

School Committee
North Adams Public Schools
North Adams, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of 02 May 2017

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the North Adams Public Schools was held on Tuesday, 02 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
Tara Jacobs

Members Missing: Mayor Richard Alcombright, Chairperson
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 Instruction & Assessment
Kimberlee Chappell, Literacy/Title I Coordinator
Makenzie Wright, Student Representative
Citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Malkas 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 04 April 2017 regular meeting

Minutes of the 04 April 2017 regular meeting were read and at the conclusion of which it was

MOVED by Hockridge, SECONDED by Fahey
to approve the minutes of 04 April 2017 regular meeting.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes 5	<u>Minutes</u>
	Nays 0	Action No.
		6015

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, LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER, Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 3 April 2017.

Alon Willing, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ASSISTANT, and DETENTION MONITOR, Drury High School, effective 05 April 2017.

Michael Ouimet, Nanette Schmidt, Michelle Darling, Paul Holbrook, Daniel Harrison and Kody Crosier, VOLUNTEER SPRING COACHES.

Christian Chenail, LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, Greylock Elementary School, effective 24 April 2016.

Resignations

Marcia Messina, TEACHER ASSISTANT, Brayton Elementary School, effective 7 April 2017.

Christine Lipka, TEACHER ASSISTANT, effective 21 April 2017.

Christian Chenail, PERMANENT DAILY SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, Brayton Elementary School, effective 19 April 2017.

Patricia Barbeau, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ASSISTANT, effective 02 June 2017.

Retirements

Keith Davis, BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY TEACHER, effective 30 June 2017.

Craig Corrigan, TEACHER, Colegrove Park Elementary School effective 30 June 2017.

Superintendent Malkas informed the Committee that Timothy Callahan has been hired as principal at Drury High School effective 01 July 2017.

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes 5	<u>Personnel</u>
	Nays 0	Action No.
		6016

MOTION CARRIED

B. Drury Summer Online Credit Recovery Program

Superintendent Malkas asked Interim Principal Callahan to review the Drury Summer Online Credit Recovery Program. This will be the third year that Drury has used this model. Mr. Callahan reported that there is no cost to the district and last year 98% of students completed the program.

MOVED by Jacobs, SECONDED by Moulton to approve the Drury Summer Online Credit Recovery Program.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes 5	<u>Drury Summer Online Credit Recovery</u>
	Nays 0	Action No.
		6017

MOTION CARRIED

C. District Strategic Improvement Plan

Superintendent Malkas presented the District Strategic Plan and acknowledged the Leadership Team. Dr. Malkas stated that the plan is the model promoted by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS) and Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) and that the goal is for this to be a living, breathing document that we continue to revisit and adjust as necessary.

Following the presentation there was a period of discussion and it was

MOVED by Moulton, SECONDED by Hockridge
to approve the District Strategic Improvement Plan
as presented.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes 5 Nays 0	<u>District Strategic Improvement Plan</u> Action No. 6018
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MOTION CARRIED

D. Grant Funded Summer Opportunities

Dr. Kimberly Roberts-Morandi informed the Committee on the various grant funded opportunities available for the students and faculty of the North Adam Public Schools which included:

For students:

- 245 students expected at the K-4 21st Century program hosted at Brayton Elementary. Focus around the human systems. July
- 100 students expected in the 5-8 21st Century program hosted at Colegrove Park Elementary. Focus around community service and partnership development, centered in science. July
- Both programs include breakfast, lunch, and snacks. \$35 per student charge, with payment plans and a sliding scale available when necessary.
- Summer science program at Williams College (separate from 21st Century) for students who select it (not a school program).
- Tanglewood music internship for 2 students in grade 5.
- Williamstown Theater Festival student summer engagement for X number of students (they have not notified us yet) in older elementary grades who will work during the summer.
- Special education will be running 2 summer programs targeting specific populations. July, in conjunction with 21st Century program.

For faculty:

- Two teachers will work to develop additional Teach 2 Learn science units, exemplars. Will work a minimum of 80 hours in July and August and with other Teach 2 Learn staff to expand the work already completed. Under the guidance of Lindsay Osterhoudt, district Science Coordinator.
- Summer Science Coordinator, Summer Literacy Coordinator July and August to formalize links between literacy skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening) and science, creating purposeful connections that further student skills.
- ELA teachers at elementary level will work to align work and maps with new ELA series.
- ELA and math teachers K-8 will work to align maps and resources with new state standards (grant dependent project so hours and scope will be based on money allotted through the grant).
- Math teachers, 7-11, will work to explore new math series and create sample units for the ILT and colleagues to look at for feedback.

- Social-emotional supports will be explored and potential systems of intervention identified.

No action was required.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Update on Water Mitigation Plan

Dr. Malkas informed the Committee that all actionable items had been sufficiently addressed. We will continue to voluntarily test at Colegrove Park Elementary because of the new pipes.

MASC UPDATE

A. Berkshire County Education Taskforce

John Hockridge shared a summary of the community feedback from the series of county wide meetings.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE

Tara Jacobs announced that there was a book fair happening at Colegrove Park on Thursday evening as well as “Night at the Museum”. Drury will have a cabaret

Stephanie Kopala will be recognized at MCLA on Thursday night. She is one of three awardees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Superintendent Malkas 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> Action No. 6019
	Nays	0	
Tara Jacobs	Yes		
Nicholas Fahey	Yes		
Karen Bond	Yes		
Mark Moulton	Yes		
John Hockridge	Yes		

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session started – 6:56 p.m.
Executive Session ended – 7:22 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

It was

MOVED by Fahey, SECONDED by Bond
to declassify executive session minutes for
the quarters ending December 31, 2016
and March 31, 2017

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes 5	<u>Exec. Session Minutes Declassification</u>
	Nays 0	Action No.
		6020

ADJOURNMENT

Superintendent Malkas indicated that there was no more business to come before the committee and it was

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes 5	<u>Adjournment</u>
	Nays 0	

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:22

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Bond, Secretary

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