

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

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Monday, February 28, 2011
North Middlesex Regional High School

PRESENT

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
Julie Surprenant	Manager of Financial Operations
District Administrators	
Parents/Community Members	
Town Officials	
Students	
Press	

ABSENT

Anne Buchholz	Member, At Large
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The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Superintendent Marshall reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the preliminary FY12 budget and potential options for budget reductions totaling \$2,845,199 (level services vs. level funded).

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Several members of the audience asked questions on the preliminary budget and budget reduction options and offered suggestions for reducing the budget.

Questions and comments included:

- Explore level funded budget
- Pursue concessions from staff during collective bargaining process
- Revisit GIC plan option for employee health insurance
- Review programs using metric (top performing/low performing); eliminate low performing
- Do not increase fees
- Protect younger learners from budget reductions
- Look into independent opportunities for students
- Consider discontinuation of shared services agreement

ADJOURNMENT

The hearing concluded at 9:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Landry, Secretary