

**NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Ashby - Pepperell - Townsend, Massachusetts
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 22, 2016**

PRESENT

Chairperson	Randee Rusch	Member, At Large
Vice Chairperson	William Hackler	Member, At Large
	Anne Adams	Member, Pepperell
	Jonna Clermont	Member, Pepperell
	Brian Edmonds	Member, Pepperell
	Crystal Messamore	Member, Ashby
	Michael Morgan	Member, At Large
	Susan Robbins	Member, Townsend
	Robert Templeton	Member, Townsend

ALSO PRESENT

Joan Landers	Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Haines	Business Manager
NMRSD Staff	
Parent/Community Members	

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:09 p.m.
2. The Chairperson hereby informed the Committee and audience members of the recording of this meeting.
3. The next meeting of the North Middlesex Regional School Committee will be held on Monday, March 7, 2016, (snow date March 8, 2016) at the North Middlesex Regional High School at 7:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of February 10, 2016 minutes:
A motion was made by Jonna Clermont and seconded by Robert Templeton to approve the minutes of February 10, 2016.

Vote: Eight yes, one abstention (B. Edmonds), motion passed.

REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Student Representative Report
2. Superintendent's Report
 - March School Committee Meeting Date(s)
The Superintendent advised the committee that Nancy Haines, Business Manager would need an additional meeting in March to approve the 10 million dollar Bond Anticipation Note for the high school. The Superintendent's office will send out an email to the committee to capture a date.
 - March is Youth Art Month
The Superintendent shared that Vicki Domings an NMRHS art teacher has 12 students displaying their artwork at the State Transportation Building in Boston on Sunday, February 28, 2016. The Superintendent congratulated Ms. Domings and the students.

- Spaulding Memorial/Peter Fitzpatrick School Water Damage Update
The Superintendent could not believe what an outstanding job Mr. Hills and the custodial team did in preparing these two schools for our students returning from vacation. The community outreach and volunteers were amazing. If you see any of our custodial staff, please stop and thank them.
 - Submission of MSBA Statements of Interest
The Superintendent submitted the Statements of Interest and hopefully we will hear back very soon.
 - Commencement 2016 Invitation
An Invitation to march with the senior students is included in your packets; please let Joanna know if you would be interested in participating in the NMRHS 2016 Graduation ceremony.
3. Building Committee Report – Update
Robert Templeton thanked everyone for the great “topping” off ceremony; there was a lot of participation from the students, it was a great event. The building committee is still on track with the project schedule and budget. The Superintendent wanted to publicly thank Dave Pease and Hartley Pleshaw for the video production of the ceremony, it is enjoyable to watch.
 4. Public Communications – 10 minutes will be allotted

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Warrant Subcommittee

Available for Committee review are accounts payable warrants 16-0204 and 16-0211 and payroll warrant for February 11, 2016. The warrants have been reviewed and signed by the warrant subcommittee.

2. Policy Subcommittee

The chair shared the policy subcommittee will be meeting next week.

3. Finance Subcommittee

The Superintendent shared that there will be a joint board meeting with the school committee, the Board of Selectmen and the finance committee of all three communities on Thursday, February 25, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the NMRHS.

4. Facilities Advisory Subcommittee

The Superintendent shared that the subcommittee has visited most of the school buildings. She will be in touch with Mr. Hackler to set up the next advisory meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Integrated Math Module program

EXECUTIVE SESSION

William Hackler moved that the North Middlesex Regional School Committee enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the NMRSD Teachers Association. M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B (3). Holding these discussions in open session may have a detrimental effect on the School Committee’s bargaining position. The School Committee will return to open session.

Brian Edmonds seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Anne Adams yes; Michael Morgan yes; Robert Templeton yes; Crystal Messamore yes; Jonna Clermont yes; William Hackler yes; Brian Edmonds yes; Susan Robbins yes; Randee Rusch yes.

Vote: Unanimously passed to move into Executive Session at 8:21 p.m. The committee will return to open session.

The committee reconvened in open session at 9:49 p.m. after Executive Session, the only item left on the agenda is to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Edmonds and seconded by Crystal Messamore.
The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Roll call vote: Anne Adams yes; Michael Morgan yes; Robert Templeton yes; Crystal Messamore yes; Jonna Clermont yes; William Hackler yes; Brian Edmonds yes; Randee Rusch yes.

Respectfully Submitted

Joanna Bilotta-Simeone, Recording Secretary