

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Ashby – Pepperell – Townsend, Massachusetts

MINUTES

Monday, June 8, 2009
North Middlesex Regional High School

PRESENT

Chairperson	Arnold Silva	Member-Pepperell
Vice Chairperson	Sue Fitzgerald	Member-Pepperell
	Tamara Leclerc	Member-At-Large
	Kathy Low	Member-Pepperell
	Michael Morgan	Member-At-Large
	Susan Robbins	Member-Townsend
	Robert Templeton	Member-Townsend

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Maureen Marshall	Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Deborah Brady	Assistant Superintendent
Gerald Martin	Business Manager
Barbara Conti	Director of Human Resources
Sheila Muir	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
District Personnel	
Parents	
Press	

ABSENT

Ken Brown	Member-Ashby
Anne Buchholz	Member-At-Large

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.
2. The next meeting of the North Middlesex Regional School Committee will be held on Monday, August 31, 2009 at the North Middlesex Regional High School at 7:00 p.m.
3. A motion was made by Sue Fitzgerald and seconded by Susan Robbins approve the minutes of the May 11, 2009 meeting as amended.

The motion passed 6-0-1. R. Templeton abstained.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Student Representative Report – No report was presented.
2. School Newsletters

- a. Spaulding Memorial School – 5/22/09
 - b. Squannacook Elementary School 5/29/09
 - c. Hawthorne Brook Middle School – May 2009
 - d. Peter Fitzpatrick School – 5/29/09
 - e. Nissitissit Middle School – 5/29/09
3. Cafeteria Financial Report – April 2009
 4. Public Communications – No one addressed the Committee.

PRESENTATION

Sheila Muir, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, reviewed a visual presentation on the International Baccalaureate Program. She informed the Committee that a team from NMRSD (administrators, school committee members, high school and middle school teachers) have visited 3 schools participating in the IB program and interviewed administrators, teachers and students. They found the IB diploma and IB Middle Years programs to match the District's goals for preparing our students for the 21st century and for providing rigor to the curriculum.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

1. Warrant Subcommittee

The Chairman informed the Committee that available for their review are Warrant #'s: 09-0507, 09-0508, 09-0511, 09-0514, 09-0521, 09-0526, 09-0528, 09-0601; Student Activity Transfers: March 30, 2009 to June 1, 2009; Payroll Warrants for Week of May 14, 2009 and May 28, 2009 . The warrants have been reviewed and signed by the Warrant Subcommittee.

OLD BUSINESS

1. FY10 Budget Update

The Superintendent updated the Committee on the still unresolved state budget.

2. User Fee Update – Marching Band

Mr. Flanagan reviewed a financial breakdown of the Marching Band User Fee revenue generated vs. expenses. A discussion ensued. Mr. Flanagan discussed the need for new band uniforms as the uniforms are 10 years old and were originally purchased as “used.”

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of DP Defibrillator

A representative from Cintress Co., presented Mr. Flanagan and the North Middlesex Regional High School with a DP defibrillator. This defibrillator was received as a result of a grant written by Barbara Conti.

2. District Treasurer's Report – Michael Hartnett

Michael Hartnett reviewed the cash management position and related investment results of the North Middlesex Regional School District as of March 31, 2009. A discussion ensued.

3. Out-of-State Field Trips

- a. A motion was made by Sue Fitzgerald and seconded by Susan Robbins to approve an out-of-state field trip by Squannacook Elementary, Ashby Elementary and Hawthorne Brook Middle School band students to Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH on Saturday, June 27, 2009.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b. A motion was made by Sue Fitzgerald and seconded by Susan Robbins to approve an out-of-state field trip by Varnum Brook Elementary and Nissitissit Middle School chorus & band students to Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH on Thursday, July 2, 2009.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Donation Acceptance

A motion was made by Sue Fitzgerald and seconded by Susan Robbins to accept a \$300.00 donation from Helen C. Nett of Pepperell to Peter Fitzpatrick School.

The motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Sue Fitzgerald and seconded by Susan Robbins to enter into executive session in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23-B, Paragraph (3) for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining. The Committee will not return to open session.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mike Morgan-yes; Kathy Low-yes; Tamara Leclerc-yes; Susan Robbins-yes; Sue Fitzgerald-yes; Rob Templeton-yes; Arnie Silva-yes.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Landry, Secretary