

**NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Ashby - Pepperell - Townsend, Massachusetts
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 23, 2015**

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

Joan Landers	Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Milligan	Assistant Superintendent
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 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, December 7, 2015, at the North Middlesex Regional High School at 7:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Jonna Clermont and seconded by Brian Edmonds to approve the consent agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - Monday, November 9, 2015
2. Approval of Out-of-State/Country Field Trips
 - Nissitissit Middle School, grade 7, to the Palace Theatre, Manchester, NH ~ December 17, 2015
Roll Call Vote: Michael Morgan, yes; Anne Adams, yes; Crystal Messamore, yes; Robert Templeton, yes; Jonna Clermont, yes; Brian Edmonds, yes; Susan Robbins, yes; Randee Rusch, yes
Vote: Unanimously passed

REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Student Representative Report ~ No report
2. Superintendent's Report

Pathway to Next-Generation MCAS ~ Superintendent Landers and Assistant Superintendent Milligan provided an overview of the DESE vote on MCAS. Mrs. Milligan explained that for Spring 2016 districts that administered the PARCC in spring 2015 will do so again and the remainder of districts

will continue with MCAS unless they choose to administer PARCC. She also explained that any districts that administer the PARCC in spring of 2016 will be held harmless for any negative changes in their school and district accountability levels. Mrs. Milligan shared that the DESE Board voted to hold all districts harmless on the basis of test scores in 2017 when all of the state's districts would use a single test.

3. Building Committee Report ~ Update

Robert Templeton stated that the next building committee meeting will be held on Monday, December 14, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. Steel work is 40% completed and will continue through February. Mr. Templeton said that the building committee would be hosting a beam signing ceremony involving the administration and students.

4. Public Communications ~ no report

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Warrant Subcommittee

Available for Committee review are accounts payable warrants 16-1112, and 16-1119, and payroll warrant for November 19, 2015. The warrants have been reviewed and signed by the warrant subcommittee.

2. Policy Subcommittee

The Policy Subcommittee recommends that the Committee adopt the following policies (1st reading):

The Chair asked if the Committee would oppose having all three policies joined as one vote.

A motion was made by Susan Robbins and seconded by Brian Edmonds to approve the following policies for a 1st reading.

- EBC Emergency Plans
- IJND Access to Digital Resources
- JKAA Physical Restraint of Students

Roll Call Vote: Michael Morgan, yes; Anne Adams, yes; Crystal Messamore, yes; Robert Templeton, yes; Jonna Clermont, yes; Brian Edmonds, yes; Susan Robbins, yes; Randee Rusch, yes

Vote: Unanimously passed

2. Finance Subcommittee

The Superintendent provided the final copy of the 2017 budget schedule. The Superintendent invited the school committee members to attend the finance subcommittee meeting on December 14, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. to hear feedback regarding the social and emotional support programs within the schools.

The Superintendent stated that the finance subcommittee recommended facilitating the budget presentations by the administrators at the January 11 and January 25 school committee meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

1. BAN Renewal

A motion was made by Brian Edmonds and seconded by Jonna Clermont to approve the Superintendent's recommendation that the School Committee vote to approve the sale of the \$234,335.66 0.75 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the "Notes") of the District dated December 4, 2015, and payable December 2, 2016, to Eastern Bank at par and accrued interest, if any.

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

Vote: Passes seven yes; one abstention

2. Peter Fitzpatrick School Lease

A motion was made by Brian Edmonds and seconded by Rob Templeton to approve the Superintendent's recommendation that the School Committee extend the lease of the Peter Fitzpatrick School, effective July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016. The lease will be signed by the Chair of the School Committee.

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

Vote: Unanimously passed

3. Unitil Utility and Gas Easement

Motion: The Chair read that the North Middlesex Regional School Committee, on behalf of the District, and for consideration of one dollar (\$1.00), grant with quitclaim covenants to the Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, d/b/a Unitil, 285 John Fitch Highway, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and Verizon New England Inc., 125 High Street – Oliver Tower, 7th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, together with their successors and assigns forever, the perpetual right and easement, at any time, and within a twenty (20) foot wide strip on land at 19 Main Street, Townsend, Massachusetts, being District property, as designated per instrument, (1) to construct, lay, operate, lines and other appurtenances for the transmission of intelligence and the transmission of high and low voltage electricity upon, over and under said premises, (2) to excavate for, lay, and remove gas pipelines and other appurtenances for the transmission of high and low pressure under said premises, and (3) to enter upon the premises for access thereto and for all other rationally-related purposes, including, without limitation, the right to clear roots and obstructions from said utility and gas easement.

A motion was made by Brian Edmonds and seconded by Jonna Clermont.

An amendment was made to the motion to authorize Randee Rusch and Robert Templeton to sign the Unitil Utility and Gas Easement.

A motion was made by Brian Edmonds and seconded by Jonna Clermont to approve the amendment to authorize Randee Rusch and Robert Templeton to provide signatures.

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

Vote: Unanimously passed

A motion was made by Brian Edmonds and seconded by Jonna Clermont on the amended motion to incorporate Randee Rusch and Robert Templeton as the authorized signatures.

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

Vote: Unanimously passed

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Superintendent recommended 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)

The School Committee would not return to open session.

A motion was made by Brian Edmonds and seconded by Jonna Clermont to move into Executive Session and not to return to open session.

Roll Call Vote: Michael Morgan, yes; Anne Adams, yes; Crystal Messamore, yes; Robert Templeton, yes; Jonna Clermont, yes; Brian Edmonds, yes; Susan Robbins, yes; Randee Rusch, yes.

Vote: Unanimously passed

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Joanna Bilotta-Simeone, Recording Secretary