

School Committee
North Adams Public Schools
North Adams, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of 07 March 2017

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the North Adams Public Schools was held on Tuesday, 07 March 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
Mayor Richard Alcombright, Chairperson
Tara Jacobs (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)

Also Present: Dr. Barbara Malkas, Superintendent
Ellen Sutherland, Assistant to the Superintendent
Sandra Cote, Principal
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
Makenzie Wright, Student Representative
Rosemarie Dzierga
Michelle Nicholas
Tammy Daniels, iBerkshires
Adam Shanks, The Berkshire Eagle
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 February 2017 regular meeting

Minutes of the 07 February 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 February 2017 regular meeting.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	6	<u>Minutes</u>
	Nays	0	Action No.
			6006

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:

Frances Soucie, TEACHER ASSISTANT, Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 04 January 2017.

Michelle Buffoni, TEACHER ASSISTANT, Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 09 February 2017.

Melita Scott, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ASSISTANT, effective 19 January 2017.

Ian Wilson, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, effective 01 February 2017.

Richard Kelley, LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE GRADE FIVE TEACHER, Greylock Elementary School, effective 31 January 2017.

Stefani Leonczyk, STEEPLES CLASSROOM TEACHER, Brayton Elementary School, effective 06 February 2017.

Bonnie Clements, TEACHER ASSISTANT, Greylock Elementary School effective 15 February 2017.

Bernadette Archibald, CLERICAL PARAPROFESSIONAL, North Adams Prekindergarten Program, effective 27 February 2017.

Recommended Action: Motion to file

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	6	<u>Personnel</u>
	Nays	0	Action No.
			6007

MOTION CARRIED

Tara Jacobs arrived.

B. Consolidation of Resources

Superintendent Malkas informed the Committee that the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) has accepted our proposal to reconfigure the grade structure in our schools. The prekindergarten program currently housed at Johnson School will close and the students will be relocated to their home district schools. The seventh grade will be moved to Drury High School. Superintendent Malkas reviewed the presentation made at the public forum on March 2, 2017. All principals briefly addressed the Committee regarding their perspective of the reconfiguration.

It was

MOVED by Hockridge, SECONDED by Fahey to approve the proposed grade reconfiguration for the 2017-2018 school year.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	7	<u>Grade Reconfiguration</u>
	Nays	0	Action No.
			6008

MOTION CARRIED

C. Coordinated Program Review

Superintendent Malkas reviewed the process of a Coordinated Program Review (CPR). Tom Simon, Director of Student Support Services, reviewed the special education findings. Superintendent Malkas reviewed the civil rights findings and Dr. Kimberly Morandi, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment reviewed the English Language Learner findings. All three administrators participated in a question and answer session regarding the CPR.

It was

MOVED by Moulton, SECONDED by Boulger
to accept the report.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	7	<u>Coordinated Program Review</u>
	Nays	0	Action No.
			6009

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to be heard.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE

Heather Boulger informed the Committee on:

- Drury has a new leadership program for 8th graders—Laugh, Learn, Lead, on Wednesdays
- March 22nd is the districtwide chorale program at Colegrove Park Elementary School
- March 22-April 13th is the elementary art show at the North Adams Public Library
- Good luck to Abby Kate Caproni at the Nordic Ski Team State Championships
- Drury Bowling was the Western Mass champions for the sixth year
- Drury Cheerleaders came in first and second in division four and will go to States
- Drury will host the Western Mass quarter finals tomorrow night
- Drury’s Conner Meehan nominated for the North Division Sportsmanship Award
- Drury’s Hayden Bird is a Hall of Fame awardee

Chairperson Alcombright commented that the Kids for Harmony concert at Williams College was a phenomenal event.

Makenzie Wright informed the Committee that a murder mystery fundraiser will take place on Friday night at the Bounti-Fare.

Rosey Dzierga informed the Committee that prekindergarten teachers are hosting literacy nights at each elementary school-March 16th at Brayton, March 29th at Greylock and Colegrove Park TBA.

Michelle Nicholas informed the Committee 147 prekindergarten students are participating in a teeth brushing program through Tufts Dental Program and Carver Family Dentistry. This program is free of charge to the district and students.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:00

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Bond, Secretary

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