



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

**MINUTES – February 8, 2023**  
**Virtual**

**PRESENT**

Chairperson	Randee Rusch	Member, Townsend
	Craig Hansen	Member, Pepperell
	Lisa Martin	Member, Pepperell
	June McNeil	Member, Ashby - Absent
	Brad Morgan	Superintendent
	Nancy Haines	Business Manager
	Robin Eibye	Recording Secretary

**ALSO PRESENT**

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

- Chairperson, Randee Rusch, opened the meeting at 8:05 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

<b>Roll Call:</b>			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Craig Hansen	Yes	June McNeil	-
Brad Morgan	Yes	Robin Eibye	Yes
Nancy Haines	Yes		

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Following review, Lisa Martin moved, and Craig Hansen seconded to approve the November 30, 2022, and December 12, 2022, minutes as presented.*

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Craig Hansen	Yes	June McNeil	-

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

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**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

- Robin Eibye confirmed no one signed up to speak during Public Comment.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Regional Agreement

- Randeel Rusch said she reached out to the District’s legal counsel, John Foskett, for guidance on DESE’s School Committee composition recommendation regarding Resident and At-Large members.

A discussion ensued about proportional population Resident members, At-Large members, the number of representatives for each town, and weighted votes per population.

2. IJOA – Field Trips

- Superintendent Morgan said it wasn’t unusual for NM students to travel across the border to New Hampshire for extracurricular activities, which require School Committee approval.

A discussion ensued about travel distance, miles out of state, and policy BDB School Committee Officers and the Chairman’s duty to confer with the Superintendent on crucial matters that may occur between Committee meetings.

*Lisa Martin motioned, and Craig Hansen seconded, to recommend the School Committee approve policy IJOA Field Trips for a first reading as amended.*

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>			
Randeel Rusch	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Craig Hansen	Yes	June McNeil	-

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

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3. JQ-E Fees, Fines, and Charges (Admission Fees)

- The Committee reviewed the Fees & Ticket Prices document.

*Following discussion, Craig Hansen motioned, and Lisa Martin seconded, to recommend the School Committee approve the Fees & Ticket Prices increase for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.*

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>			
Randeel Rusch	No	Lisa Martin	Yes
Craig Hansen	Yes	June McNeil	-

Vote: The motion unanimously passed. 2/1/0

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4. IIB – Class Size

- The Committee discussed class size projections, the budget, compliance issues, and the importance of student-teacher engagement.

Superintendent Morgan said he reached out to Representative Margaret Scarsdale and Senator John Cronin for help advocating for smaller regional school districts.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Craig Hansen motioned, and Lisa Martin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Craig Hansen	Yes	June McNeil	-

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

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Documents Reviewed / Referred To:

- 2023 02-08 Policy Subcommittee Agenda
- 2022 12-12 Policy Minutes
- 2022 11-30 Policy Minutes
- NMRSD Regional Agreement Proposed Changes 2022
- JQ-E Fees, Fines and Charges (Admission Fees)
- Final Fees & Ticket Prices
- IIB – Class Size

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Eibye, Recording Secretary

**APPROVED:** March 7, 2023

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