



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

MINUTES – April 21, 2023

Virtual via Zoom

PRESENT

Chairperson	Craig Hansen	Member, Pepperell
Vice-Chairperson	Michael Morgan	Member, At Large ~ Absent
	Randee Rusch	Member, At Large ~ Left @ 5:10 p.m.
	Thomas Casey	Member, Pepperell ~ Arrived @ 4:32 p.m.
	Lisa Martin	Member, At Large
	David Carney	Member, Pepperell ~ Absent
	June McNeil	Member, Ashby
	Jessica Funaiole	Member, Townsend
	Susan Robbins	Member, Townsend

ALSO PRESENT

Brad Morgan	Superintendent of Schools
Gary Burboa-Reese	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Haines	Business Manager
Robin Eibye	Recording Secretary
Anne Marie Tuccirone-Mahan	Director, Human Resources
Jeremy Hamond	Director, IT

1. Chairperson, Craig Hansen, opened the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN

June McNeil moved, and Jessica Funaiole seconded the School Committee meet in executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, sec. 21(a) for the following purpose:

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

- *Purpose (3): To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares;*
- *Purpose (7): To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements.*
 - *Executive Session Minutes dated April 10, 2023*

The Committee will reconvene in an open session.

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

Vote: The motion passed 6/0/0.

OPEN SESSION

At 5:11 p.m., the Committee returned to Open Session.

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

Mr. Hansen informed the Committee and attendees that the North Middlesex Regional School Committee's next meeting would be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2023, in the library at Nissitissit Middle School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN

1. Finance (L. Martin)

Lisa Martin moved, and June McNeil seconded the School Committee adopt an amended FY2024 operational budget of \$55,084,245.00, an FY2024 transportation budget of \$4,086,779.00, an FY2024 Debt service budget of \$4,241,313.00 and to use these funds to calculate the Fy2024 school assessments for member towns as required by statute. In addition, the Committee authorizes the use of \$2,045,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account to offset the FY2024 operational budget.

Susan Robbins asked for clarification on ESSER funding spending. Assistant Superintendent, Gary Burboa-Reese said the ESSER funds were scheduled to be spent by September 2024. Following discussion, Dr. Burboa-Reese confirmed ESSER funds would be a one-time funding source used to reduce the overall budget.

Thomas Casey joined the meeting and Ms. Martin provided an update on the motion to approve the budget as amended.

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

Vote: The motion unanimously passed 6/0/0. (Budget adoption requires a two-thirds vote to pass)

At 5:25 p.m. Lisa Martin moved, and June McNeil seconded the School Committee adjourn.

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

David Carney	-		
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Vote: The motion unanimously passed 6/0/0.

Documents Reviewed / Referred To

- 2023 04-21 Agenda

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Eibye, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: May 15, 2023
