



NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ashby – Pepperell – Townsend, Massachusetts

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 1, 2022

Virtual

PRESENT

Chairperson	Lisa Martin	Member, At-Large
	Craig Hansen	Member, Pepperell
	Randee Rusch	Member, At-Large @ 7:35 a.m.
	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	-	Craig Hansen	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 Craig Hansen seconded the Committee vote to approve the Finance Committee meeting minutes dated December 8, 2024, and January 10, 2022, 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

- FY23 Budget:
 - Brad Morgan discussed the FY23 Budget and said two of the three towns are in great shape. However, Mr. Morgan said the Town of Ashby was looking at an increase they could not afford.
 - Nancy Haines said she spoke with the Town of Ashby’s interim Town Administrator about the shift in enrollment.
 - Ms. Haines said the 3.06% proposed budget equates to the following assessments:
 - 5% increase for Townsend
 - 4.49% increase for Pepperell
 - 12.82% increase for Ashby
 - The Committee discussed E&D, ESSER, and transportation funding
 - A discussion ensued about Healthcare benefits and expected costs
 - The Committee reviewed the Revenue Estimates FY23 Budget – Department Request (Governor’s Budget)

NEXT MEETING

- The Committee agreed to meet again on March 1, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:07 a.m., William Hackler motioned, and Craig Hansen seconded the Committee vote to adjourn.

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

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

Documents Reviewed / Referred To:

- 2022 02-01 Finance Agenda
- Revenue Estimates FY23 Budget – Department Request (Governor’s Budget)
- 2021 12-08 Finance Minutes
- 2021 01-10 Finance Minutes

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Eibye, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: March 1, 2022
