

School Committee
North Adams Public Schools
North Adams, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of 03 January 2017

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the North Adams Public Schools was held on Tuesday, 03 January 2017, 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
Mayor Richard Alcombright, Chairperson

Also Present: Dr. Barbara Malkas, Superintendent
Ellen Sutherland, Assistant to the Superintendent
Amy Meehan, Principal
John Franzoni, 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
Kimberlee Chappell, Literacy/Title I Coordinator
Tammy Daniels, iBerkshires
Adam Shanks, The Berkshire Eagle
Citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Alcombright called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairperson Alcombright called for nominations for vice-chairperson. It was

MOVED by Hockridge, SECONDED by Moulton
to nominate Heather Boulger vice chairperson.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	7	<u>Vice Chairperson</u>
	Nays	0	Action No.

5996

MOTION CARRIED

Chairperson Alcombright called for nominations for secretary. It was

MOVED by Boulger, SECONDED by Jacobs
to nominate Karen Bond secretary.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	7	<u>Secretary</u>
	Nays	0	Action No.
			5997

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS

Chairperson Alcombright appointed Mark P. Moulton, Nicholas Fahey and John Hockridge to serve on the Negotiations Subcommittee for professional staff, with Mark Moulton as Chairperson.

Chairperson Alcombright appointed John Hockridge, Heather Boulger, and Tara Jacobs to serve on the Negotiations Subcommittee for non-professional staff, with John Hockridge as Chairperson.

Chairperson Alcombright appointed Mark Moulton, Nicholas Fahey and Tara Jacobs to serve on the Finance and Facilities Subcommittee, with Mark Moulton as Chairperson.

Chairperson Alcombright appointed Karen Bond to serve on the Endowment Subcommittee.

HEARING OF VISITORS

There were no visitors to be heard.

READING AND APPROVAL OF RECORDS

A. Minutes of 06 December 2016 regular meeting

Minutes of the 06 December 2016 regular meeting were read and at the conclusion of which it was

MOVED by Boulger, SECONDED by Hockridge
to approve the minutes of 06 December 2016 regular meeting.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	7	<u>Minutes</u>
	Nays	0	Action No.
			5998

MOTION CARRIED

B. Balance Sheet

Superintendent Malkas reported that the budget was frozen effective December 20, 2016. No action was required.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to be heard.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. Personnel

Appointments:

Mary Evelyn Lucier, LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE GRADE 6/7 MATH TEACHER, Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 19 December 2016.

Stefani Leonczyk LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, Steeples Classroom, at Brayton Elementary School, effective 17 January 2017.

Lisa Ryan, STEEPLES 1:1 TEACHER ASSISTANT, Brayton Elementary School, effective 30 November 2016.

Nycole Labendz, TEACHER ASSISTANT, Student Support Center Teacher Assistant at Brayton Elementary School, effective 07 December 2016.

Perri Bernstein, 21st CENTURY FAMILY/COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING COORDINATOR, Brayton Elementary School, effective 12 December 2016.

Paige Linder, PART TIME CAFETERIA WORKER, Drury High School, effective 08 December 2016.

Paul LaBonte, VAN DRIVER, for Student Support Services, effective 12 December 2016.

Katherine Kalker, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, effective 29 November 2016.

Kimberly Goodell, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, effective 06 December 2016.

Traci Gelinas, SUBSTITUTE NURSE, effective 28 November 2016.

Transfers

Michelle Boire, PRE K TEACHER, Johnson School, effective 6 December 2016.

James Blair, CUSTODIAN, first shift at Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 03 January 2017.

Retirements

John Luczynski, CUSTODIAN, effective 03 January 2017.

Recommended Action: Motion to file

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	7	<u>Personnel</u>
	Nays	0	Action No.
			5999

MOTION CARRIED

B. Update on Water Mitigation Plan

Superintendent Malkas informed the Committee that the district has followed the guidance and technical assistant provided by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to mitigate the water issues. Presently, all but six of the required faucets used for water consumption replacements have been made at Greylock with the six remaining on backorder but expected this week. At Brayton the two faucets used for water consumption have been replaced. Where recommended, flushing is occurring at schools. Dr. Malkas reported that DEP has agreed to all elements of the repair plan and the district is in the middle of completing the plan.

Chairperson Alcombright thanked Dr. Malkas, Matthew Neville and the principals for their work.

No action was required.

C. Dr. Kimberly Roberts-Morandi, MCAS Next Generation Assessment Update

Dr. Kimberly Roberts-Morandi reviewed the upcoming changes with MCAS Next Generation. Dr. Morandi provided examples of the current test as well as the new test and discussed the implications for the district and gave an overview of what the North Adams Public Schools is doing to prepare students.

No action was required.

D. Update on Efficiencies and Regionalization Grant Award

Dr. Malkas updated the Committee on receipt of the \$148,099 Efficiencies and Regionalization grant. The shared services committee will meet on January 5, 2017 to review a job description for a project coordinator with a hope to have it posted by Friday (01/06/17) and someone in place by the end of January. John Hockridge expressed his appreciation for the work Dr. Malkas has done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no matters to be considered.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE

Tim Callahan informed the Committee that one of Drury’s courses was recently approved for dual enrollment at MCLA and students will earn 3 college credits for it.

The elementary and high school bands will put on a concert on Friday, January 06, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Drury.

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> Action No. 6000
	Nays	0	
Tara Jacobs	Yes		
Nicholas Fahey	Yes		
Heather Bougler	Yes		
Karen Bond	Yes		
Mark Moulton	Yes		
John Hockridge	Yes		
Chairperson Alcombright	Yes		

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session started – 6:57 p.m.
Executive Session ended – 7: 20 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 7:21

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Bond, Secretary

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