

**NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Ashby - Pepperell - Townsend, Massachusetts
Organizational Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 4, 2015**

PRESENT

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

1. The organizational meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m.
 - The Chair acknowledged and congratulated Anne Adams, Jonna Clermont, and Rob Templeton for being re-elected to the School Committee.
 - The next regular scheduled meeting of the North Middlesex Regional School District School Committee will be held on Monday, May 18, 2015 at North Middlesex Regional High School at 7:00 p.m.
 - The chair so declared that this meeting will adjourn no later than 7:15 p.m. for members to be able to attend Pepperell Town Meeting.

2. Appointment of Chairperson Pro Tem

A motion was made by Randee Rusch, seconded by Jonna Clermont to appoint Susan Robbins as Chairperson Pro Tem. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Election of Officers (Ballot Vote)

A. Chairperson

Anne Adams nominated Jonna Clermont as Chairperson; Brian Edmonds seconded the nomination.

William Hackler nominated Randee Rusch as Chairperson; Mike Morgan seconded the nomination.

No other nominations were made.

The vote went as follows:

Voting for Randee Rusch: William Hackler, Randee Rusch, Robert Templeton, Crystal Messamore and Michael Morgan

Voting for Jonna Clermont: Anne Adams, Jonna Clermont, Brian Edmonds, and Susan Robbins

The vote was five to four. Randee Rusch was elected as Chairperson of the NMRSD School Committee.

B. Vice Chairperson

Randee Rusch nominated William Hackler as Vice Chairperson; Michael Morgan seconded the nomination.

Brian Edmonds nominated Jonna Clermont as Vice Chairperson; Michael Morgan seconded the nomination.

Jonna Clermont declined the nomination.

Voting for William Hackler: William Hackler, Randee Rusch, Robert Templeton, Crystal Messamore, Michael Morgan, Jonna Clermont, Brian Edmonds and Susan Robbins

Voting for Jonna Clermont: Anne Adams

The vote was eight to one. William Hackler was elected as Vice Chairperson of the NMRSD School Committee.

4. Appointment of Treasurer/Secretary

- A. A motion was made by William Hackler, seconded by Anne Adams to reappoint Michael Hartnett as District Treasurer for the 2015-2016 school year.

The motion passed unanimously.

- B. A motion was made by Susan Robbins, seconded by William Hackler to reappoint Joanna Bilotta-Simeone as Secretary to the School Committee for the 2015-2016 school year.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Appointment of District Counsel

- A motion was made by Jonna Clermont, seconded by Anne Adams to appoint Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP as Labor/Public Education Attorneys for the School Committee for the 2015-2016 school year. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Anne Adams, seconded by Brian Edmonds to appoint Thomas J. Nuttall, Sullivan, Nuttall, & MacAvoy, PC as District Counsel for Special Education related issues for the 2015-2016 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Subcommittee Appointments

The following members were appointed to the 2015-2016 School Committee Subcommittees as listed below:

2015-2016 Appointment of Subcommittees

Facility Advisory	Finance	Negotiation	Policy	Warrant
Brian Edmonds	Jonna Clermont	Jonna Clermont	Anne Adams	Anne Adams
William Hackler	William Hackler (Chair)	Susan Robbins (Chair)	Crystal Messamore	Jonna Clermont
Michael Morgan	Susan Robbins	Randee Rusch	Susan Robbins	Michael Morgan
	Randee Rusch		Randee Rusch (Chair)	Brian Edmonds (alternate)
	Robert Templeton (alternate)			

7. Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenue

A motion was made by Randee Rusch and seconded by Jonna Clermont to authorize the District Treasurer, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 16(g) as amended by Chapter 143 of the Acts of 1972, and with approval of the Chairperson of the School Committee, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and to issue a note or notes therefore payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, Such action is to be confirmed and recorded immediately by the School Committee and so included in the Committee minutes.

An amendment to the motion was made by Susan Robbins to change the wording “fiscal year beginning July1, 2015.”

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

The motion passed unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Susan Robbins, seconded by Jonna Clermont to approve the School Committee Schedule of Meetings for the 2015-2016 school year.

The motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Superintendent recommends 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. Holding this discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the School Committee’s bargaining position. M.G.L. Chapter 39, section 23B (3)

The School Committee will not return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Brian Edmonds, seconded by Jonna Clermont to adjourn to Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken: Robert Templeton-yes; Jonna Clermont-yes; William Hackler-yes; Brian Edmonds-yes; Crystal Messamore-yes; Anne Adams-yes; Randee Rusch-yes; Michael Morgan-yes; Susan Robbins-yes.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Bilotta-Simeone, Recording Secretary