

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

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Monday, February 22, 2010
North Middlesex Regional High School

PRESENT

Chairperson	Arnold Silva	Member, Pepperell
Vice Chairperson	Sue Fitzgerald	Member, Pepperell
	Anne Buchholz	Member, At Large
	Ken Brown	Member, Ashby
	Kathy Low	Member, Pepperell
	Michael Morgan	Member, At Large
	Susan Robbins	Member, Townsend
	Randee Rusch	Member, At Large
	Robert Templeton	Member, Townsend

ALSO
PRESENT

Maureen Marshall	Superintendent of Schools
Deborah Brady	Assistant Superintendent
Gerald Martin	Business Manager
Barbara Conti	Director of Human Resources
Sheila Muir	Director of Curriculum
District Administrators	
Parents/Community Members	
Students	
Press	

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:05 PM.

1. Superintendent Marshall reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed FY11 budget and potential budget reductions totaling \$2.248 million.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Several members of the audience asked questions on the proposed budget reductions and offered suggestions for reducing the budget.

Questions and comments included:

- Importance of keeping music program in tact
- Look at alternative health insurance options for employees

- Level-funded budget is not enough; budget should be reduced further
- Posting line-item budget on website
- Importance of Middle School World Language
- Research more grant opportunities
- Eliminate employee raises
- Make donation process simpler; establish donation committee
- Eliminate administrators; reduce impact on classrooms
- Look at per pupil expenditures (administrative & instructional leadership)

ADJOURNMENT

The hearing concluded at 8:55 PM

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Landry, Secretary