



NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ashby – Pepperell – Townsend, Massachusetts

MINUTES – OCTOBER 14, 2021

Virtual

PRESENT

Chairperson	Lisa Martin	Member, At-Large
	Craig Hansen	Member, Pepperell
	Randee Rusch	Member, At-Large
	William Hackler	Citizen Member

ALSO PRESENT

Brad Morgan	Superintendent
Nancy Haines	Business Manager
Robin Eibye	Recording Secretary

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Lisa Martin opened the meeting at 7:32 a.m. Ms. Martin announced the Committee was meeting in a virtual setting, fully remote via teleconferencing, practicing social distancing, and in accordance with the Governor’s suspension of specific open meeting laws.
- Roll Call

Roll Call:			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Craig Hanson	Yes
William Hackler	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Brad Morgan	Yes	Robin Eibye	Yes
Nancy Haines	Yes		

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

- Following review, William Hackler motioned, and Randee Rusch seconded the approval of the Finance Committee meeting minutes dated August 4, 2021, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Craig Hansen	Yes
William Hackler	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes

Vote: The motion unanimously passed 4/0/0.

OLD BUSINESS

- FY21 Budget:
 - Nancy Haines provided an update on the FY21 audit.
 - A brief discussion ensued about Excess & Deficiency (E&D).

- FY22 Budget:
 - Brad Morgan said Andrew MacLean from the Town of Pepperell reached out to discuss transportation funding and requested that the District consider recertifying the budget to include the updated transportation funding lines. Including the updated transportation funding from the State would reduce town assessments by \$128,094. Ms. Haines confirmed that \$13,309 would go back to the Town of Ashby, \$49,521 back to the Town of Townsend, and \$65,521 back to the Town of Pepperell.

Following discussion, Randee Rusch motioned, and William Hackler seconded the Committee vote to recommend the School Committee approve using \$128,094 of State revenue to reduce the town assessments by \$128,000.

Roll Call Vote:			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Craig Hansen	Yes
William Hackler	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes

Vote: The motion unanimously passed 4/0/0.

- Brad Morgan provided an update on yesterday’s Budget Summit meeting and said attendance was poor. The Committee discussed the importance of the meetings and how to increase Town attendance.

NEXT MEETING

- The Committee agreed to meet again on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 7:30 a.m.

Documents Reviewed / Referred To:

- 2021 09-15 Finance Agenda
- 2021 08-04 Finance Minutes
- North Middlesex Regional School District FY22 Budget – Adopted vs State Budget

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Eibye, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: January 10, 2022
