

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

MINUTES

Monday, March 25, 2013
North Middlesex Regional High School

PRESENT

Chairperson	Susan Robbins	Member, Townsend
Vice Chairperson	Ken Brown	Member, Ashby
	Anne Adams	Member, Pepperell
	Anne Buchholz	Member, At Large (arrived at 7:15 PM)
	Jonna Clermont	Member, Pepperell
	Michael Morgan	Member, At Large
	Randee Rusch	Member, At Large
	Arnold Silva	Member, Pepperell
	John Brinkman	Student Representative
	Kyle Edmonds	Student Representative

ALSO

PRESENT

Joan Landers	Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Deborah Brady	Assistant Superintendent
Barbara Conti	Director of Human Resources
District Administrators	
Parents/Community Members	
Press	

ABSENT

Robert Templeton	Member, Townsend
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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.
1. The Chairperson informed the Committee and audience members of the recording of this meeting.
2. The next meeting of the North Middlesex Regional School Committee will be held on Monday, April 08, 2013 at North Middlesex Regional High School at 7:00 PM

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Arnie Silva and seconded by Jonna Clermont to approve the consent agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes:
 - March 11, 2013

The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Student Representative Report – Kyle Edmonds provided the student representative report.
2. Superintendent’s Report – Supt. Landers informed the Committee that she would be holding a budget forum on April 24th at 7:00 PM at the High School. In addition, she will begin to hold office hours each Friday from 2:00 – 5:00 PM to meet with staff, parents & community members. The location will rotate and will be posted on the website.
3. Building Committee Update – The Supt. informed the Committee that SMMA has been hired as the designer for the feasibility study/schematic design phase of the project. The Building Committee is in the process of developing project goals & assigning communication work groups. The next visioning session will be held on April 3rd at 7:00 PM.
4. Public Communications – No one addressed the Committee.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Warrant Subcommittee
Available for Committee review are Accounts Payable Warrant: 13-0314 and payroll warrant: 3/14/13. The warrants have been reviewed and signed by the Warrant Subcommittee.
2. Policy Subcommittee – No update.
3. Finance Subcommittee – No Update.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2012-13 School Calendar
The Supt. reviewed the results of the Superintendent’s Calendar Change Survey. Over 2400 responses were received. The Superintendent stated that due to the high number of families and staff scheduled to go away during April vacation, she recommends the Committee approve Option 3: Move four remaining professional development days to the last week of school (June 24-28). The last day of school if no additional days are lost due to school closings, would be Friday, June 28, 2013.

A motion was made by Arnie Silva and seconded by Jonna Clermont to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation on the current school calendar.

A brief discussion ensued.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Net Metering
The Superintendent informed the Committee that an ad has been placed in Goods & Services and local newspaper. The consultant is completing the RFP. The District has reached out to Ashby & Townsend about being included in the RFP. No response to-date. The District will continue in its process to pursue net metering credits.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request to Incur debt – HBMS/SECC Septic System

A motion was made by Arnie Silva and seconded by Jonna Clermont to:

VOTE: That the North Middlesex Regional School District (the “District”) hereby appropriates the amount of Six Hundred Thousand (\$600,000) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of construction of a new septic system to be located at Hawthorne Brook

Middle School, 64 Brookline Road, Townsend,) said system to service the Hawthorne Brook Middle School and the Squannacook Early Childhood Center, said amount to be expended under the direction of the North Middlesex Regional School District School Committee . To meet this appropriation, the District is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 16(d), and the District Agreement, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority.

FURTHER VOTED: That within seven (7) days from the date on which this vote is adopted the Secretary be and hereby is instructed to notify the Board of Selectmen of each of the member towns of this District as to the amount and general purposes of the debt herein authorized, as required by the District Agreement and by Chapter 71, Section 16(d), of the General Laws.

A roll call vote was taken:

Michael Morgan-yes; Anne Buchholz-yes; Anne Adams-yes; Ken Brown-yes; Randee Rusch-yes; Arnie Silva-yes; Jonna Clermont-yes; Susan Robbins-yes.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. North Middlesex Regional High School 2013-2014 Program of Studies

The Superintendent reviewed the new courses to be included in the 2013-14 Program of Studies. They include: Pre-engineering, Advanced Placement Environmental Science, Engineering, Integrated Mathematical Modeling 2, and Computer Programming.

A discussion ensued. The Superintendent and Headmaster answered questions from the Committee.

A motion was made by Jonna Clermont and seconded by Anne Buchholz to approve the additional new courses to be added to the 2013-2014 Program of Studies.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. North Middlesex Regional High School Bell Schedule

The Superintendent reviewed the evaluation of the high school bell schedule.

A discussion ensued.

The Superintendent and Headmaster responded to questions and comments

The administration will continue to investigate various high school bell schedules and report back to the Committee.

4. 2013-2014 Proposed School Calendar

The Superintendent informed the Committee that she would be holding public forums on March 27th at 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM. Following the forums, a proposed calendar would be presented on April 8th for school committee review and approval.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- School Improvement Plans
- Peter Fitzpatrick School and part it plays in high school feasibility study
- 2013-14 school calendar

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Landry, Secretary