



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

MINUTES – May 11, 2022
Virtual

PRESENT

Chairperson	Randee Rusch	Member, Townsend
	Craig Hansen	Member, Pepperell ~ Left @ 10:55 a.m.
	Lisa Martin	Member, Pepperell
	June McNeil	Member, Ashby
	Brad Morgan	Superintendent of Schools ~ Left @ 10:55 a.m.
	Nancy Haines	Business Manager ~ Left @ 10:55 a.m.
	Robin Eibye	Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT

Andrew MacLean	Pepperell Town Administrator ~ Left @ 10:55 a.m.
Christine Lindberg	Ashby Town Administrator ~ Left @ 10:55 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

- Chairperson, Randee Rusch, opened the meeting at 10:07 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.
- Roll Call

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

MINUTES

Following review, June McNeil motioned, and Lisa Martin seconded to approve the minutes dated April 27, 2022, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes

Craig Hansen	Abstain	June McNeil	Yes
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Vote: The motion unanimously passed 3/0/1.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

- o None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Regional Agreement
 - o Randee Rusch provided an overview of the Regional Agreement Working Draft document
 - o The committee reviewed the Working Draft Regional Agreement, and a discussion ensued about enrollments, district-wide programming, Central Office space, student usage, debt, minimum enrollments, and capital cost assessments.
 - o Craig Hansen asked if setting thresholds for student enrollment would be a good option.
 - o A discussion ensued about operating costs, capital costs, special services, excluded debt, maintenance costs, and lease agreements. Nancy Haines confirmed the district-owned buildings included SECC, VBES, and the North Middlesex Regional High School.
 - o The committee agreed to continue with enrollment assessments, and the five-year rolling average would be based on October 1st assessments.
 - o Ms. Rusch said the district’s goal was to have the updated Regional Agreement approved at the fall town meetings.

The committee agreed to meet again on May 24, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., and on June 8, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

June McNeil motioned, and Lisa Martin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Roll Call Vote:			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Craig Hansen	-	June McNeil	Yes

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

Documents Reviewed / Referred To:

- o 2022 05-11 Policy Subcommittee Agenda

- Minutes dated: April 27, 2022
- Regional Agreement
- Regional Agreement Capital Cost Assessment Options

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Eibye, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: May 24, 2022
