

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

MINUTES

Monday, September 14, 2009
North Middlesex Regional High School

PRESENT

Chairperson	Arnold Silva	Member-Pepperell
Vice Chairperson	Sue Fitzgerald	Member-Pepperell
	Anne Buchholz	Member-At Large (arrived at 7:05 PM)
	Ken Brown	Member- Ashby
	Kathy Low	Member-Pepperell
	Michael Morgan	Member-At Large
	Susan Robbins	Member-Townsend

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Maureen Marshall	Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Deborah Brady	Assistant Superintendent
Barbara Conti	Director, Human Resources
District Administrators	
Parents/Community Members	
Press	

ABSENT

Tamara Leclerc	Member- At Large
Robert Templeton	Member-Townsend

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.
2. The next meeting of the North Middlesex Regional School Committee will be held on Monday, September 28, 2009 at the North Middlesex Regional High School.
3. A motion was made by Sue Fitzgerald and seconded by Susan Robbins to approve the minutes of August 10, 2009.
The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Student Representative Report – Gwen Morgan presented the student rep. report.
2. *Special Ed-itation* Newsletter – Fall 2009
3. Cafeteria Financial Report – FY2009
4. Readiness School Planning Grant – Dr. Brady informed the Committee that the District has withdrawn its application for a Readiness School Planning Grant due to the lack of funding by the DESE.
5. Opening Day Enrollment Report – The Superintendent reviewed the opening day enrollment numbers for the district. She informed the committee of a meeting with parents of Ashby Elementary School Grade 3 students who had concerns regarding the large gr. 3 class size. Dr. Marshall stated that the administration shares their concerns and will be working with them as they look at solutions. A report will be given to the

School Committee on Sept. 28th with the disposition of this matter. J. Lasorsa, AES Parent, read a letter regarding the concerns of the gr. 3 parents.

6. H1N1 Update – Barbara Conti updated the committee on the plans in place for dealing with the H1N1 virus. She said the district is investigating the possibility of holding flu vaccination clinics in the schools.
7. School Choice Update – The Superintendent reported on preliminary school choice numbers. The district has 65 incoming school choice students and approximately 63 outgoing choice students which indicates a leveling off of students choosing to leave the district. Mike Morgan suggested the district create a survey to ask why families choose to leave the district.
8. The Superintendent thanked the administration and teachers for their tireless efforts in preparing for the opening of school.
9. Anne Adams, Pepperell Resident, addressed the Committee and echoed Mr. Morgan's comments relative to the creation of a survey.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Eno Board Demonstration/Expanding School Technology – Peter Balducci introduced a representative from Polyvision who provided a demonstration of the new interactive boards purchased by the district. Director Balducci informed the committee that as part of the lease/purchase agreement approved by the school committee, the district was able to purchase 45 of the eno boards which are being used in 6 of district schools.

At the end of the meeting, the committee will tour a new computer lab at the high school.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

1. Warrant Subcommittee

The following warrants were reviewed and signed by the Warrant Subcommittee: #'s 10-0723, 10-0730, 10-0803, 10-0807, 10-0820, 10,0901, 10-0903, Payroll Warrants: 07/23, 08/06, 08/20, 09/03 and student activity transfers 6/24/09 – 9/2/09.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Ken Brown and seconded by Kathy Low to approve the Hawthorne Brook Middle School and Nissitissit Middle School grade 8 out-of-state field trip to Washington, DC and Philadelphia, PA on April 13-16, 2010.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Donations

- a. A motion was made by Sue Fitzgerald and seconded by Kathy Low to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,000 to Ashby Elementary School from Walmart Foundation.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b. A motion was made by Sue Fitzgerald and seconded by Kathy Low to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,424 to Nissitissit Middle School from QBD Systems, Inc.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Setting Future Goals

The Superintendent informed the Committee that the district administrators will be meeting on 9/21/09 to create a new district improvement plan. She will invite school committee to participate in a work session for developing goals and the district improvement plan. An update will be provided on Sept. 28th.

4. License Agreement for Use of Ashby Elementary School Parking Lot

The Committee discussed the request by Unitil for the use of Ashby Elementary School parking lot as a staging area for equipment and materials during an emergency.

The Committee directed the Superintendent to pass this request on to the Ashby Board of Selectmen for formal review.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ken Brown and seconded by Susan Robbins to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Landry, Secretary