



**NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Ashby – Pepperell – Townsend, Massachusetts

**MINUTES – January 17, 2023**

Virtual

**PRESENT**

Chairperson	Lisa Martin	Member, At-Large
	Randee Rusch	Member, At-Large
	Susan Robbins	Member, Townsend @ 10:04 a.m.
	William Hackler	Citizen Member

**ALSO PRESENT**

Brad Morgan	Superintendent
Nancy Haines	Business Manager
Robin Eibye	Recording Secretary

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

Jeremy Hamond	Director of Information Technology
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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- Lisa Martin opened the meeting at 10:00 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.

<b>Roll Call:</b>			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Susan Robbins	-
William Hackler	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Brad Morgan	Yes	Nancy Haines	Yes

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

- Randee Rusch motioned, and William Hackler seconded to approve the Finance Committee meeting minutes dated January 6, 2023, as presented.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Susan Robbins	Abstain
William Hackler	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes

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

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. None

**OLD BUSINESS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN**

1. FY23 Budget
  - None
2. FY23 Capital
  - Ms. Haines provided a brief update and said she thought the district would move forward with the capital projects as planned.
  - Ms. Haines talked about the LED Lighting Proposal at VBES and NMS and said the projects had been partially completed via the Green Communities project, but both schools had additional lighting that should be addressed. Ms. Haines said the projects would allow the district to take advantage of grant incentive monies for LED lighting.
  - The Committee reviewed the Value of Energy Savings, and a discussion ensued.

Randee Rusch motioned, and William Hackler seconded to approve the LED Lighting Proposal recommendation to the full committee.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Susan Robbins	Yes
William Hackler	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes

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

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3. FY24 Budget
  - Nancy Haines reviewed the Perkins Eastman Estimate of Tax Scenarios documents, and a discussion ensued.
  - Ms. Haines talked about projected Health Care costs and how they are calculated.

**NEW BUSINESS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN**

- None

**NEXT MEETING**

- The Committee agreed to meet again on Tuesday, January 31 at 8:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:38 a.m., Will Hackler moved, and Randee Rusch seconded to adjourn.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Susan Robbins	Yes
William Hackler	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes

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

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Documents Reviewed / Referred To:

- 2023 01-17 Finance Agenda
- 2023 01-06 Finance Minutes
- NMS OBR Letter
- VBES OBR Letter
- Lighting Proposal – 5 Year Contract
- NMRSD NMS MS Lighting Phase 3
- Pepperell VBES ES Lighting Phase 2
- Perkins Eastman Estimate of Tax Scenarios

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Eibye, Recording Secretary

**APPROVED:** January 31, 2023

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