

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

MINUTES

Monday, April 11, 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

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

Anne Buchholz	Member, At Large
Robert Templeton	Member, Townsend

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.
2. The Chairman hereby informs the Committee and audience members of the recording of this meeting.
3. The reorganizational meeting of the North Middlesex Regional School Committee will be held on Monday, May 02, 2011 at the Nissitissit Middle School at 6:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the North Middlesex Regional School Committee will be held on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 7:00 PM at North Middlesex Regional High School

4. A motion was made by Ken Brown and seconded by Randee Rusch to approve the minutes of March 14, 2011.

The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Student Representative Report – Gwen Morgan presented the student representative report.
2. School Newsletters:
 - a. Ashby Elementary School – 4/1/11
 - b. Spaulding Memorial School – 3/31/11
 - c. Varnum Brook Elementary School – 3/18/11
3. Blue Ribbon Recognitions – April 2011
4. NMRHS Class of 2011 College Acceptances – Effective 3/30/11
5. Letter from PACH Outreach re: use of office/pantry space at PFS
6. Public Communications – District Parent Connie Menice read a statement regarding educational funding, state mandates and rating schools on MCAS results.

PRESENTATIONS

1. NOLA Presentation – Ray Kane & NOLA Participants presented a report on the service learning trip to New Orleans in February.
2. Audit Report – Karen Snow, Melanson & Heath, reviewed the FY10 audit report. Committee Members asked questions of the auditor.
3. Food Service Update – Barbara Conti provided an update on the food service program.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Warrant Subcommittee

Available for Committee review are Accounts Payable Warrants: 11-0310, 11-0316, 11-0324, 11-0331 and Payroll Warrants of March 17, 2011 and March 31, 2011. The warrants have been reviewed and signed by the Warrant Subcommittee.
2. Policy Subcommittee – Randee Rusch reported that the next meeting of the Policy Review Subcommittee will be May 23rd at 5:30 PM.
3. NM Regional Expansion Subcommittee – Susan Robbins, on behalf of Chairman Rob Templeton, provided an update on the discussions with Lunenburg regarding regional expansion. Lunenburg received preliminary numbers from MSBA regarding cost of building high school alone and with North Middlesex. Lunenburg is re-evaluating their opportunities. A subcommittee meeting will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

1. FY12 Budget – Review of Budget Reduction Plan (including Shared Services)

Supt. Marshall reviewed “worst case scenario” budget reductions totaling \$2.8 million. The District is waiting to receive Ch. 70 numbers from Ways & Means later this week.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Susan Robbins and seconded by Sue Fitzgerald to extend shared services (Supt. and Executive Secretary) with Quabbin Regional School District for 2011-2012.

A discussion ensued.

The motion passed by a vote of 6-1. Jonna Clermont voted no.

2. Policy Adoption

A motion was made by Sue Fitzgerald and seconded by Ken Brown to adopt the following policies:

- 1) Policy AA: School District Legal Status
- 2) Policy AB: The People and their District
- 3) Policy ABA: Commitment to Accomplish
- 4) Policy AC: Non-discrimination
- 5) Policy ACA: Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex
- 6) Policy ACE: Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability
- 7) Policy ACAB: Sexual Harassment
- 8) Policy AD: Educational Philosophy
- 9) Policy ADA: School District Goals & Objectives
- 10) Policy ADC: Smoking on School Premises
- 11) Policy BA: School Committee Operational Goals
- 12) Policy BAA: Evaluation of School Committee Operational Procedures
- 13) Policy BB: School Committee Legal Status
- 14) Policy BBA: School Committee Powers and Duties
- 15) Policy BBAA: School Committee Member Authority
- 16) Policy BBBA/BBBB: School Committee Member Qualifications/Oath of Office
- 17) Policy BBBC: School Committee Resignation
- 18) Policy BBBE: Unexpired Term Fulfillment
- 19) Policy BCA: School Committee Member Ethics
- 20) Policy BDA: School Committee Organization Meeting
- 21) Policy BDB: Officers
- 22) Policy BDC: Appointment Committee

- 23) Policy BDD: School Committee-Superintendent Relationship
- 24) Policy BDE: Subcommittees of the School Committee
- 25) Policy BDF: Advisory Committees to the School Committee
- 26) Policy BDFA: School Councils
- 27) Policy BEC: Executive Sessions
- 28) Policy BEDA: Notification of School Committee Meetings
- 29) Policy BEDD: Rules of Order to the full committee for review.
- 30) Policy BEDG: Minutes

The motion passed unanimously.

Policy BEDB: Agenda Format, was passed over for further review by Policy Subcommittee.

NEW BUSINESS

1. School Calendar

A motion was made by Susan Robbins and seconded by Sue Fitzgerald to adopt the 2011-2012 school calendar as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. School Choice 2011-2012 – Annual Vote

A motion was made by Ken Brown and seconded by Randee Rusch that in accordance with state law requiring all schools to be open for school choice, the North Middlesex Regional School District accept choice students for the 2011-2012 academic year in grade levels where space is available. The administration will be cautious not to accept a number of choice students that would adversely affect class size.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Out-of-State Field Trips

- a. A motion was made by Sue Fitzgerald and seconded by Randee Rusch to approve the NMRHS out-of-state field trip to New Orleans, LA on April 14-21, 2012.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b. A motion was made by Sue Fitzgerald and seconded by Randee Rusch to approve the NMRHS Gr. 12 out-of-state field trip to Manchester, NH on May 5, 2011.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Donation

A motion was made by Sue Fitzgerald and seconded by Randee Rusch to accept with thanks a donation in the amount of \$150.00 to Nissitissit Middle School from Mr. Jeffrey Higginson, Pepperell, MA.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Appointment of Collective Bargaining Subcommittees

The Chair appointed the following Collective Bargaining Subcommittees:

Teachers: Arnie Silva, Sue Fitzgerald, Ken Brown

Unit B, Clerical, Paraprofessionals, Nurses: Susan Robbins, Robert Templeton, Randee Rusch.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Susan Robbins and seconded by Randee Rusch to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Landry, Secretary