musical at Drury High School, effective 20 March 2017.

Kate Caton, DIRECTOR, Spring Musical at Drury High School, effective 20 March 2017.

Nicole Carter, CHOREOGRAPHER, Spring Musical at Drury High School, effective 20 March 2017.

Laurie Brenner, PIANO ACCOMPANIST, Spring Musical at Drury High School, effective 20 March 2017.

Resignations

Wendall Nelson, HEAD TEACHER, Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 30 June 2017.

Jason Davignon, GREENHOUSE ACTIVITY ASSISTANT, Drury High School, effective 24 March 2017.

Jessica Dunn, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ASSISTANT, effective 20 March 2017.

Retirements

James Holmes, GRADE 6/7 SCIENCE TEACHER, Brayton Elementary School, effective 30 June 2017.

Recommended Action: Motion to file.

Chairperson Alcombright acknowledged the work of Jim Holmes and listed some of the programs he implemented in the district including “Running with the Law” and the forensics program.

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes 6	<u>Personnel</u>
	Nays 0	Action No.
	Abstention 1*	6011

MOTION CARRIED

*Heather Boulger

B. Tuition Rates for 2017-2018

Superintendent Malkas recommended that the School Committee approve the following tuition rates for the 2017-2018 school year: high school, \$11,597; elementary school, \$11,597; special education, \$20,902; E3, Autism, Transition Programs, \$27,871. These rates represent a three percent increase from last year.

MOVED by Boulger, SECONDED by Fahey
to approve the proposed tuition rates for the
2017-2018 school year.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	7	<u>Tuition Rates 2017-2018</u>
	Nays	0	Action No.
			6012

MOTION CARRIED

C. School Choice

The Superintendent called for a vote for the North Adams Public Schools to continue to participate in School Choice.

MOVED by Jacobs, SECONDED by Boulger
to continue to participate in school choice
for the 2017-2018 school year.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	7	<u>School Choice</u>
	Nays	0	Action No.
			6013

MOTION CARRIED

D. Kindergarten Registration

Shelley Fachini, Special Education Coordinator for Early Childhood, informed the Committee on the new model for kindergarten registration which included dates and times in various locations in the community. We are expecting 83 students to register and as of today we are up to 68 with two more registrations happening this week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Coordinated Program Review (CPR) Update

Tom Simon, Director of Student Support Services, updated the Committee on the Coordinated Program Review. Our proposed corrective actions have been submitted and we are waiting to hear back from the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE). They will review and may add to the report. Once we receive the final report we will have one year to implement the corrections.

MASC UPDATE

A. Berkshire County Education Taskforce

John Hockridge gave an update on the work of the Berkshire County Education Taskforce. The task force is hosting a series of meetings in the county including April 11th at MCLA at 6:00 p.m., April 24 at Berkshire South Center, Great Barrington at 7:00 p.m., April 25th at BCC at 12:15 and 6:00 p.m. and at Waconah Country Club at 6:00 p.m.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE

March was literacy month in NAPS and schools hosted various events including “Books for Bing”, prekindergarten literacy night, and community readers.

North Adams 4H student won the robotics competition.

On April 5th from 6-7:30 p.m. at McCann High School there will be a free workshop for parents and educators “Students with Anxiety: Strategies for Home and School”

The MASS MoCA Teen Invitational April 8-9th and reception April 7th 7-9:30 p.m. The jazz band will be performing.

Kids4Harmony hosting a Contra Dance on 4/7 from 6-8:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Brayton and Colegrove Park Elementary Schools for receiving the Healthy Start Award. John Franzoni, Cory Nicholas, Cathy Moulton and Ellen Sutherland will travel to Boston on April 27th for the award.

NAPS Science Fair winners will be participating in Science Fair at MCLA

Tara Jacobs will be attending “Day on the Hill”.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairperson Alcombright stated that the Committee would enter into Executive Session to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with the North Adams Teachers Association and would reconvene in Open Session.

MOVED by Boulger, SECONDED by Moulton

to enter into executive session to discuss collective bargaining.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	7	<u>Executive Session</u>
	Nays	0	Action No.
			6014
Tara Jacobs	Yes		
Nicholas Fahey	Yes		
Heather Boulger	Yes		
Karen Bond	Yes		
Mark Moulton	Yes		
John Hockridge	Yes		
Chairperson Alcombright	Yes		

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session started – 6:33 p.m.
Executive Session ended – 6:52 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to be discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Alcombright indicated that there was no more business to come before the committee and it was

MOVED by Moulton, SECONDED by Boulger
that the meeting be adjourned

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	7	<u>Adjournment</u>
	Nays	0	

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Bond, Secretary

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