



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

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**MINUTES – May 15, 2023**

Virtual via Zoom

**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
	Jessica Funaiole	Member, Townsend
	David Carney	Member, Pepperell
	Susan Robbins	Member, Townsend – Arrived @ 7:52 p.m.
	Lisa Bloom	Member, At-Large

**ALSO PRESENT**

Brad Morgan	Superintendent of Schools
Gary Burboa-Reese	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Haines	Business Manager
Robin Eibye	Recording Secretary
Brad Brooks	Director, Student Services & Special Education
Jeremy Hamond	Director, IT
Timothy McMahon	NMRHS Principal

1. Chairperson, Craig Hansen, opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. and informed the Committee and audience members that the meeting would be recorded.

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

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, June 12, 2023.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

*Following review, Lisa Martin moved, and Randee Rusch seconded to approve the Consent Agenda excluding the warrants.*

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

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

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

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## PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

## REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson's Report – C. Hansen

- None

2. Superintendent's Report – B. Morgan

- Superintendent Morgan thanked the NM staff for their hard work and dedication to the students and district.

## NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. FY24 Preschool Rates – B. Brooks

Brad Brooks reviewed the preschool rates with the Committee and proposed a 7-8% rate increase. Mr. Brooks said the proposed increase would align the district with surrounding communities. Mr. Brooks confirmed there was a waitlist of students wanting to attend.

*Following discussion, Lisa Martin moved, and Randee Rusch seconded that the School Committee approve the FY24 Preschool Rates as presented.*

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

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

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2. Valley Collaborative Board of Directors – C. Hansen

*Randee Rusch moved, and Lisa Martin seconded the Committee vote to appoint Brad Morgan to the Valley Collaborative Board of Directors for the term July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.*

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

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

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3. Keystone Educational Collaborative Board of Directors – C. Hansen

*June McNeil moved, and Lisa Martin seconded the Committee vote to appoint Brad Morgan to the Keystone Educational Collaborative Board of Directors for the term July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.*

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

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

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4. History National Honors Society – T. McMahon

Timothy McMahon and Rebecca Jackson discussed the proposed position and the positive impacts on the students and the NM community.

*Lisa Martin moved, and June McNeil seconded that the School Committee approve the History National Honors Society position as presented.*

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

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

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5. School Librarians – C. Hansen

Margaret Genoter talked about the consequences of eliminating school librarians. See attached presentation.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN**

1. Accelerated Repair – L. Martin

- None

2. AES Building Committee – J. McNeil

- None

3. Communications – T. Casey

- None

4. Finance – L. Martin

- None

5. Negotiation & Personnel (L. Martin & D. Carney)

- None

6. Policy (R. Rusch)

1. KF-E1 School Facilities Use – Rental & Personnel Fee Schedule

Randee Rusch reviewed the proposed policy and changes with the committee.

*Following discussion, Randee Rusch moved, and June McNeil seconded that the School Committee approve policy KF-E1 School Facilities Use – Rental & Personnel Fee Schedule policy for a first reading as presented.*

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

Thomas Casey	Yes	Lisa Bloom	Yes
David Carney	Yes		

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

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7. Liaisons to District Town Selectboards

- Ashby: June McNeil
  - None
- Pepperell: Dave Carney
  - None
- Townsend: Jessica Funaiole
  - None

**OTHER BUSINESS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE MEETING**

1. Children of Staff Members Attending NM Schools – B. Morgan

Mr. Morgan said legal counsel advised that although the district voted not to participate in School Choice, NM could still allow in-state staff members' children the opportunity to attend NM schools provided adequate space was available.

A discussion ensued, and the Committee agreed that it was essential to afford in-state staff members' children this opportunity.

Susan Robbins moved, and Randee Rusch seconded that the School Committee approve of offering in-state staff members' children the opportunity to attend NM schools provided adequate space was available.

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

*Vote: The motion unanimously passed 8/0/0.*

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**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:06 p.m., David Carney moved, and June McNeil seconded to adjourn the meeting.

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

*Vote: The motion unanimously passed 8/0/0.*

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Documents Reviewed / Referred To

- 2023 05-15 Agenda
- 2023-04-21-SCMinutes
- 2023-05-01-SCMinutes
- 2023 05-04 VBES Donation
- FY24 Preschool Proposed Rates
- Keystone Collaborative Board Appointment
- PolicyKFE1-Draft
- Librarians SC Presentation-MegGenoter

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Eibye, Recording Secretary

**APPROVED:** June 12, 2023

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