

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

**MINUTES**

Monday, February 14, 2011  
North Middlesex Regional High School

**PRESENT**

|                  |                  |                   |
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| Chairperson      | Arnold Silva     | Member, Pepperell |
| Vice Chairperson | Susan Robbins    | Member, Townsend  |
|                  | Ken Brown        | Member, Ashby     |
|                  | 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          | Manager of Financial Operations |
| District Administrators   |                                 |
| Parents/Community Members |                                 |
| Press                     |                                 |

**ABSENT**

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| Anne Buchholz | Member, At Large |
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1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM
2. The Chair informed the Committee and Audience of the recording of the meeting.
3. The next meeting of the North Middlesex Regional School Committee will be held on Monday, February 28, 2011 at the North Middlesex Regional High School at 7:00 pm
4. A motion was made by Sue Fitzgerald and seconded by Susan Robbins to approve the minutes of January 10, 2011.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Student Representative Report –No report was presented
2. Public Communications – No one addressed the Committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Out-of-Country Field Trips

- a. A motion was made by Susan Robbins and seconded by Sue Fitzgerald to approve the trip by North Middlesex Regional High School Grade 9-12 students to Spain (Madrid, Cordoba & Sevilla) on April 17-24, 2011.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b. A motion was made by Susan Robbins and seconded by Sue Fitzgerald to approve the trip by North Middlesex Regional High School Grade 9-12 students to Greece/Italy on April 18-26, 2011.

The motion passed unanimously.

- c. A motion was made by Randee Rusch and seconded by Sue Fitzgerald to approve the trip by North Middlesex Regional High School Grade 9-12 students to France (Paris) and England (London) on April 17-25, 2011.

The motion passed unanimously.

- d. A motion was made by Sue Fitzgerald and seconded by Randee Rusch to approve the trip by North Middlesex Regional High School Grade 9-12 students to Costa Rica during February vacation 2012.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Sue Fitzgerald and seconded by Randee Rusch to enter into executive session in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B, Exemption (3) for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining. The Committee will return to open session.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM

The Committee returned to open session at 7:07 PM

Chairman Silva turned over the next section of the meeting to Susan Robbins, Chairperson of the Finance Subcommittee.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### 1. FY12 Budget – Discussion & Preparation for Public Hearing

The Supt. reviewed the preliminary FY12 budget. She indicated that this first iteration of the preliminary budget is a level services budget. To keep the same level of services that the District currently has would result in a \$2.8 million gap due to loss of federal and staff funds and increases in fixed costs (utilities, health insurance, etc.).

The Supt. requested feedback from the Committee on what to do for budget gap. A discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Committee was to request the administration develop a level funded budget for the Committee's review.

The Committee agreed to schedule a special meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM to continue review of FY12 budget.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Susan Robbins and seconded by Sue Fitzgerald to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Landry, Secretary