

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

MINUTES

Thursday, April 19, 2012
North Middlesex Regional High School

PRESENT

Chairperson	Susan Robbins	Member, Townsend
	Anne Buchholz	Member, At Large (arrived at 7:04 PM)
	Jonna Clermont	Member, Pepperell
	Sue Fitzgerald	Member, Pepperell
	Michael Morgan	Member, At Large
	Randee Rusch	Member, At Large
	Arnie Silva	Member, Pepperell

ALSO

PRESENT

Dr. Deborah Brady	Assistant Superintendent
Barbara Conti	Director of Human Resources
District Staff	
Community Member	
Press	

ABSENT

Vice Chairperson	Ken Brown	Member, Ashby
	Robert Templeton	Member, Townsend

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM
2. The Chair informed the Committee and Audience of the recording of the meeting.
3. The next meeting of the North Middlesex Regional School District School Committee will be held on Monday, April 30, 2012 @ 6:00 PM at North Middlesex Regional High School.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Superintendent Search

The Chair stated that the goal is to discuss the candidates and make a selection of the final candidate.

Arnie Silva stated that after reflection of both candidates, he feels that Joan Landers strength as a former special education director and her communication style made her the top candidate in his mind.

Mike Morgan echoed Mr. Silva's comments. He stated that both candidates had excellent qualifications and credentials making the decision very difficult.

Randee Rusch shared her impression of the two candidates. She reiterated Mr. Morgan's comments relative to the excellent qualities of both Ms. Landers and Dr. Malkas.

Jonna Clermont stated that the professional qualities of Joan Landers and her diverse background stood out to her.

Sue Fitzgerald stated that both candidates were phenomenal. Both are personal, approachable, and had outstanding attributes.

Anne Buchholz said that she agreed with everything that has been said. She felt that both candidates had excellent communication skills. She stated that Dr. Malkas' background with STEM, edged her out as the top candidate in her opinion.

Susan Robbins echoed her fellow committee member's comments. Both were very qualified and had tremendous backgrounds; however, in the end, she would select Joan Landers.

A motion was made by Arnie Silva and seconded by Randee Rusch to appoint Joan Landers to the position of Superintendent of Schools pending successful negotiations.

A discussion ensued.

A roll call vote was taken:

Jonna Clermont-yes; Arnie Silva-yes; Randee Rusch-yes; Sue Fitzgerald-yes; Anne Buchholz-yes; Mike Morgan-yes; Susan Robbins-yes;

The motion passed unanimously.

Arnie Silva suggested that a negotiating committee be formed to negotiate a contract with the new superintendent of schools.

The Chair appointed the following members to the superintendent negotiating committee: Arnie Silva, Ken Brown, Susan Robbins.

The negotiating committee will obtain input from the committee and report back to the full committee before any final decisions have been made.

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Anne Buchholz and seconded by Sue Fitzgerald to enter into executive session to conduct strategy session in preparation of negotiations with the new superintendent of schools. The Committee will not return to open session.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mike Morgan-yes; Anne Buchholz-yes; Sue Fitzgerald-yes; Jonna Clermont-yes; Arnie Silva-yes; Rande Rusch-yes; Susan Robbins.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Landry, Secretary