

School Committee  
North Adams Public Schools  
North Adams, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of 20 June 2017

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the North Adams Public Schools was held on Tuesday, 20 June 2017, in the Offices of the Superintendent, 37 Main Street, Suite 200, North Adams.

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

Also Present:                 Dr. Barbara Malkas, Superintendent  
                                      Ellen Sutherland, Assistant to the Superintendent  
                                      Nancy Ziter, Business Manager  
                                      Dr. Kimberly Roberts-Morandi, Director of Curriculum, Inst. & Assess.  
                                      Timothy Callahan, Interim Principal  
                                      Amy Meehan, Principal  
                                      Sandra Cote, Principal  
                                      Kimberlee Chappell, Literacy/Title I Coordinator  
                                      John Franzoni, Principal (arrived at 6:22)  
                                      Tammy Daniels, iBerkshires

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.

Chairperson Alcombright announced the arrangements for State Representative Gailanne Cariddi's wake and funeral. Any school committee members who wish to attend should let Ellen Sutherland know.

READING AND APPROVAL OF RECORDS

A. Minutes of 02 May 2017 Regular School Committee Meeting

Minutes of the 02 May 2017 regular meeting were read and at the conclusion of which it was

MOVED by Hockridge, SECONDED by Boulger  
to approve the minutes of 02 May 2017 regular meeting.

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| VOTE ON THE MOTION | Ayes 7 | <u>Minutes</u> |
|                    | Nays 0 | Action No.     |
|                    |        | 6027           |

MOTION CARRIED

B. Minutes of 23 May 2017 Public Hearing

Minutes of the 23 May 2017 public hearing were read and at the conclusion of which it was

MOVED by Moulton, SECONDED by Fahey  
to approve the minutes of 23 May 2017 regular meeting.

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

C. Minutes of 13 June 2017 Regular School Committee Meeting

Minutes of the 13 June 2017 regular meeting were read and at the conclusion of which it was

MOVED by Boulger, SECONDED by Moulton  
to approve the minutes of 13 June 2017 regular meeting.

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

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. Personnel

Amanda Bona, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ASSISTANT, effective 01 June 2017.

Susan Chilson, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, effective 18 May 2017.

Kadie Dickson, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, effective 4 May 2017.

Kathleen Knox, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, effective 31 May 2017.

Joaquin Bernal, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, effective June 5, 2017.

Trinity Spencer, SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM SITE SUPERVISOR, Brayton Elementary School, effective 3 July through 18 August 2017.

Crystal Ames, SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM SITE, Drury High School, effective 5 July through 28 July 2017.

Pamela Miller, SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM SITE SUPERVISOR, Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 5 July through 28 July 2017.

Debbie Wegner, SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM SITE SUPERVISOR, Colegrove Park/Mohawk Forest, effective 3 July through 25 August 2017.

Erica Laprise, SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM SITE SUPERVISOR, Colegrove Park/Camp A/Sunshine Camp, effective 5 July through 25 August 2017.

Lynn Pecor, Brenda Harrington and Debra Pearson, SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM CAFETERIA WORKERS, Brayton Elementary School, effective 3 July through 18 August 2017.

Lisa Stant, SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM CAFETERIA WORKER, Colegrove Park Elementary School effective 3 July through 18 August 2017.

William Blay, SUMMER FOOD SERVICE UTILITY WORKER, Colegrove Park/Camp A/Sunshine Camp, effective 3 July through 28 July 2017.

Michael Dunn and Peggy Shartrand, PERMANENT DAILY SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 29 August 2017.

Michelle Nicholas, ACADEMIC LEADER FOR SUMMER PRE-K, Brayton Elementary School, effective 3 July, excluding the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday, through 27 July 2017.

#### Transfers

Kija Bolton and John Jacobbe, have been transferred to Brayton Elementary School, effective 29 August 2017.

Karen Blazejewski, Joey Collins, Lisa Tanner, Robert Thomas, and Rosemarie Dzierga have been transferred to Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 29 August 2017.

Allison Zustra, Michelle Nicholas and Kari Davignon have been transferred to Greylock Elementary School, effective 29 August 2017.

Emily Hakkinen and Stefani Leonczyk have been transferred to Drury High School, effective 29 August 2017.

Resignations

Perri Bernstein, 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY AFTER SCHOOL FAMILY/COMMUNITY COORDINATOR, effective 24 April 2017.

Lisa Ryan, TEACHER ASSISTANT, Brayton Elementary School, effective 12 May 2017.

Christine Sacco, TEACHER ASSISTANT, Brayton Elementary School, effective 26 June 2017.

Marcia Farinon, LIBRARY PARAPROFESSIONAL, Brayton Elementary School, effective 26 June 2017.

Alan Stricker, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, effective 26 June 2017

James Morris, TEACHER, Brayton Elementary School, effective 26 June 2017.

Kimberli Robert, TEACHER ASSISTANT, Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 2 June 2017.

Patricia Barbeau, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ASSISTANT, effective 2 June 2017.

Frances Soucie, TEACHER ASSISTANT, Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 30 May 2017.

Retirements

Marlene Adamczak, CAFETERIA WORKER, Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 26 June 2017.

Arthur Kittler, CUSTODIAN, Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 07 July 2017.

Donna Delisle CLERICAL PARAPROFESSIONAL, Greylock Elementary School, effective 29, June 2017.

It was

MOVED by Hockridge, SECONDED by Moulton  
to place on file

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

B. Meeting Schedule

The Superintendent presented the 2017-2018 School Committee meeting schedule. It was

MOVED by Boulger, SECONDED by Bond  
to accept and post the 2017-2018 School Committee  
meeting schedule.

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| VOTE ON THE MOTION | Ayes 7 | <u>Meeting Schedule</u> |
|                    | Nays 0 | Action No.              |
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MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Update on Water Testing

Superintendent Malkas provided a PowerPoint presentation illustrating that according to the Department of Public Health, we have resolved all water issues. Dr. Malkas commended Matthew Neville and Nancy Ziter for their work on the water testing and submission of the grant.

There was discussion about follow up testing and Chairperson Alcombright stated that he would get information about what the city tests. The Committee discussed the possibility of scheduling tests on a rotating basis and the need to use the same lab to ensure consistency.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION PROCESS

Chairperson Alcombright reviewed the information from the training that gave the option for the evaluation to be done by a subcommittee or by the Committee as a whole and all were in agreement that the Committee should conduct the evaluation as a whole. It was

MOVED by Boulger, SECONDED by Jacobs  
that the entire school committee conduct the  
Superintendent's evaluation.

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| VOTE ON THE MOTION | Ayes 7 | <u>Superintendent Evaluation</u> |
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MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent Malkas reviewed her progress toward her goals with the Committee. She informed them that in the next few days they would be receiving a link to an electronic file containing her evidence.

The Committee members will each complete the rubric provided by Mike Gilbert from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees and will meet again on June 29, 2017 to continue the discussion of the Superintendent's Evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION   Ayes   7  
                                      Nays   0

Adjournment

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Bond, Secretary

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