

School Committee  
North Adams Public Schools  
North Adams, Massachusetts

Public Hearing of 23 May 2017

A public hearing of the School Committee of the North Adams Public Schools was held on Tuesday, 23 May 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  
Mayor Richard Alcombright, Chairperson

Members Missing: Tara Jacobs  
Heather Boulger

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  
Nancy Ziter, Business Manager  
Thomas Simon, Director of Student Support Services  
Dr. Kimberly Roberts-Morandi, Director of Curriculum Inst. & Asses.  
Kimberlee Chappell, Literacy/Title I Coordinator  
Diane Ryczek, Coordinator of Teacher Mentoring & Applied Technology  
Lisa Blackmer, City Council  
Tammy Daniels, iBerkshires  
Citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Alcombright called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

It was

MOVED by Moulton, SECONDED by Hockridge  
to move into a public hearing

VOTE ON THE MOTION    Ayes    5  
                                     Nays    0

Public Hearing  
Action No.  
6021

MOTION CARRIED

Chairperson Alcombright asked Mark Moulton, Chair of the Finance and Facilities Subcommittee, to report on the May 16, 2017 Finance and Facilities Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Moulton reviewed the meeting with the Committee and spoke to the efficiency of using Interest Based Bargaining. Mr. Moulton asked Superintendent Malkas to present the proposed budget.

Superintendent Malkas presented the proposed budget which included four priorities. Following the presentation Chairperson Alcombright asked if there were any questions from the public. Hearing none Chairperson Alcombright opened the hearing up to questions from the Committee.

John Hockridge asked for clarification on increases or decreases in the following areas: school security, psychological services, networking/telecommunications and library coverage.

Chairperson Alcombright acknowledged the hard work of the administration and expressed his disappointment with state funding. He called for a motion to adjourn the public hearing and it was

MOVED by Hockridge, SECONDED by Moulton  
to adjourn the public hearing

VOTE ON THE MOTION   Ayes 5  
                                  Nays 0

Public Hearing Adjournment  
Action No.  
6022

MOTION CARRIED

Chairperson Alcombright called for a motion to approve the proposed budget and it was

MOVED by Moulton, SECONDED by Moulton  
to approve the FY18 North Adams Public Schools  
budget in the amount of \$17,329,082.

VOTE ON THE MOTION   Ayes 5  
                                  Nays 0

FY 18 NAPS budget  
Action No.  
6023

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED by Moulton, SECONDED by Fahey  
to approve the transfer of \$250,000 from the  
school choice account to the FY18 budget.

VOTE ON THE MOTION   Ayes 5  
                                  Nays 0

School Choice Transfer  
Action No.  
6024

MOTION CARRIED

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	5	<u>Executive Session</u>
	Nays	0	Action No.
			6025
Nicholas Fahey	Yes		
Karen Bond	Yes		
Mark Moulton	Yes		
John Hockridge	Yes		
Richard Alcombright, CH	Yes		

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session started – 6:28 p.m.  
Executive Session ended – 6:33 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Alcombright announced that the proposed North Adams Teachers Association collective bargaining agreement has been reviewed and called for a vote.

It was

MOVED by Moulton, SECONDED by Fahey to approve the NATA collective bargaining agreement for 2017-2020.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	5	<u>NATA Contract</u>
	Nays	0	Action No.
			6026

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION      Ayes    5  
                                     Nays    0

Adjournment

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:40

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Bond, Secretary

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