



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

MEETING MINUTES – May 1, 2023

In-person at the Nissitissit Middle School Library

PRESENT

Chairperson	Craig Hansen	Member, Pepperell
Vice-Chairperson	June McNeil	Member, Ashby
	Randee Rusch	Member, At Large
	Thomas Casey	Member, Pepperell
	Lisa Martin	Member, At Large
	David Carney	Member, Pepperell - Arrived @ 6:15 p.m.
	Jessica Funairole	Member, Townsend
	Susan Robbins	Member, Townsend
	Lisa Bloom	Member, At Large

ALSO PRESENT

Brad Morgan	Superintendent of Schools
Gary Burboa-Reese	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Robin Eibye	Recording Secretary

1. Chairperson, Craig Hansen, opened the meeting at 6:03 pm.

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

2. Mr. Hansen informed the committee and attendees that the North Middlesex Regional School Committee's next meeting would be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2023.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

1. Appointment of Chairperson Pro Tem

Randee Rusch motioned, and June McNeil seconded to appoint Craig Hansen as Chairperson Pro Tem.

Vote:			
Craig Hansen	Yes	Lisa Bloom	Yes

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

Vote: The motion passed. 8/0/0

The committee elected Craig Hansen as Chairperson Pro Tem.

Lisa Bloom introduced herself to the committee.

2. Election of Officers

a. Chairperson (Ballot Vote)

Randee Rusch nominated Craig Hansen as Chairperson of the North Middlesex Regional School District School Committee for the 2023-2024 school year, and Jessica Funaiole seconded the nomination.

No other nominations were made for this appointment.

b. Vice Chairperson (Ballot Vote)

Randee Rusch nominated Thomas Casey as Vice-Chairperson of the North Middlesex Regional School District School Committee for the 2023-2024 school year; Susan Robbins seconded the nomination.

Thomas Casey nominated June McNeil as Vice-Chairperson of the North Middlesex Regional School District School Committee for the 2023-2024 school year; Jessica Funaiole seconded the nomination.

June McNeil accepted the nomination.

Thomas Casey accepted the nomination.

Ballot Vote:	Chair	Vice-Chair	
Craig Hansen	Craig Hansen	June McNeil	
June McNeil	Craig Hansen	June McNeil	
Jessica Funaiole	Craig Hansen	June McNeil	
Thomas Casey	Craig Hansen	June McNeil	
David Carney	-	-	
Lisa Bloom	Craig Hansen	Thomas Casey	
Randee Rusch	Craig Hansen	Thomas Casey	
Lisa Martin	Craig Hansen	Thomas Casey	
Susan Robbins	Craig Hansen	June McNeil	

Vote: The motion passed:

Chairperson: Craig Hansen = 8 in favor

Vice-Chairperson: June McNeil = 5 in favor

Vice-Chairperson: Thomas Casey = 3 in favor

Craig Hansen was elected Chairperson of the NMRSD School Committee for the 2023-2024 school year, and June McNeil was elected Vice-Chairperson of the NMRSD School Committee for the 2023-2024 school year.

At 6:15 p.m., David Carney joined the meeting.

3. Appointment of Treasurer/Secretary

Brad Morgan recommended the committee reappoint Michael Hartnett as District Treasurer.

- a. *Randee Rusch motioned, and June McNeil seconded to reappoint Michael Hartnett as District Treasurer for the 2023-2024 school year.*

Vote:			
Craig Hansen	Yes	Lisa Bloom	Yes
June McNeil	Yes	Randee Rusch	Yes
Jessica Funaiole	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Thomas Casey	Yes	Susan Robbins	Yes
David Carney	Yes		

Vote: The motion was unanimously passed. 9/0/0

Michael Hartnett was reappointed as District Treasurer for the 2023-2024 school year.

Brad Morgan recommended the committee reappoint Robin Eibye as Secretary for the 2023-24 school year.

- b. *Susan Robbins motioned, and Jessica Funaiole seconded to reappoint Robin Eibye as Secretary to the North Middlesex Regional School District School Committee for the 2023-2024 school year.*

Vote:

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

Vote: The motion was unanimously passed. 9/0/0

Robin Eibye was reappointed Secretary to the School Committee for the 2023-2024 school year.

4. Appointment of District Counsel

Brad Morgan recommended the committee reappoint Thomas J. Nuttall of Nuttall, MacAvoy & Joyce P.C. as District Counsel for Special Education-related issues and Valerio Dominello & Hillman, LLC., as District Counsel for Labor/Public Education related matters for the 2023-2024 school year.

Randee Rusch motioned, and Thomas Casey seconded to reappoint Thomas J. Nuttall of Nuttall, MacAvoy & Joyce P.C. as District Counsel for Special Education-related issues and to reappoint Valerio Dominello & Hillman, LLC., as District Counsel for Labor/Public Education-related matters for the 2023-2024 school year.

Vote:			
Craig Hansen	Yes	Lisa Bloom	Yes
June McNeil	Yes	Randee Rusch	Yes
Jessica Funaiole	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Thomas Casey	Yes	Susan Robbins	Yes
David Carney	Yes		

Vote: The motion was unanimously passed. 9/0/0

The committee reappointed Thomas J. Nuttall of Nuttall, MacAvoy & Joyce P.C. as District Counsel for Special Education-related issues for the 2023-2024 school year and Valerio Dominello & Hillman, LLC. as District Counsel for Labor/Public Education-related matters for the 2023-2024 school year.

5. Subcommittees and Liaison Appointments

o Ashby Elementary School Building Committee

The committee agreed to maintain the existing membership of the AESBC.

1. June McNeil, Chair / School Committee (Voting member)

2. Lisa Martin, Alternate School Committee (Voting member)
 3. Brad Morgan, Superintendent (Voting member)
 4. Nancy Haines, Business Manager (Non-voting member)
 5. Jeremy Hamond, Director of Technology (Non-voting member)
 6. Dave Amari, Facilities Director (Voting member)
 7. Dan Johnson, Alternate Facilities (Voting-member)
 8. Anne Cromwell-Gapp, AES Principal (Voting member)
 9. Karen Walsh, AES Staff Member (Non-voting member)
 10. David Nadeau, Ashby Selectman (Voting member)
 11. Scott Hobart, Citizen Representative (Voting member)
 12. Dawn Roy, Citizen Representative (Voting member)
 13. Walter Hansen, Alternate Citizen Representative (Voting member)
- Accelerated Repairs and Building Committees
The committee agreed to maintain the existing Accelerated Repairs and Buildings Committees membership.
1. Lisa Martin, Chair / School Committee
 2. Craig Hansen, School Committee
 3. Randee Rusch, School Committee
 4. Brad Brooks, Director of Special Education
 5. Nancy Haines, Business Administrator
 6. Jeremy Hamond, Director of Technology
 7. Oscar Hills, Director of Buildings & Grounds
 8. Brad Morgan, Superintendent
- Finance
Following discussion, the committee agreed the following members would serve on the Finance Committee for the 2023-24 school year:
1. Lisa Martin, Chair
 2. Randee Rusch
 3. Thomas Casey
 4. Susan Robbins
 5. Brad Morgan
 6. Nancy Haines
 7. William Hackler as a Citizen Member
- Policy
The committee agreed the following members would serve on the Policy Committee for the 2023-24 school year:
1. Randee Rusch, Chair
 2. Lisa Martin
 3. Lisa Bloom

- Warrant
The committee agreed the following members would serve on the Warrant Committee for the 2023-24 school year:
 1. Lisa Martin, Primary Warrant Signatory
 2. David Carney, Secondary Warrant Signatory.
- Negotiation and Personnel
The committee agreed the following members would serve on the Negotiation and Personnel Committee for the 2023-24 school year:
 1. Lisa Martin – Co-Chair
 2. David Carney – Co-Chair
 3. Jessica Funaiole
- Communication Subcommittee
The committee agreed the following members would serve on the Communication Committee for the 2023-24 school year:
 1. Thomas Casey, Chair
 2. Jessica Funaiole
 3. Lisa Bloom
- Following discussion, the committee agreed to the following liaison appointments:
 1. Technology & Facilities: Lisa Martin
 2. Safety: Randee Rusch
 3. Select Board, Ashby: June McNeil
 4. Select Board, Pepperell: David Carney
 5. Select Board, Townsend: Jessica Funaiole

June McNeil moved, and David Carney seconded to:

1. *Maintain the existing membership of the Accelerated Repairs and Buildings Committees.*
2. *Appoint June McNeil (Chairperson) and Lisa Martin (Alternate) to the AES Building Committee for the 2023-24 school year.*
3. *Appoint Randee Rusch, Thomas Casey, William Hackler (Citizen Member), and Lisa Martin (Chairperson) to the Finance Committee for the 2023-24 school year.*
4. *Appoint Lisa Martin, Craig Hansen, Lisa Bloom, and Randee Rusch (Chairperson) to the Policy Committee for the 2023-24 school year.*
5. *Appoint Lisa Martin as the primary Warrant Signatory and David Carney as the secondary Warrant Signatory.*
6. *Appoint David Carney, Jessica Funaiole, Lisa Martin (Co-Chairperson), and David Carney (Co-Chairperson) to the Negotiation and Personnel Committee for the 2023-24 school year.*
7. *Approve the following liaison appointments:*

1. Technology & Facilities: Lisa Martin
2. Safety: Randee Rusch
3. Select Board, Ashby: June McNeil
4. Select Board, Pepperell: David Carney
5. Select Board, Townsend: Jessica Funaiole

Vote:			
Craig Hansen	Yes	Lisa Bloom	Yes
June McNeil	Yes	Randee Rusch	Yes
Jessica Funaiole	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Thomas Casey	Yes	Susan Robbins	Yes
David Carney	Yes		

Vote: The motion was unanimously passed. 9/0/0

6. 2023-2024 School Committee Meeting Calendar

The committee reviewed a monthly meeting calendar and a bi-monthly meeting calendar. A discussion ensued about moving away from Mondays and adjusting the time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Following discussion, the committee agreed to hold the 2023-24 School Committee meetings once a month on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

Randee Rusch motioned, and June McNeil seconded to approve the 2023-2024 School Committee monthly meeting calendar as amended.

Vote:			
Craig Hansen	Yes	Lisa Bloom	Yes
June McNeil	Yes	Randee Rusch	Yes
Jessica Funaiole	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Thomas Casey	No	Susan Robbins	Yes
David Carney	No		

Vote: The motion passed 7/2/0.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Following review, June McNeil motioned, and Jessica Funaiole seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Vote: The motion unanimously passed 9/0/0.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

- None

REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson's Report – Craig Hansen

- None

2. Superintendent's Report – Brad Morgan

- None

OTHER BUSINESS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED WITHIN 48 HOURS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN

ADJOURNMENT

Lisa Martin moved, and Jessica Funaiole seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

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

Vote: The motion passed 9/0/0.

Documents Reviewed / Referred To:

- 2023 05-01 School Committee Agenda
- 2023 04-10 School Committee Minutes
- 2023 05-01 School Committee Organizational Ballots
- 2023-2024 SC BiMonthly Meeting Calendar
- 2023-2024 Monthly Meeting Calendar
- DESE Office for Food and Nutrition Program Grant

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Eibye, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: May 15, 2023
