



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

MEETING MINUTES – August 26, 2021

In-Person

PRESENT

Chairperson	Craig Hansen	Member, Pepperell
Vice-Chairperson	Michael Morgan	Member, At Large ~ Remote
	Randee Rusch	Member, At Large
	Thomas Casey	Member, Pepperell
	Lisa Martin	Member, At Large
	David Carney	Member, Pepperell
	June McNeil	Member, Ashby
	Jessica Funaiole	Member, Townsend
	Susan Robbins	Member, Townsend ~ Absent

ALSO PRESENT

Brad Morgan	Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Milligan	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Haines	Business Manager
Robin Eibye	Recording Secretary
Cathryn Hampson	Health Services Director

- Craig Hansen opened the meeting at 7:44 p.m. and informed the Committee and audience members that the meeting would be recorded.

Roll Call:			
Craig Hansen	Yes	Michael Morgan	Yes
June McNeil	Yes	Randee Rusch	Yes
Jessica Funaiole	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Thomas Casey	Yes	Susan Robbins	-
David Carney	Yes		

- Mr. Hansen informed the Committee and attendees that the North Middlesex Regional School Committee's next scheduled meeting would be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 4, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL DISCUSSION – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN

- Strategic Plan Update – N. Milligan
 Assistant Superintendent Nancy Milligan asked the School Committee to move forward with the 2021-2022 District Strategic Plan as presented.

OUR MISSION: North Middlesex Regional School District is dedicated to providing a comprehensive educational experience focused on students becoming contributing members of society.

Lisa Martin moved, and David Carney seconded that the School Committee vote to approve the 2021-2022 District Strategic Plan as presented.

Vote:			
Craig Hansen	Yes	Michael Morgan	Yes
June McNeil	Yes	Randee Rusch	Yes
Jessica Funaiole	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Thomas Casey	Yes	Susan Robbins	-
David Carney	Yes		

Vote: The motion unanimously passed 8/0/0.

2. North Middlesex Regional School District Handbooks – B. Morgan

Thomas Casey moved, and Randee Rusch seconded that the School Committee vote to approve the 2021-2022 Elementary Student Handbook, Middle School Student Handbook, and High School Student Handbook as presented.

Vote:			
Craig Hansen	Yes	Michael Morgan	Yes
June McNeil	Yes	Randee Rusch	Yes
Jessica Funaiole	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Thomas Casey	Yes	Susan Robbins	-
David Carney	Yes		

Vote: The motion unanimously passed 8/0/0.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN

1. Policy (R. Rusch)

Randee Rusch moved, and Lisa Martin seconded the School Committee vote to approve policy JIC Students Discipline as presented for adoption.

Vote:			
Craig Hansen	Yes	Michael Morgan	Yes
June McNeil	Yes	Randee Rusch	Yes
Jessica Funaiole	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes

Thomas Casey	Yes	Susan Robbins	-
David Carney	Yes		

Vote: The motion unanimously passed 8/0/0.

Randee Rusch read the following statement on the Mask Mandate from the Policy Subcommittee

"On Thursday, August 19, the Policy Subcommittee met and voted to recommend to start the school year with a mask mandate in place.

The Policy Subcommittee would like to thank all the parents that submitted emails with studies and articles for us to review. We had well over 50 pieces of information that we reviewed along with emails in support of and against a mask mandate.

In short, we felt that the benefits of masks to start the school year while we are experiencing and learning about the Delta Variant outweighed the disadvantages of wearing masks. Our goal was to have students in person in front of teachers to learn this school year. A surge in COVID cases in the school would force students to stay home unable to learn in person and would cause teachers to stay home unable to teach students in person. No one wants to go back to remote or hybrid learning if we can prevent it."

Following the statement, Randee Rusch moved, and Thomas Casey seconded the School Committee vote to approve policy EBCFA Face Coverings as presented for immediate adoption.

Vote:			
Craig Hansen	Yes	Michael Morgan	Yes
June McNeil	Yes	Randee Rusch	Yes
Jessica Funaiole	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Thomas Casey	Yes	Susan Robbins	-
David Carney	Yes		

Vote: The motion unanimously passed 8/0/0.

At 7:51 p.m., Randee Rusch moved, and David Carney seconded that the School Committee vote to adjourn.

Vote:			
Craig Hansen	Yes	Michael Morgan	Yes
June McNeil	Yes	Randee Rusch	Yes
Jessica Funaiole	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Thomas Casey	Yes	Susan Robbins	-
David Carney	Yes		

Vote: The motion unanimously passed 8/0/0.

Documents Reviewed / Referred To:

- 2021 08-26 School Committee Agenda
- 2021 07-19 Meeting Minutes
- 2021-2022 District Strategic Plan
- 2021-2022 Elementary Student Handbook
- 2021-2022 Middle School Student Handbook
- 2021-2022 High School Student Handbook
- JIC – Students Discipline
- EBCFA – Face Coverings

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Eibye, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: September 13, 2021
