

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

MINUTES

Monday, February 13, 2012
North Middlesex Regional High School

PRESENT

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

ALSO

PRESENT

Dr. Maureen Marshall	Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Deborah Brady	Assistant Superintendent
Barbara Conti	Director of Human Resources
Julie Surprenant	Manager of Financial Operations
Lisa Dickinson	Senior Vice President, UniBank
Pepperell Board of Selectmen	
Pepperell Town Administrator	
Townsend Board of Selectmen	
Townsend Town Administrators	
District Administrators	
Townspople	
Press	

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM
2. The Chairperson informed the Committee and audience members of the recording of this meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. Marshall reported that no further information regarding accreditation status has been received from NEASC. Principal Battye continues to stay in contact with NEASC. When new information becomes available it will be forwarded to the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS (Joint meeting with Town Select Boards)

Capital Plan Update

Superintendent provided a brief review of the status of the invitation by MSBA to enter the eligibility period for North Middlesex Regional High School renovation/construction grant. Supt. Marshall introduced Lisa Dickinson, Vice President, UniBank Fiscal Advisory Services, Inc.

Ms. Dickinson presented a PowerPoint which overviewed the existing district debt, proposed capital projects (Ashby & Spaulding green repair roof/windows; Hawthorne Brook/Squannacook septic remediation; new high school feasibility study and construction) and the tax impact on the towns for existing and potential capital projects.

A discussion ensued. Select Board members asked questions on the MSBA process and potential time line.

Oscar Hills, Director of Plant & Facilities briefly reviewed potential future capital projects at Squannacook Elementary School (roof), Hawthorne Brook (interior repairs, painting, flooring, etc.) and tennis courts in Townsend & Pepperell. He indicated that some of these projects could possibly be funded through the general budget.

The discussion continued. The Superintendent reviewed the next steps in the eligibility period process:

- School Committee vote to incur debt for feasibility study (feasibility study through schematic design)
- Following vote of School Committee, towns have 60 days to affirm/disaffirm vote

The Superintendent indicated that the school district would work with town administrators to discuss the submission of article(s) for annual town meeting or annual town election for possible debt exclusion ballot questions.

The Superintendent reminded the Committee and Town Boards that the numbers presented are very preliminary. Once more definitive numbers are received from the MSBA; the information will be shared with the Committee and Town Select Boards.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion passed unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Landry, Secretary