



NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
Ashby – Pepperell – Townsend, Massachusetts

MEETING MINUTES – September 27, 2022
Virtual via Google Meet

PRESENT

Chairperson	June McNeil	School Committee Member
	Lisa Martin	School Committee Member, Alternate ~absent
	Brad Morgan	Superintendent ~left 5:43pm
	Nancy Haines	District Business Manager
	Jeremy Hammond	Director of Technology
	David Amari	District Facilities Director
	Dan Johnson	District Facilities Director, Alternate
	Anne Cromwell-Gapp	Ashby Elementary School Principal
	Karen Walsh	Ashby Elementary School Staff Member
	David Nadeau	Ashby Selectboard Member ~joined 5:07pm
	Scott Hobart	Community Member, Ashby ~ joined 5:02pm
	Dawn Roy	Community Member, Ashby ~ absent
	Walter Hansen	Community Member, Ashby, Alternate

1. The Chairperson, June McNeil, opened the meeting at 5:01 pm 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:			
June McNeil	Yes	Anne Cromwell-Gapp	Yes
Lisa Martin	-	Karen Walsh	Yes
Brad Morgan	Yes	David Nadeau	-
Nancy Haines	Yes	Scott Hobart	-
Jeremy Hammond	Yes	Dawn Roy	-
David Amari	Yes	Walter Hansen	Yes
Dan Johnson	Yes		

2. Ms. McNeil informed the Committee and attendees that the Ashby Elementary Building Committee's next meeting would be at 5:00 p.m. on October 11, 2022
3. David Amari motioned, and Ann Cromwell-Gapp seconded the Committee vote to approve the AES Building Committee meeting minutes dated September 20, 2022, as presented.

Roll Call:			
June McNeil	Yes	Anne Cromwell-Gapp	Yes
Brad Morgan	Yes	David Nadeau	Yes
David Amari	Yes	Scott Hobart	Yes
Walter Hansen	Yes	Dawn Roy	-

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

4. Discussion regarding feasibility study - Brad Morgan is scheduling a meeting with MSBA to ask questions. Brad requested that Nancy Haines reach out to the Ashby assessor to estimate costs to Ashby taxpayers for each of the options for AES that were previously discussed. Brad also mentioned that taxpayers may also be impacted if repairs are done at HBMS. He noted that the district would likely be applying for a MSBA grant for HBMS. He reiterated that AES might not qualify for a MSBA grant due to the number of students and because there were available classrooms in Townsend. Nancy stated that the basic feasibility study estimate was \$150,000-250,000 according to Habeeb & Associates and Perkins Eastman. Scott Hobart is reaching out to some firms that specialize in asbestos abatement to get estimates for new reports. Dan Johnson noted that he feels several of the itemized costs estimated in the reports seemed over-inflated. Nancy reiterated that until a feasibility study is done, there are no firm estimates.
5. Discussion of next steps - The committee is not ready to make any recommendations to the School Committee at this time. More information is needed. After Brad Morgan meets with MSBA and Nancy Haines receives taxpayer impact estimates, the committee will reevaluate.
6. Public Comment - Patrick McPhee
7. Tentative Fall Meeting Schedule - October 11, October 25, November 15, November 29, December 13

ADJOURNMENT

Ann Cromwell-Gapp moved, and David Nadeau seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call:			
June McNeil	Yes	Anne Cromwell-Gapp	Yes
Brad Morgan	-	David Nadeau	Yes
David Amari	Yes	Scott Hobart	Yes
Walter Hansen	Yes	Dawn Roy	-

Vote: The motion unanimously passed 6/0/0.

Documents Reviewed / Referred To:

- 2022 09-27 AESBC Agenda
- 2022 09-20 AESBC Minutes
- Habeeb & Associates report
- Collins Center report
- Perkins Eastman report

Respectfully submitted,
June McNeil

APPROVED: October 25, 2022
