

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

MINUTES

Monday, December 16, 2013
North Middlesex Regional High School

PRESENT

Chairperson	Susan Robbins	Member, Townsend
Vice Chairperson	Jonna Clermont	Member, Pepperell
	Anne Adams	Member, Pepperell
	Michael Morgan	Member, At Large
	Dennis Moore	Member, Ashby
	Randee Rusch	Member, At Large
	Robert Templeton	Member, Townsend

ABSENT

Anne Buchholz	Member, At-Large
Brian Edmonds	Member, Pepperell

ALSO

PRESENT

Joan Landers	Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Haines	Manager of Financial Operations
Community Members	
Press	

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.
2. The Chair informed the Committee and audience members of the recording of this meeting.
3. The next meeting of the North Middlesex Regional School Committee will be held on Monday, January 13, 2014 at North Middlesex Regional High School at 7:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request to authorize Superintendent to initiate emergency procurement for transportation – Discussion/Vote

Supt. Landers informed the Committee that the District was notified that Atlantic Express is involved in Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings and the sale of their contract and lease for Massachusetts has not bidders; therefore, at the recommendation of legal counsel, the Superintendent recommends the Committee authorize the Business Manager to send a letter to Atlantic Express acknowledging the debtors' actions in ceasing operations of the district's bus transportation service contract effective December 31, 2013.

A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Jonna Clermont and seconded by Randee Rusch to authorize the Superintendent or Chief Procurement Officer to begin emergency procurement procedure per Chapter 30B seeking bus transportation service for the remainder of Atlantic Express' contractual service.

The Superintendent informed the Committee that the two vendors have expressed interest in providing transportation service to the District. She stated that the District has reached out to the bus drivers from Atlantic Express currently driving the routes in Pepperell and all have agreed to continue to provide services with a new contractor. The Superintendent expressed her appreciation to the bus drivers.

A roll call vote on the motion was taken:

Randee Rusch-yes; Susan Robbins-yes; Jonna Clermont-yes; Robert Templeton-yes; Anne Adams-yes; Michael Morgan-yes; Dennis Moore-yes.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jonna Clermont and seconded by Randee Rusch to send a certified letter to Atlantic Express acknowledging the debtors' actions in ceasing operations of the school district's transportation service contract as of December 31, 2013.

A roll call vote was taken:

Randee Rusch-yes; Susan Robbins-yes; Jonna Clermont-yes; Robert Templeton-yes; Anne Adams-yes; Michael Morgan-yes; Dennis Moore-yes.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Robert Templeton and seconded by Dennis Moore to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Landry, Secretary