

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

**Subcommittee to Explore District Consolidation and/or Partnerships  
Minutes**

Wednesday, January 6, 2010  
Office of the Superintendent of Schools

**PRESENT**

Rob Templeton	Subcommittee Chair –Townsend
Mike Morgan	Subcommittee Member – At Large (arrived at 6:20 PM)
Susan Robbins	Subcommittee Member - Townsend

**ALSO PRESENT**

Randee Rusch	School Committee Member – At Large
Dr. Maureen Marshall	Superintendent of Schools, North Middlesex Regional
Barbara Conti	Director of Human Resources
Paul Concemi	Townsend Finance Committee

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

1. A motion was made by Susan Robbins and seconded by Rob Templeton to approve the minutes of November 4, 2009 as amended.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Update on Meeting w/ MSBA

Dr. Marshall informed the Subcommittee that the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting with MSBA was cancelled by the MSBA. The MSBA indicated that the meeting could be rescheduled after Lunenburg takes a formal vote on continuing discussion with North Middlesex on possible regional expansion. Dr. Marshall indicated that she was able to meet with DESE Representatives Jeff Wulfson and Christine Lynch along with Superintendent Loxi Jo Calmes. The DESE has requested that North Middlesex and Lunenburg create a timeline for regional expansion. Once that has been completed, the DESE will provide the districts with simulations (budget, state aid, minimum local contribution, etc). Dr. Marshall stated that the State is very willing to support the districts' due diligence efforts. The Lunenburg School Committee is expected to vote on the continuation of discussion regarding regional expansion by the end of January.

3. Clarification of Regional Agreement Requirements for Regional Expansion

Dr. Marshall informed the Subcommittee that the DESE has suggested that North Middlesex have legal counsel review the current Regional Agreement to update it making it easier to follow.

A discussion ensued.

The Subcommittee authorized the Superintendent to have legal counsel review the Regional Agreement.

4. Update on Current Communications with Lunenburg

The Subcommittee agreed to have Dr. Marshall and Supt. Calmes develop a draft timeline for regional expansion consideration. The draft will be forwarded to the DESE for review and formal vote of the subcommittee.

5. Moving Forward – Due Diligence

The subcommittee requested that the administration put together comparison data on the two school districts. The following information will be included:

- Demographics
- Test scores/assessment results
- % to 2/4 year college/university
- Mission, vision, goals
- Teacher Salary
- Student/Teacher Ratio
- # overrides for education

In addition, the subcommittee members will review the following items and report back to the subcommittee:

Rob Templeton – mission/vision/goals

Susan Robbins – strategic plans

Mike Morgan – master plans

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the subcommittee will be held on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools. (Snow date: Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM).

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Susan Robbins and seconded by Rob Templeton to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Landry, Secretary