

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

MINUTES

Monday, September 27, 2010
North Middlesex Regional High School

PRESENT

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

ALSO
PRESENT

Maureen Marshall	Superintendent of Schools
Deborah Brady	Assistant Superintendent
Barbara Conti	Director of Human Resources
Sheila Muir	Director of Curriculum
Julie Surprenant	Director of Financial Operations
Parents/Community Members	
Press	

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM
2. The Chair informed the Committee and Audience of the recording of this meeting.
3. The next meeting of the North Middlesex Regional School Committee will be held on Monday, October 25, 2010.
4. A motion was made by Sue Fitzgerald and seconded by Randee Rusch to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2010 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. The Chair welcomed Julie Surprenant, newly appointed Manager of Financial Operations.

PRESENTATIONS

Assistant Superintendent Brady and Director of Curriculum/Instruction Sheila Muir presented an overview of the 2010 MCAS, Advanced Placement and SAT results. A lengthy review and discussion ensued. A copy of the presentation will be posted on the district's website.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. School Opening

- Dr. Marshall reviewed opening day enrollment data, average class size and staffing patterns.
- Barbara Conti provided an update on the Anti-Bullying Law and the district's efforts to implement an intervention plan.
- Barbara Conti presented an update on the new privatized cafeteria program with Chartwells. A new charge policy will be brought to the Committee for review and approval.
- The Superintendent distributed for the Committee's review a new evaluation instrument (standards-based) for the evaluation of Superintendent of Schools.

2. Negotiations

- The Supt. informed the Committee of the need to appoint a Municipal representative for Collective Bargaining. The Chair directed the Secretary to contact the Board of Selectmen to obtain their availability to attend either the Oct. 25th or Nov. 8th meeting for the purposes of appointing a municipal representative for collective bargaining.
- Appointment of Custodial Negotiations – Ken Brown and Sue Fitzgerald were appointed to the subcommittee.

3. Newsletters

- Spaulding Memorial School – 9/10/10
- Varnum Brook Elementary School – 8/31/10

4. Public Communications – Sue Fitzgerald shared a concern from a parent regarding door-to-door fundraising by students. The Superintendent will investigate.

Anne Adams, Pepperell resident, asked a question regarding a choice out survey. The Supt. stated that no data is currently available. The Supt. indicated that this will be implemented after October 1st when official enrollment data becomes available.

5. Student Representative Report – Margaret French, Representative to the School Committee, presented the student representative report.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

1. Warrant Subcommittee

The Chair informed the Committee that the following warrants have been reviewed and signed by the Warrant Subcommittee: AP Warrants: 11-0812, 11-0826, 11-0830, 11-0902, 11-0909, 11-0916 and Payroll Warrants dated; 9/2/10 and 9/16/10.

2. Regional Expansion Subcommittee – Rob Templeton provided an update on the Regional Expansion Subcommittee. Two meetings have been held since the last school committee meeting. A "hypothetical" budget presentation if the districts merged was presented and is available on the district web site. Lunenburg will be providing additional financial information

The subcommittee is waiting for more information from MSBA before scheduling its next meeting.

3. Finance Subcommittee – Susan Robbins provided an update on the Finance Subcommittee meeting held earlier this evening. Goals and timelines were discussed. The next meeting will be held on October 25th at 6:00 PM

OLD BUSINESS

1. FY11 Budget – The Superintendent informed the Committee that the district will be participating in webinars and meetings regarding the Jobs Bill and Race-to-the-Top Grant. An analysis on how the district can use the funds will be presented at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Ken Brown and seconded by Anne Buchholz to submit Statement of Interest for **Green Repair Program** to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for Ashby Elementary School:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on September 27, 2010, the North Middlesex Regional School Committee of the North Middlesex Regional School District, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated September 17, 2010 for the Ashby Elementary School located at 911 Main Street, Ashby, MA 01431 which describes and explains the following deficiencies and priority category(s) for which the North Middlesex Regional School District may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future: Priority 5: repair and/or replacement of roof and windows; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the North Middlesex Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mike Morgan-yes; Anne Buchholz-yes; Rob Templeton-yes; Susan Robbins-yes; Jonna Clermont-yes; Randee Rusch-yes; Sue Fitzgerald-yes; Ken Brown-yes; Arnie Silva-yes.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. A motion was made by Susan Robbins and seconded by Anne Buchholz to submit Statement of Interest for **Green Repair Program** to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for Spaulding Memorial School:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on September 27, 2010, the North Middlesex Regional School Committee of the North Middlesex Regional School District, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated September 17, 2010 for the Spaulding Memorial School located at 1 Whitcomb Street, Townsend, MA 01469 which

describes and explains the following deficiencies and priority category(s) for which the North Middlesex Regional School District may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future: Priority 5: repair and/or replacement of roof; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the North Middlesex Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mike Morgan-yes; Anne Buchholz-yes; Rob Templeton-yes; Susan Robbins-yes; Jonna Clermont-yes; Randee Rusch-yes; Sue Fitzgerald-yes; Ken Brown-yes; Arnie Silva-yes.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. A motion was made by Anne Buchholz and seconded by Susan Robbins to reaffirm the vote to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to **refresh** the Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for North Middlesex Regional High School:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on September 27, 2010, the North Middlesex Regional School Committee of the North Middlesex Regional School District, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated July 30, 2007 for the North Middlesex Regional High School located at 19 Main Street, Townsend, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and priority category(s) for which the North Middlesex Regional School District may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future: Priority 1: health and safety problems due to insufficient air exchange in classrooms and common areas, and health and safety problems in science labs due to the failure to comply with current codes of operation; Priority 3: failures in the HVAC system resulting in insufficient air exchange in classrooms and common areas; Priority 5: a new HVAC system to improve both energy efficiencies and to remedy air exchange deficiencies; Priority 7: rehab educational space to improve program opportunities and to ensure student and staff safety; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the North Middlesex Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mike Morgan-yes; Anne Buchholz-yes; Rob Templeton-yes; Susan Robbins-yes; Jonna Clermont-yes; Randee Rusch-yes; Sue Fitzgerald-yes; Ken Brown-yes; Arnie Silva-yes.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. International Travel - The Superintendent requested clarification from the Committee on their position on international travel. The Superintendent will contact the district's insurance agent and district counsel and will present a follow-up report at the next meeting.

5. Out-of-State Field Trips

a. A motion was made by Ken Brown and seconded by Anne Buchholz to approve the NMRHS Students (enrolled in the Future Educator's Academy) field trip to Bow, NH on October 8, 2010.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. A motion was made by Anne Buchholz and seconded by Sue Fitzgerald to approved the NMRHS field trip to New York City, NY on May 25-30, 2011.

The motion passed unanimously.

c. A motion was made by Anne Buchholz and seconded by Sue Fitzgerald to approve the HBMS and NMS Grade 8 field trip to Washington, DC and Philadelphia, PA on April 12-15, 2011.

The motion passed unanimously.

d. A motion was made by Susan Robbins and seconded by Anne Buchholz to approve the NMRHS Grade 9 field trip to Mt. Monadnock State Park, Jaffrey, NH on October 8, 2019 (rain date October 15, 2010).

The motion passed unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Anne Buchholz and seconded by Sue Fitzgerald to accept the donation of \$80.44 to Spaulding Memorial School from Target Take Charge of Education.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ken Brown and seconded by Sue Fitzgerald to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Landry, Secretary