



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

MEETING MINUTES – January 30, 2023
Virtual via Zoom

PRESENT

Chairperson	Craig Hansen	Member, Pepperell
Vice-Chairperson	June McNeil	Member, Ashby
	Michael Morgan	Member, At Large ~ Absent
	Randee Rusch	Member, At Large
	Thomas Casey	Member, Pepperell ~ Arrived @ 7:10 p.m.
	Lisa Martin	Member, At Large
	David Carney	Member, Pepperell
	Jessica Funaiole	Member, Townsend
	Susan Robbins	Member, Townsend ~ Absent

ALSO PRESENT

Brad Morgan	Superintendent of Schools
Gary Burboa-Reese	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Haines	Business Manager
Robin Eibye	Recording Secretary

1. Craig Hansen opened the meeting at 7:02 pm and informed the Committee and audience members that the meeting would be recorded.

Roll Call:			
Craig Hansen	Yes	Michael Morgan	-
June McNeil	Yes	Randee Rusch	Yes
Jessica Funaiole	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Thomas Casey	-	Susan Robbins	-
David Carney	Yes		

2. Mr. Hansen informed the Committee and attendees that the North Middlesex Regional School Committee's next meeting would be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 6, 2023.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Following review, Lisa Martin moved, and June McNeil seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:			
Craig Hansen	Yes	Michael Morgan	-

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

June McNeil	Yes	Randee Rusch	Yes
Jessica Funaiole	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Thomas Casey	-	Susan Robbins	-
David Carney	Yes		

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Shelly Jones, 820 Rindge Road, Ashby
- Kara McCarthy, 141 Nourse Road, Ashby
- Vanessa Larkin, 394 Erickson Road, Ashby
- Melissa Boylan, 1392 W State Road, Ashby
- Patrick McPhee, 56 Heywood Road, Ashby

REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson's Report – C. Hansen

- Craig Hansen said he was still responding to all of the emails received supporting AES.
- Mr. Hansen said the School Committee took no action on the Finance Committee’s recommendation to relocate AES students to address significant increases and unavoidable expenses.
- Mr. Hansen said the Town of Ashby’s leadership reached out to discuss options. The AES Building Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2023.
- Mr. Hansen thanked the Superintendent and his team for their time and efforts to find ways to help with budget increases.
- Mr. Hansen said he fully supported keeping AES open.
- David Carney said he fully endorsed AES staying open.

2. Superintendent's Report – B. Morgan

- None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Dance Club Stipend Position Update – T. McMahan

- Principal McMahan provided an update and said the club didn’t yet qualify for a stipend but wanted to recognize the club officially.

2. Kieve Wavus Education Camp – J. Webster & E. Worth

- Jason Webster and Evan Worth provided an overview of the Kieve Wavus Education Camp. They said they were excited about the possibility of NM students attending the camp.

3. Budget Message Update – B. Morgan

- Superintendent Morgan presented his FY2024 Updated Budget Message. Mr. Morgan said all three towns attended the fourth budget summit.
- Mr. Morgan said the proposed budget reflects a 6.34% increase over the 2022-2023 school year.
- A discussion ensued about class sizes, Special Education, and the competitive climate to attract and retain staff.

NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Out-of-State Field Trip – K. Guziejka

Following discussion, Randee Rusch moved, and David Carney seconded, the School Committee approve the out-of-state field trip to Beaver Brook Association in Hollis, New Hampshire, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:			
Craig Hansen	Yes	Michael Morgan	-
June McNeil	Yes	Randee Rusch	Yes
Jessica Funaiole	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Thomas Casey	Yes	Susan Robbins	-
David Carney	Yes		

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

2. Overnight Field Trip – T. McMahon & K. Jamieson

David Carney moved, and June McNeil seconded, the School Committee approve the Student Council's overnight field trip from March 8th to March 10th to attend the 2023 Annual Student Council Conference in Hyannis, Massachusetts as presented.

Roll Call Vote:			
Craig Hansen	Yes	Michael Morgan	-
June McNeil	Yes	Randee Rusch	Yes
Jessica Funaiole	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Thomas Casey	Yes	Susan Robbins	-
David Carney	Yes		

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

3. North Middlesex Regional High School BAN – N. Haines

Randee Rusch moved, and Lisa Marin seconded, the School Committee approve the sale of \$19,532,438 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the “Notes”) of the Town dated February 3, 2023, and payable February 2, 2024, at par and accrued interest, if any, plus the premiums, and to the Purchasers, indicated as follows:

<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Premium</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
\$18,532,438	Fidelity Capital Markets, a division of National Financial Services LLC	\$242,589.61	4.00%
\$1,000,000	BofA Securities, Inc.	\$12,630.00	4.00%

Further Voted: that the amounts of \$214,052.59 and \$375,085.81, representing premium from the 2020 and 2021 bond anticipation note issues of the District, respectively, shall be appropriated in the following amounts to the following projects.

<u>Project</u>	<u>2020 Notes Premium</u>	<u>2021 Notes Premium</u>
New District High School	\$100,947.47	\$170,477.01
Varnum Brook Elementary School Renovations	57,037.58	103,413.90
Hawthorne Brook Middle School Renovations	27,160.75	49,187.59
Squannacook Early Childhood Center Renovations	27,160.75	48,888.17
Varnum Brook School Feasibility Study	1,222.26	2,182.74
Hawthorne Brook School Feasibility Study	<u>523.78</u>	<u>936.40</u>
Total:	\$214,052.59	\$375,085.81

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Notes, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated January 11, 2023, and a final Official Statement dated January 18, 2023, each in such form as may be approved by the District Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the District Treasurer and the Chair of the Committee be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form

as may be approved by bond counsel to the District, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Notes for the benefit of the holders of the Notes from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the District Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures and continuing disclosure procedures in such forms as the District Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Notes and to comply with relevant securities laws.

Further Voted: that any certificates or documents relating to the Notes (collectively, the “Documents”), may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same document; delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to a Document by electronic mail in a “.pdf” file or by other electronic transmission shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart signature page to such Document; and electronic signatures on any of the Documents shall be deemed original signatures for the purposes of the Documents and all matters relating thereto, having the same legal effect as original signatures.

Further Voted: that each member of the Committee, the District Secretary and the District Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

Roll Call Vote:			
Craig Hansen	Yes	Michael Morgan	-
June McNeil	Yes	Randee Rusch	Yes
Jessica Funaiole	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Thomas Casey	Yes	Susan Robbins	-
David Carney	Yes		

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

4. National Grid/Guardian LED Lighting – N. Haines

Nancy Haines provided an overview of the proposed agreement.

Following discussion, Thomas Casey moved, and David Carney seconded, the School Committee approve a five-year agreement with National Grid/Guardian LED Lighting at Varnum Brook Elementary School and Nissitissit Middle School as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Craig Hansen	Yes	Michael Morgan	-
June McNeil	Yes	Randee Rusch	Yes
Jessica Funaiole	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Thomas Casey	Yes	Susan Robbins	-
David Carney	Yes		

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

5. Middle School World Language Update – G. Burboa-Reese

Dr. Burboa-Reese discussed the presentation of the Middle School World Language.

- Presentation attached.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN

1. Accelerated Repair (L. Martin)

- None

2. AES Building Committee (J. McNeil)

- The next meeting will occur on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

3. Building Committee (R. Templeton)

- None

4. Finance (L. Martin)

- The next meeting will occur tomorrow, January 31, 2023.

1. Negotiation & Personnel (T. Casey)

- None

2. Policy (R. Rusch)

- In the process of scheduling the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN

At 8:25 p.m., June McNeil moved, and Randee Rusch seconded, the School Committee adjourn.

Roll Call Vote:			
Craig Hansen	Yes	Michael Morgan	-
June McNeil	Yes	Randee Rusch	Yes
Jessica Funaiole	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Thomas Casey	Yes	Susan Robbins	-
David Carney	Yes		

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

Documents Reviewed / Referred to:

- 2023 01-30 School Committee Agenda
- 2022 01-09 Minutes
- Accounts Payable Warrants
- Payroll Warrants
- Donations
- Out of State Field Trip Requests
- BAN Vote
- National Grid Guardian LED Lighting
- Middle School World Language Presentation

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Eibye, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: February 6, 2023
