

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

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

**Monday, February 27, 2012**  
**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
	Randee Rusch	Member, At Large
	Arnold Silva	Member, Pepperell
	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
District Administrators	
Parents/Community Members	
Town Officials	
Students	
Press	

**ABSENT**

Anne Buchholz	Member, At Large
Michael Morgan	Member, At Large

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 PM.

1. Superintendent Marshall and Julie Surprenant reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the preliminary FY13 level services and needs budget

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Several members of the audience asked questions on the preliminary budget.

Questions and comments included:

- Explore “needs” budget
- Reducing class sizes at elementary level is a priority
- Bring both level services & needs budget to town meeting
- Exert political pressure on legislators to support regional districts
- Use exit surveys when students/families leave the district
- Be creative; continue to think “outside the box”

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The hearing concluded at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Landry, Secretary