



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

MINUTES – December 14, 2023

Virtual

PRESENT

Chairperson	Craig Hansen	Member, Pepperell ~ Absent
Vice-Chairperson	June McNeil	Member, Ashby
	Randee Rusch	Member, At Large
	Thomas Casey	Member, Pepperell
	Lisa Martin	Member, At Large
	David Carney	Member, Pepperell
	Jessica Funaiole	Member, Townsend
	Susan Robbins	Member, Townsend ~ Left 6:38 pm
	Lisa Bloom	Member, At Large ~ Arrived 6:38 pm

ALSO PRESENT

Robin Eibye	Recording Secretary ~ Absent
Timothy McMahon	Principal, NMRHS
Laurie Smith	Vice Principal, NMRHS
Ryan DeMar	Vice Principal, NMRHS
Matt Dawson	Athletic Director
Eric Slagle	Townsend Town Administrator

1. Chairperson June McNeil opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

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

2. Ms. McNeil said the meeting was being recorded, and the North Middlesex Regional School Committee's next meeting would be at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2023.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Lisa Martin motioned, and Jessica Funaiole seconded to vote and approve the consent agenda as presented.

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.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Rebecca Burnham from Ashby shared that she is disappointed with negative comments being made by everyone over the past year about the state of the AES building and educational experience without knowing the situation. Rebecca also commented on the survey only being sent to Townsend's parents.

REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN

1. Superintendent's Report – B. Morgan

[Curriculum Adoption and Review Report](#)

- Investigating History – Grades 5-7
- Open Up Math Resources – Grades 9-10

[DESE Mathematics High Dosage Tutoring Programs](#) – G. Burboa-Reese

NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL DISCUSSION – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN

1. [Out-of-State/ Overnight Field Trip Requests](#) – T. McMahon

Susan Robbins motioned, and Jessica Funairole seconded to table all the out-of-state/ Overnight Field trip requests until the next meeting.

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

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

2. [North Middlesex Regional High School 2024-25 Program of Studies](#)—T. McMahon

- *Lisa Martin Motioned, and Thomas Casey seconded to approve the 2024-2025 North Middlesex High School Program of Studies as presented.*

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

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

2. Unified Basketball Assistants – M. Dawson

- *Lisa Martin Motioned, and Dave Carney seconded to approve two \$689.00 stipends for two Unified Basketball Assistants.*

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

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

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN

1. Accelerated Repair – L. Martin
2. AES Building Committee – J. McNeil
3. Communications – C. Hansen
4. Finance – L. Martin
5. Negotiation & Personnel – L. Martin & D. Carney
6. Policy – R. Rusch

- Ms. Rusch spoke to the explorative survey sent to Townsend's parents.
- *Randee Rusch motioned, and Lisa Martin seconded the School Committee vote to approve EEAA Walkers and Riders as presented for adoption.*

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

Vote: The motion unanimously passed 6/0/0.

- *Randee Rusch motioned, and Lisa Martin seconded to vote and approve EEAG Student Transportation in Private Vehicles as presented for a first reading.*

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

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

- *Randee Rusch motioned, and Lisa Martin seconded to vote and approve EFC Free and Reduced Price Food Services as presented for a first reading.*

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

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

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- *Randee Rusch motioned, and Lisa Martin seconded to vote and approve LB Relations with Other Schools and School Districts as presented for a first reading.*

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

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

1. Liaisons to District Town Selectboards Update
 - Ashby: June McNeil
 - Pepperell: Dave Carney
 - Townsend: Jessica Funaiole

OPEN SESSION

At 6:45 p.m., Thomas Casey, motioned, and Dave Carney seconded to vote and meet in executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, sec. 21(a) for the following purpose:

- *Purpose (2): to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, specifically, Spaulding Memorial School Lease.*
- *Purpose (3): to discuss strategy with respect to and in preparation for collective bargaining with the North Middlesex Regional School District Teachers' Association because an open discussion may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee.*
- *Purpose (7): To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements.*
 - *Approval of Executive Session Minutes dated:*
 - *November 16, 2023*

The Committee would not reconvene in an open session.

Roll Call Vote:			
Craig Hansen	-	Randee Rusch	Yes
June McNeil	Yes	Lisa Bloom	Yes

Jessica Funaiole	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
Thomas Casey	Yes	Susan Robbins	-
David Carney	Yes		

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

Documents Reviewed / Referred To

- 2023-12-14-SCAgenda
- 2023-11-16-Minutes
- [Curriculum Adoption and Review Report](#)
- [DESE Mathematics High Dosage Tutoring Programs](#)
- [North Middlesex Regional High School 2024-25 Program of Studies](#)

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Eibye, Secretary

APPROVED: January 18, 2024
