NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date of Meeting: December 6, 2021  
Time of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Day of the Week: Monday

Location: Per Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020, order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec. 20, the public will not be allowed to access this School Committee meeting physically. Members of the public can access the meeting remotely via Zoom. Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

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The School Committee reserves the right to implement additional remote participation procedures and notify the public of these procedures as soon as possible.

AGENDA

1. The Chairperson hereby informs the Committee and audience members of the recording of this meeting.
2. Roll Call
3. The next scheduled meeting of the North Middlesex Regional School Committee will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022.

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OUR MISSION: North Middlesex Regional School District is dedicated to providing a comprehensive educational experience focused on students becoming contributing members of society.
### Donations:
- $72 to NMRHS from Hannaford Helps Schools
- $414 to HBMS from Hannaford Helps Schools
- $465 to VBES from Hannaford Helps Schools
- $237 to NMS from Hannaford Helps Schools
- $10,000 to NMS from an anonymous donor to be used to create an outdoor learning center at NMS.

*Recommended motion: Move the School Committee vote to approve the consent agenda as presented.*

### Public Communications
Anyone who would like to participate in public comment needs to email Robin Eibye at info@nmrsd.org no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 2021.

### Reports/Information Items – Votes May Be Taken

**1. Chairperson’s Report – C. Hansen**

**2. Student Representative Report – C. Desjardins**

**3. Annual Special Education Update – B. Brooks & J. Judge**

**4. Bridging Resilient Youth in Transition (BRYT) Program Development – B. Brooks**

**5. Student Mental Health – B. Brooks, H. Stables, & N. Santiago**

- Nissitissit Middle School Spotlight – L. Young & E. Worth

### Old Business – Votes May Be Taken

### New Business/General Discussion – Votes May Be Taken

**1. Basketball Team Out of State Travel Request – C. Fisk**

*Suggested motion: Move the School Committee vote to approve the North Middlesex basketball team to travel to New Ipswich, New Hampshire, to scrimmage Mascenic Regional high school on December 8, 2021.*

### Subcommittee Reports – Votes May Be Taken

**1. Accelerated Repair (L. Martin)**

**2. Building Committee (R. Templeton)**

**3. Finance (L. Martin)**

**4. Negotiation & Personnel (T. Casey)**

**5. Policy (R. Rusch)**
- IHBG-R Home Schooling
  *Suggested motion: Move that the School Committee vote to adopt policy IHBG-R Home Schooling as presented.*
- AA School District Legal Status
  *Suggested motion: Move the School Committee vote to adopt policy AA School District Legal Status as presented.*

### Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated Within 48 Hours of Meeting

### Adjournment
NOTE: The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may be discussed and other items not listed may also be discussed to the extent permitted by law.

Agenda Posted: December 2, 2021 @ 12:05 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES – November 15, 2021
Virtual via Zoom

PRESENT
Chairperson Craig Hansen Member, Pepperell
Vice-Chairperson Michael Morgan Member, At Large ~ Absent
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

ALSO PRESENT
Brad Morgan Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Milligan Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Haines Business Manager
Robin Eibe Recording Secretary
Lisa Comeau Humanities Coordinator
Cam Fisk Athletic Director
Mike Edwards Collins Center
Heather Michaud Collins Center
Shelley Ayervaus Collins Center
Ed Gottgart Collins Center

1. Craig Hansen opened the meeting at 6:32 pm and informed the Committee and audience members that the meeting would be recorded.

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2. Mr. Hansen informed the Committee and attendees that the North Middlesex Regional School Committee's next scheduled meeting would be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 13, 2021.

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Following review, Lisa Martin moved, and David Carney seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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Vote: The motion unanimously passed 7/0/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Robin Eibye confirmed there were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. October 1st Enrollment Report – B. Morgan
Superintendent Morgan reviewed the October 1st Enrollment report with the Committee and said there were 3,083 students enrolled in the district as of October 1, 2021, compared to 2,990 students in 2019. In addition, Mr. Morgan noted that there were 70 more home school students than in previous years. A discussion ensued about homeschooling. Ms. Milligan said she would send out a survey to get feedback from home school families. *October 1st Enrollment report attached.

2. MCAS Presentation – N. Milligan
Assistant Superintendent Milligan presented an overview of the 2021 MCAS and Accountability Results. Ms. Milligan said ELA grades 3, 6, and 10 percentages increased and outperformed the state. Ms. Milligan said ELA Essay Scores in grades 3, 6, 8, and 10 outperformed the state in both writing and conventions. Ms. Milligan noted that although mathematics numbers were down across the board, North Middlesex Regional School District outperformed the state in grades 3, 6, 8, and 10. Ms. Milligan noted that grade 10 had a nine-point advantage over the state.

The Committee reviewed the results, and a discussion ensued.

*2021 MCAS and Accountability Results presentation attached.

3. Facility Use Donations – C. Fisk
Mr. Fisk provided an update on facility use donations and requested the Committee approve the TAP Basketball (Townsend-Ashby-Pepperell) - $4,000 donation, the North Middlesex Youth Lacrosse Organization - $6,000 donation, the TAYSA (Townsend-Ashby Youth Soccer Association) - $4,000 donation, the Pepperell
Adult Men's Basketball - $1,500 donation, Pepperell Youth Soccer's $750 donation, and the $250 turf donation from Gerard Morrill.

Lisa Martin moved, and David Carney seconded the School Committee vote to approve the following facility use donations as presented:

1. $4,000 from TAP Basketball (Townsend-Ashby-Pepperell)
2. $6,000 from North Middlesex Youth Lacrosse Organization
3. $4,000 from TAYSA (Townsend-Ashby Youth Soccer Association)
4. $1,500 from Pepperell Adult Men's Basketball
5. $750 from Pepperell Youth Soccer
6. $250 Turf Donation from Gerard Morrill

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

4. School Cancellations vs. Remote Learning
   Mr. Morgan said Commissioner Riley has not yet released whether or not he would approve remote learning models in place of school day cancellations due to inclement weather. A discussion ensued, and the Committee agreed to continue the conversation until after Commissioner Riley issues guidance on the matter.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN

1. Accelerated Repair (L. Martin)
   - None

2. Building Committee (R. Templeton)
   - None

3. Finance (L. Martin)
   - The next meeting will take place on December 1, 2021

4. Negotiation & Personnel (T. Casey)
   - None
5. Policy (R. Rusch)

Ms. Rusch said the Policy Committee recommended the School Committee approve first readings of policy IHBG-R Home Schooling and policy AA School District Legal Status.

Following discussion, Randee Rusch moved, and Lisa Martin seconded the Committee vote to approve policy IHBG-R Home Schooling and policy AA School District Legal Status for first readings as presented.

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

Ms. Rusch said the Policy Committee recommended the School Committee rescind policy ABA Commitment to Accomplishment.

Following discussion, Randee Rusch moved, and Lisa Martin seconded the Committee vote to rescind the ABA Commitment to Accomplishment policy.

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

Collins Center Survey and Public Engagement Sessions Report

- Mr. Morgan introduced Mike Edwards of The Collins Center. Mr. Edwards provided a brief overview of the Edward J. Collins Jr. Center for Public Management. He said they were dedicated to improving efficiency, effectiveness, governance, and accountability at all levels of government. Mr. Collins noted
Heather Michaud, Shelley Ayervaurs, and Ed Gottgart were also in attendance to present and answer questions.

Mr. Edwards reviewed the attached presentation with the Committee, and a discussion ensued about facility condition assessments, building upgrades, capital projects, and community support.

* Collins Center Preliminary Data Presentation to the School Committee attached.

At 10:05 pm, Lisa Martin moved, and David Carney seconded the School Committee vote to adjourn.

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

Documents Reviewed / Referred To:
- 2021 11-15 School Committee Agenda
- 2021 10-18 Minutes
- Accounts Payable Warrants
- Payroll Warrants
- October 1st Enrollment Reports
- North Middlesex Regional School District Accountability Presentation 2021
- Policy AA
- Policy ABA
- Policy IHBG-R
- Collins Center Preliminary Data Presentation to the School Committee

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Eibye, Recording Secretary
To: Superintendent Brad Morgan
From: Lauren Young
Re: Donation to Nissitissit Middle School
Date: November 29, 2021

I am requesting that the NMRSD School Committee accept this donation in the amount of $237.00 from the Hannaford Helps program to the Nissitissit Middle School. Attached is a copy of the check issued by Hannaford representing funds raised by the community during the 2021 Hannaford Helps Schools Program.
PAY

To

The

Order

Of

NISSITISSIT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Two Hundred Thirty Seven & 00/100 Dollars

$237.00

NOT GOOD AFTER 07/27/2002

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE
To: Superintendent Brad Morgan

From: Lauren Young

Re: Donation to Nissitissit Middle School

Date: November 29, 2021

I am requesting that the NMRSD School Committee accept this anonymous donation to the Nissitissit Middle School in the amount of $10,000. The donor has stated the donation is to be used to create an Outdoor Learning Center at the Nissitissit Middle School.
PAY TO THE ORDER OF NISSITISSIT MIDDLE SCHOOL

$10,000.00

Ten Thousand & 0/100 DOLLARS

VOID AFTER 60 DAYS

VERIFY THE AUTHENTICITY OF THIS MULTI-TONE SECURITY DOCUMENT
A Busy Start to The Year

- Safety Drills: Fire Drills & ALICE Drill
- Our New Stem Program
- Piloting New Math Programs
- ELA Program & Professional Development
NMS Cross Country Team
Middle School Field Hockey Team
Aaron Polansky
STEM Week October 25 -29

Grade 5: Mystery at Loon Lake
Grade 6: Lunar Colonies
Grade 7 Kinetic Sculptures
Grade 8: Surgical Techniques
Student Council
Best Buddies
Patriot Painters
Verkada Security System Upgrade
November 17, 2021

The North Middlesex Regional School District School Committee places the following policy on the table for public review. Should you wish to comment about the policy, please email your comments to info@nmrsd.org

Thank you.

FILE: AA

SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS
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The legal basis for public education in the District is vested in the will of the people as expressed in the Constitution of Massachusetts and state statutes pertaining to education. Under the General Laws of Massachusetts,

"... Every town shall maintain... a sufficient number of schools for the instruction of all children who may legally attend a public school therein."

The North Middlesex Regional School District structurally is operated under laws pertaining to education and under regulations of the Massachusetts Board of Education and the Regional Agreement in place for the District. The area served by the North Middlesex Regional School District is coterminous with the Towns of Ashby, Pepperell, and Townsend, Massachusetts.

Established by law

LEGAL REFS.:
Constitution of Massachusetts, Part II, Chapter V, Section II
M.G.L. 71:1
Regional Agreement for North Middlesex Regional School District (AA-E)
Regional Agreement

CROSS REF.: BB, School Committee Legal Status

Historical Note: Massachusetts has the oldest public school system in the nation. Dating back to 1647, the laws of the Massachusetts Bay Colony required towns to provide for a program of public education.

SOURCE: MASC

Adopted by the NMRSD School Committee:

NMRSD Adoption: 4/11/2011
Five-Year Review Cycle: 10/20/2021
NMRSD First Vote: 11/15/2021
NMRSD Adoption:
November 17, 2021

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Thank you.

FILE: IHBG-R

HOMESCHOOLING
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1. Requirements for approval of home instruction will include:
   - The parent or legal guardian must request permission to hold home instruction on an annual basis.
   - A letter of intent should be submitted to the Superintendent or designee before approval may be granted. As outlined in the Charles decision, the letter of intent should contain A) Contact information including address, phone#, email, student's name, birth date, and grade level. B) Educational plan and curriculum. C) Academic background or qualifications of the instructor. D) Method of assessment. The district’s letter of intent template is on the district website or available upon request.
   - The Committee delegates the approval of home instruction to the Superintendent. Any approval or rejection of an application by the Superintendent or designee is subject to review by the Committee.

2. Children in-home instruction may, at the request of parents or guardians, attend the public schools on a part-time basis at the discretion of the building principal. It may be an advantage for a home-taught child to participate in specialized classes in the public school.

3. Parents or a legal guardian in charge of home instruction should make provisions for regular testing or use other student progress indicators such as standardized achievement tests, portfolios, or other measures of growth and progress. As an alternative to home testing and at the request of those in charge of the home instruction, the School District will make provision for the inclusion of home-taught children in available assessments and at the discretion of the building principal. The home instruction summary form must include either a summary of home testing results for each required subject for each child or the results of the achievement test or other assessment methods (i.e., portfolios, work samples, etc.).

4. The end-of-year documentation must be submitted by June 30 annually to the school district.

5. The Committee will act in a responsible, cooperative manner to ensure that all children in the School District receive competent, adequate instruction. This concern includes children in home education. If the Committee determines that a home instruction situation is inadequate, a conference between the parents or legal guardian and the Superintendent will be scheduled to find mutually acceptable ways to correct any deficiency.
7. If deficiencies in a home education situation are not corrected, or the parents or legal guardian does not complete the proper annual application or summary, an appropriate referral will be made.

Legal Ref:

M.G.L. Chapter 76, Sections 1, 2 and 4, Charles Decision

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** Adopted by the NMRSD School Committee:**

NMRSD Adoption: 3/4/2019  
Five-Year Review Cycle: 10/20/2021  
NMRSD First Vote: 11/15/2021  
NMRSD Adoption: