



NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE
Ashby – Pepperell – Townsend, Massachusetts

MINUTES – March 30, 2022
Virtual

PRESENT

Chairperson	Randee Rusch	Member, Townsend
	Michael Morgan	Member, Pepperell ~ Absent
	Lisa Martin	Member, Pepperell
	June McNeil	Member, Ashby
	Brad Morgan	Superintendent
	Nancy Haines	Business Manager
	Robin Eibye	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

1. Chairperson, Randee Rusch, opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. and 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.
2. Roll Call

Roll Call:			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Michael Morgan	-	June McNeil	Yes
Brad Morgan	Yes	Robin Eibye	Yes
Nancy Haines	Yes		

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Regional Agreement
 - o The committee reviewed the Regional Agreement and discussed the importance of town administrators and the community actively participating in updating the agreement.
 - o Randee Rusch said the only town administrator that participated in revising the Regional Agreement the last time was from Pepperell.
 - o A discussion ensued about Capital costs and member towns’ share options.
 - o Lisa Martin said it would be helpful to see the history of Capital Projects and costs.
 - o Ms. Rusch said the agreement should be updated so that Capital Project costs are apportioned at a district rate rather than apportioned based on each member town’s pupil enrollment in such a school on October 1.

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

- Ms. Rusch said she thought that Pepperell Town Administrator Andrew MacLean was not in favor of apportioning Capital Projects and costs at a district rate.
- Ms. Martin confirmed that Mr. MacLean and other Pepperell residents were opposed to the idea.
- Ms. Rusch said she would like to see more straightforward calculations for district projects.
- A discussion ensued about the impacts of district-wide programming, Capital Stabilization fund rate, Capital Fund apportionment, and Capital Fund spending apportionment.
- Ms. Rusch said she thought the committee should focus on District-wide Programming, the Capital Fund, and the Stabilization Fund first.
- The committee agreed it was important the agreement be updated to reflect the 1994 Education Reform Act and include a five-year rolling average on October 1st enrollment for apportionment.

The committee agreed to meet again on April 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Following review, June McNeil motioned, and Lisa Martin seconded to approve the March 16, 2022 minutes, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Michael Morgan	-	June McNeil	Yes

Vote: The motion unanimously passed 3/0/0.

ADJOURNMENT

June McNeil motioned, and Lisa Martin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Roll Call Vote:			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Michael Morgan	-	June McNeil	Yes

Vote: The motion unanimously passed. 3/0/0

Documents Reviewed / Referred To:

- 2022 03-30 Policy Subcommittee Agenda
- Minutes dated: March 16, 2022
- John Foskett – Reg Agreement Changes
- Regional Agreement Change Document
- Regional Agreement Working Draft 2020 JF

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Eibye, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: April 13, 2022
