

**NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Ashby - Pepperell - Townsend, Massachusetts
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 5, 2015**

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 ~ Remote Participation at 7:37 p.m.
	Michael Morgan	Member, At Large
	Susan Robbins	Member, Townsend
	Robert Templeton	Member, Townsend

ALSO PRESENT

Joan Landers – Superintendent of Schools
NMRSD Staff
Parent/Community Members

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. The Chairperson hereby informs 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, October 26, 2015, at the North Middlesex Regional High School at 7:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. MASC Resolution/Delegation
 - a. Appointment of Voting Delegate(s)

A motion was made by William Hackler and seconded by Jonna Clermont to appoint Randee Rusch as the voting delegate for the 2015 MASC Annual Conference. Roll call vote: Michael Morgan yes; Anne Adams yes; Robert Templeton yes; Jonna Clermont yes; William Hackler yes; Brian Edmonds yes; Susan Robbins yes; Randee Rusch yes.
Vote: Unanimously passed

A motion was made by William Hackler and seconded by Jonna Clermont to appoint Brian Edmonds as an alternate voting delegate for the 2015 MASC Annual Conference. Roll call vote: Michael Morgan yes; Anne Adams yes; Robert Templeton yes; Jonna Clermont yes; William Hackler yes; Brian Edmonds yes; Susan Robbins yes; Randee Rusch yes
Vote: Unanimously passed

b. Vote on MASC Resolution

RESOLUTION 1—REGARDING HIGH SCHOOL STARTING TIMES

A motion was made by William Hackler and seconded by Brian Edmonds to vote in favor of Resolution 1. Following discussion, an amendment to the motion was made by Brian Edmonds and seconded by Susan Robbins to remove the words, “legislation including” from the resolution on the floor at the MASC Annual Conference. Roll call vote on the amendment: Michael Morgan yes; Anne Adams abstained; Robert Templeton yes; Jonna Clermont yes; William Hackler yes; Brian Edmonds yes; Susan Robbins yes; Randee Rusch yes.

Vote: Passed

A motion was made by Brian Edmonds and seconded by Jonna Clermont to support the amended Resolution 1. Roll Call Vote: Brian Edmonds yes; William Hackler yes; Michael Morgan yes; Jonna Clermont yes; Susan Robbins no; Anne Adams no; Robert Templeton no; Randee Rusch no.

Vote: Failed

RESOLUTION 2—POVERTY AND CHILDREN

A motion was made by Susan Robbins and seconded by Anne Adams to vote in favor of Resolution 2. Following discussion, a roll call vote was taken: Michael Morgan no; Anne Adams no; Robert Templeton no; Jonna Clermont no; William Hackler abstained; Brian Edmonds abstained; Susan Robbins no; Randee Rusch no.

Vote: Failed

RESOLUTION 3—TYING TEST SCORES TO CHAPTER 70 FUNDING

A motion was made by Susan Robbins and seconded by Brian Edmonds to vote in favor of Resolution 3. Following discussion, a roll call vote was taken: Michael Morgan no; Anne Adams abstained; Robert Templeton no; Jonna Clermont no; William Hackler no; Brian Edmonds no; Susan Robbins yes; Crystal Messamore yes; Randee Rusch yes.

Vote: Failed

RESOLUTION 4—SUPPORT FOR AN EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE PLACEMENT PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS COVERED UNDER THE MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT

A motion was made by Susan Robbins and seconded by William Hackler to vote in favor of Resolution 4. Following discussion, a roll call vote was taken: Michael Morgan no; Anne Adams no; Robert Templeton no; Jonna Clermont no; William Hackler no; Brian Edmonds abstained; Susan Robbins abstained; Crystal Messamore no; Randee Rusch no.

Vote: Failed

RESOLUTION 5—TAX REFORM BALLOT QUESTION

A motion was made by Susan Robbins and seconded by Brian Edmonds to vote against Resolution 5. Following discussion, a roll call vote was taken: Michael Morgan yes; Anne Adams yes; Robert Templeton yes; Jonna Clermont yes; William Hackler yes; Brian Edmonds yes; Susan Robbins yes; Crystal Messamore yes; Randee Rusch yes.

Vote: Unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION 6—MEMBERSHIP OF A SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER ON THE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

A motion was made by Brian Edmonds and seconded by Susan Robbins to vote in favor of Resolution 6. Following discussion, a roll call vote was taken: Michael Morgan yes; Anne Adams yes; Robert Templeton yes; Jonna Clermont yes; William Hackler yes; Brian Edmonds yes; Susan Robbins yes; Rande Rusch yes.

Vote: Unanimously passed

RESOLUTION 7—RELATIVE TO THE TEACHING STRATEGIES GOLD ASSESSMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

A motion was made by Susan Robbins and seconded by Brian Edmonds to vote in favor of Resolution 7. Following discussion, a roll call vote was taken: Michael Morgan yes; Anne Adams yes; Robert Templeton yes; Jonna Clermont yes; William Hackler yes; Brian Edmonds yes; Susan Robbins yes; Crystal Messamore yes; Rande Rusch yes.

Vote: Unanimously passed

PROPOSED CHANGES TO MASC BY-LAWS

1. AMENDMENT to ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1

This amendment would allow any MASC member elected to the NSBA Board of Directors to remain as a voting or non-voting member of the MASC Board of Directors. A motion was made by Susan Robbins and seconded by Brian Edmonds to approve Article VIII. Following discussion, a roll call vote was taken: Michael Morgan yes; Anne Adams yes; Robert Templeton yes; Jonna Clermont yes; William Hackler yes; Brian Edmonds yes; Susan Robbins yes; Crystal Messamore yes; Rande Rusch yes.

Vote: Unanimously passed

2. AMENDMENT to ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1 and SECTION 4

This amendment to Article VIII would add a member to the Board (Chair of Minority Caucus). The Caucus was created to address issues of racial and linguistic concern to members, similar to the minority caucuses established by the National School Boards Association. A motion was made by Jonna Clermont and seconded by William Hackler to approve Article Two. Following discussion, a roll call vote was taken: Michael Morgan yes; Anne Adams yes; Robert Templeton yes; Jonna Clermont yes; William Hackler no; Brian Edmonds yes; Susan Robbins yes; Crystal Messamore yes; Rande Rusch yes.

Vote: Passed

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by William Hackler and seconded by Jonna Clermont to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanna Bilotta-Simeone, Recording Secretary