



NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

Ashby – Pepperell – Townsend, Massachusetts

MINUTES – October 17, 2023

Virtual

PRESENT

Chairperson	Randee Rusch	Member, Townsend
	Lisa Martin	Member, At-Large
	Lisa Bloom	Member, At-Large
	Gary Burboa-Reese	Assistant Superintendent
	Nancy Haines	Business Manager
	Robin Eibye	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

1. Chairperson Randee Rusch opened the meeting at 8:55 a.m., and said the meeting would be recorded.
2. Roll Call

Roll Call:			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Lisa Bloom	Yes	Nancy Haines	Yes
Gary Burboa-Reese	Yes	Robin Eibye	Yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Following review, Lisa Martin moved, and Lisa Bloom seconded to approve the October 3, 2023, minutes as presented.

Roll Call Vote:			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Lisa Bloom	Yes		

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

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

- o None

OLD BUSINESS

OUR MISSION: At NM, we are committed to creating a diverse learning environment where students are provided a meaningful education through academic, social, and emotional learning experiences. Together with parents, caregivers, and the community, students are encouraged to ignite and embrace their individual potential to find success within NM and beyond.

1. [Spaulding Memorial School Lease](#)

The committee reviewed the NMRSD Regional Agreement Proposed Changes 2022 document. The Committee discussed Townsend Recreation's request to use the building at no cost. Randee Rusch said it was not possible to allow an organization to use a District leased building for free. Nancy Haines recommended a meeting with Townsend to discuss the reasons why it can't be done. The Committee agreed an in-person meeting would be beneficial.

2. [EEA Student Transportation Services](#)

The Committee reviewed the policy.

Lisa Martin motioned, and Lisa Bloom seconded to recommend policy EEA Student Transportation Services as amended for a first reading.

Roll Call Vote:			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Lisa Bloom	Yes		

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

3. [EEAA Walkers and Riders](#)

4. [EEAG Student Transportation in Private Vehicles](#)

Ms. Rusch said legal counsel was reviewing EEAA Walkers and Riders and EEAG Student Transportation in Private Vehicles. The Committee agreed to continue the discussion to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [JCA Assignment to Schools](#)

The Committee reviewed the policy and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Burboa-Reese recommended the policy be updated to provide the Superintendent with flexibility to phase students from West Townsend to Ashby Elementary School. Dr. Burboa-Reese said the district would review student population, class sizes and staffing. Dr. Burboa-Reese confirmed it would be a rolled out process beginning with kindergarten students.

A discussion ensued about the importance of polling constituents to gauge their support.

The Committee agreed to continue the discussion to the next meeting.

2. [JF School Admission](#)

The Committee reviewed the policy and a discussion ensued. The Committee agreed the policy should include a potty-trained requirement. The Committee agreed to continue the discussion to the next meeting.

3. [KF-R1 Community Use of School Facilities](#)

The Committee discussed past-practice within the district, student safety, liability to the district, the need for a “Tennis Court” facility use/scheduling process.

The Committee agreed to table to discussion to the next meeting and seek out Jeremy Hamond’s thoughts on the matter.

OTHER BUSINESS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF MEETING

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Lisa Martin motioned, and Lisa Bloom seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Roll Call Vote:			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Lisa Bloom	Yes		

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

Documents Reviewed / Referred To:

- [2023 10-17 Policy Subcommittee Agenda](#)
- [October 3, 2023 Minutes](#)
- [Spaulding Memorial School Lease](#)
- [EEA Student Transportation Services](#)
- [EEAG Student Transportation in Private Vehicles](#)
- [JCA Assignment to Schools](#)
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Respectfully submitted,
Robin Eibye, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: November 28, 2023
