

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

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, February 8, 2010
North Middlesex Regional High School

PRESENT

Anne Buchholz	Finance Subcommittee Member-At Large
Ken Brown	Finance Subcommittee Member-Ashby
Michael Morgan	Finance Subcommittee Member-At Large
Susan Robbins	Finance Subcommittee Member-Townsend

ALSO PRESENT

Randee Rusch	School Committee Member At Large
Arnie Silva	School Committee Member-Pepperell
Rob Templeton	School Committee Member-Townsend
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 Instruction
District Administrators	
Town Officials	
Parents/Community Members	
Press	

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

1. Approval of Minutes – January 25, 2010

A motion was made by Susan Robbins and seconded by Mike Morgan to approve the minutes of January 25, 2010.

The motion passed 3-0-1. Ken Brown abstained.

2. Public Communications – No one addressed the subcommittee.

3. Presentation: Understanding Regional School Finance: A Primer

Jeff Wulfson, Associate Commissioner, Mass. Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, provided a presentation on regional school finance. Mr. Wulfson overviewed the formula for calculating Chapter 70 state aid (foundation budget, required local contribution, apportionment & state aid calculation).

Members of the audience asked questions of Mr. Wulfson.

4. Preliminary FY11 Budget Review

Dr. Marshall reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the FY11 budget scenarios totaling approximately \$2million in reductions.

Members of the audience asked questions and provided comments on the proposed budget reductions including such items as: the reduction of Gr. 4 instrumental music, elementary librarians, reduction of special education personnel.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Anne Buchholz indicated that she would summarize the comments and suggestions made at this meeting and forward to the full committee for their review.

5. Parent Forum

The Chair announced that if the Feb. 10th parent forum was cancelled due to inclement weather, the forum would be rescheduled to Monday, February 22nd.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ken Brown and seconded by Mike Morgan to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Landry, Secretary