

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

MINUTES

Monday, June 13, 2011
North Middlesex Regional High School

PRESENT

Chairperson	Susan Robbins	Member, Townsend
Vice Chairperson	Ken Brown	Member, Ashby
	Jonna Clermont	Member, Pepperell
	Sue Fitzgerald	Member, Pepperell
	Michael Morgan	Member, At Large
	Randee Rusch	Member, At Large
	Arnold Silva	Member, Pepperell
	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
District Administrators/Faculty	
Parents/Community Members	
Press	

ABSENT

Anne Buchholz	Member, At Large
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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM
2. The Chairperson informed the Committee and audience members of the recording of this meeting.
3. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the North Middlesex Regional School Committee will be held on Monday, August 22, 2011 at 7:00 PM at North Middlesex Regional High School

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion was made by Arnie Silva and seconded by Sue Fitzgerald to approve the consent agenda and the acceptance of the following donations:
 - a) \$6904.00 to Varnum Brook Elementary School from 3M (3M Ingenuity Grant)
 - b) \$50.00 to Nissitissit Middle School from Mr. John Szum.

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Sue Fitzgerald and seconded by Arnie Silva to approve the minutes of May 23, 2011.

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0-2. Mr. Brown and Mr. Morgan abstained.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Student Representative Report – No report was given.
2. School Newsletters
 - a) Varnum Brook Elementary School – June 3, 2011
 - b) Spaulding Memorial School – June 3, 2011
 - c) Ashby Elementary School – June 3, 2011
 - d) Title 1 Newsletter – April/May 2011
3. Class of 2011 Future Plans
4. Public Communications

The Chairperson read a letter of commendation from HBS Parents Joseph & Jennifer Traverso.
5. NEASC letter May 9, 2011 –The Superintendent reviewed the most recent letter from NEASC relative to NMRHS. The Administration will prepare a response and provide a status report at the next meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Warrant Subcommittee

Available for Committee review are Accounts Payable Warrants: 11-0519, 11-0524, & 11-0602 and Payroll Warrant: 5/26/11

The warrants have been reviewed and signed by the Warrant Subcommittee.

2. Policy Subcommittee

Randee Rusch reported on the actions of the Policy Subcommittee at their meeting held earlier this evening.

3. NM Regional Expansion Subcommittee

Rob Templeton reviewed the letter from the Lunenburg Regional Planning Committee dated May 27, 2011. He will be preparing a draft letter in response.

A motion was made by Robert Templeton and seconded by Randee Rusch to recommend the Committee approve the proposal dated June 3, 2011 and submitted by David Tobin to research and study financial implications of the expansion of the NM Regional School District to include Lunenburg at a cost of \$1,800.

A discussion ensued.

The motion passed 6-2. Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Clermont voted no.

PRESENTATIONS

1. District Curriculum Accommodation Plan

The NM DCAP Task Force consisting of Deborah Brady, Sheila Muir, Linda Rakiey, Kristin Campione, Chris Chew, Anne Cromwell-Gapp, Kate Guzjeka, Kevin Higginbottom, Beth Lewandowski, Patricia Washburn and Lauren Young, reviewed the District Curriculum Accommodation Plan and answered questions from Committee Members.

OLD BUSINESS

1. FY12 Budget

a) Line Item Budget Revisions – The FY12 line item budget as it currently exists was distributed. Further adjustments to line items will be made as information becomes available and the FY12 budget will be recertified in September.

b) User Fees

The Superintendent provided the Committee with a summary of athletic revenues and expenses for FY12.

A discussion on increasing user fees ensued.

The following members volunteered to serve on an advisory committee to work with the Superintendent and Athletic Director to further investigate user fee structure: Randee Rusch, Ken Brown and Jonna Clermont.

c) School Lunch Price Increase

A motion was made by Arnie Silva and seconded by Sue Fitzgerald to increase school lunch prices across the school district by 25 cents/meal effective at the start of the 2011-12 school year.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Arnie Silva and seconded by Jonna Clermont to withdraw the motion.

The motion was withdrawn.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Subcommittee

The Chairperson appointed the following members to a Central Office Subcommittee to assume the responsibility of reviewing and when appropriate acting on issues related to the performance and activities of the Central Office: Arnie Silva, Sue Fitzgerald, Ken Brown and Robert Templeton (alternate).

The activities of the Central Office Subcommittee may include, but not be limited to the following: annual audits, purchase of property and liability insurance, superintendent evaluation, etc. The Central Office Subcommittee will not have the authority to act on the school committee's behalf, but will serve as a subgroup responsible for initial review and study of matters referred to it by full school committee action.

2. FY11 Audit Proposals

A motion was made by Arnie Silva and seconded by Sue Fitzgerald to approve the proposal for FY11 audit services as described in documents dated June 3, 2011 and reviewed with the School Committee to Powers and Sullivan, Certified Accountants.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. FY12 Insurance Proposal (Property, Liability, Bonded Employees, etc.)

The Chairperson directed the newly formed Central Office Subcommittee to review all insurance renewal documents and forward to the superintendent for appropriate action, i.e. modification and/or approval.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- E & D
- User fees
- Policies for approval
- Lunch price increase
- School choice survey
- Goals/Strategic Plan

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Arnie Silva and seconded by Randee Rusch to enter into executive session in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23-B, Exemption (3) for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining (all bargaining units). The Committee will not return to open session.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Landry, Secretary