



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

MEETING MINUTES – November 29, 2022
Virtual via Zoom Meet

PRESENT

Chairperson	June McNeil	School Committee Member
	Lisa Martin	School Committee Member, Alternate
	Brad Morgan	Superintendent
	Nancy Haines	District Business Manager
	Jeremy Hammond	Director of Technology ~ Absent
	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 at 5:04pm
	Scott Hobart	Community Member, Ashby ~ Absent
	Dawn Roy	Community Member, Ashby
	Walter Hansen	Community Member, Ashby, Alternate

1. The Chairperson, June McNeil, opened the meeting at 5:02 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	Yes	Karen Walsh	Yes
Brad Morgan	Yes	David Nadeau	-
Nancy Haines	Yes	Scott Hobart	-
Jeremy Hammond	-	Dawn Roy	Yes
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 December 13, 2022
3. David Amari motioned, and Anne Cromwell-Gapp seconded the Committee vote to approve the AES Building Committee meeting minutes dated November 15, 2022, as presented.

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

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

4. Discussion of Feasibility Study and scope of services – David Nadeau spoke about the last select board meeting. He stated that Ashby has approximately \$347,000 remaining in ARPA funds and that the select board discussed it and are willing to use some of the ARPA funds towards a feasibility study. Dave Amari spoke about the many projects needed at AES and stated that we have many questions still such as actual costs, where students will go during repairs, and what options we might have for the section requiring abatement. He also questioned whether we were going to keep patching as we go or if we should take care of these issues to buy us 25-30 more years and noted that we have to meet the curve of technology. Dawn Roy stated that if we do not pursue a feasibility study to hear from the experts that we may pay more in the long run. Dan Johnson stated for the cost of the feasibility study, several required repairs could be made. He stated the town does not have the funding for a significant project. Ann Cromwell-Gapp asked more about ARPA funding and the town maintenance funds. David Nadeau stated there was still maintenance funds available but we are only about a quarter through the fiscal year. Nancy Haines explained the process of the district borrowing money.

David Nadeau moved, and Dawn Roy seconded to recommend to the school committee to allocate an amount to not exceed \$300,000 towards a feasibility study and OPM for Ashby Elementary School.

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

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

6. Public Comment – Craig Hansen thanked the committee

- 7. Other business – none
- 8. Next meeting – December 13, 2022 at 5pm

ADJOURNMENT

David Nadeau moved, and Dawn Roy seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

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

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

Documents Reviewed / Referred To:

- 2022 11/29 AESBC Agenda
- 2022 11/15 AESBC Minutes
- Habeeb & Associates report
- Collins Center report
- Perkins Eastman report
- Feasibility RFPs from Arlington Central, Bedford, Greylock

Respectfully submitted,
June McNeil

APPROVED: December 13, 2022