

**NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Ashby - Pepperell - Townsend, Massachusetts  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, March 14, 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 7:05 p.m.
2. The Chairperson hereby informs the Committee and audience members of the recording of this meeting.
3. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the North Middlesex Regional School Committee will be held on Monday, April 4, 2016, at North Middlesex Regional High School at 7:00 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Brian Edmonds and seconded by Susan Robbins to approve the consent agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes:
  - February 25, 2016, NMRSD Joint Meeting Minutes
  - March 7, 2016, School Committee Minutes
2. Acceptance of Donations:
  - \$227.27 donation to Hawthorne Brook Middle School from Target Corporation "Take Charge of Education" program.
  - \$374.77 donation to North Middlesex Regional High School from Target Corporation "Take Charge of Education" program.

Vote: Unanimously passed.

**REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Student Representative Report  
Paige Zacharakis shared that some NMRHS Student Council members attended the Massachusetts Association of Student Councils conference in Hyannis. North Middlesex received the gold council of excellence award.

2. Superintendent’s Report

The Superintendent would like to recognize six of our high school students that participated in the All-State Concert at Symphony Hall: Katelyn B., Debbie O., Nina R., Celeb C., Ethan L., Alex N., congratulations to the students and staff. Last week was a very exciting week for North Middlesex; it’s NMRHS student council won an award in Hyannis, our Wind Symphony played at the music conference, two of our middle schools students made All-State: as well, Rosie E. and William M. Congratulations to all of our students.

3. Building Committee Report – Update

Rob Templeton shared that the next meeting will be held Monday, April 11, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. with a tour of the building site at 6:00 p.m. for anyone interested. A lot of progress is being made on the project, cement and roofing work is being done.

4. Public Communications – 10 minutes will be allotted

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Warrant Subcommittee

Available for Committee review are accounts payable warrant 16-0225 and payroll warrant for February 25, 2016. The warrants have been reviewed and signed by the Warrant Subcommittee.

2. Policy Subcommittee

The Chair shared that the Policy Subcommittee will be meeting Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

3. Finance Subcommittee

Randee Rusch shared that the subcommittee will be holding ongoing meetings for the FY17 budget, as the state numbers come in. The subcommittee will continue to review and look for cost savings.

4. Facilities Advisory Subcommittee ~ no report

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. FY17 Budget ~ Discussion & Budget Adoption

Some committee members are requesting more information on the role of the resource officer. The Superintendent is advocating keeping the resource officer. The Superintendent shared with the committee what has currently been removed from the FY17 budget. Mrs. Haines has increased the amount of E&D by \$50,000.00.

Susan Robbins moved that the NMRSD school committee adopt an operational budget for FY2017 of \$44,539,659.38, a FY2017 transportation budget of \$3,109,700.00, FY2017 debt service of \$1,144,942.62, and to use these funds to calculate FY2017 school assessments for member towns as required by statute. In addition, the Committee authorizes the use of \$350,000.00 from Excess & Deficiency Account to offset the FY2017 Operational Budget.

FY 17 Operational Budget	FY17 Transportation Budget	FY17 Debt Service	Excess & Deficiency
\$44,539,659.38	\$3,109,700.00	\$1,144,942.62	\$350,000.00

Seconded by Robert Templeton

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.

It was recommended to see if the Groton Dunstable resource officer; Detective Mead, would be able to attend the next school committee meeting to discuss the role of the resource officer. The Superintendent shared the job description of the resource officer that Chief Marshall presented to the committee a year ago. The committee asked if the Superintendent could provide data on what the local law enforcement does within our schools.

## 2. Bond Anticipation Note

VOTE OF THE NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

**Voted:** Brian Edmonds moved that the North Middlesex Regional School Committee hereby determine, in accordance with G.L. c.70B, that the amount of the cost of the new high school construction project authorized by a vote of the Committee passed on February 10, 2014, that is not being paid by the school facilities grant is \$48,874,949, and we hereby approve of the issuance of notes and bonds in such amount under said G.L. c.70B.

**Further Voted:** to approve the sale of the \$10,000,000 2.00 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the “Notes”) of the District dated March 18, 2016, and payable March 17, 2017, to Jefferies LLC at par and accrued interest, if any, plus a premium of \$129,702.00.

**Further Voted:** that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Notes, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated March 2, 2016, and a final Official Statement dated March 9, 2016, each in such form as may be approved by the District Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

**Further Voted:** that the District Treasurer and the Chair of the Committee be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the District, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Notes for the benefit of the holders of the Notes from time to time.

**Further Voted:** that we authorize and direct the District Treasurer to establish post-issuance federal tax compliance procedures in such form as the District Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Notes and other tax-benefitted obligations of the District.

**Further Voted:** that each member of the Committee, the District Secretary and the District Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

Seconded by Susan Robbins

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.

### 3. School Lunch Price Increase

The Superintendent recommends the Committee increase school lunch prices for the 2016-2017 school year as follows:

- Elementary School Lunch ~ \$2.55 to \$2.65
- Middle/High School ~ \$2.80 to \$2.90

Following discussion

Susan Robbins moved to set the school lunch prices for the 2016-2017 school year as follows: the elementary School Lunch at \$2.65, and the middle school and high school Lunch at \$2.90.

Seconded by Brian Edmonds

Vote: Eight yes, one no (William Hackler) the motion passes.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Spring sports and the status of athletic fields for the spring sport season (Robert Templeton shared that the Building Committee is hosting a public forum on the athletic fields.)
- Status of district food services
- Start of school time
- Integrated Math Module
- School Calendar

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by William Hackler and seconded by Brian Edmonds.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Joanna Bilotta-Simeone, Recording Secretary