



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

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Date of Meeting: **January 18, 2024**

Time of Meeting: **4:00 p.m.**

Day of the Week: **Thursday**

Location: **Door #3, Room #120, North Middlesex Regional High School, 19 Main Street, Townsend, MA 01469**

**AGENDA**

- The Chairperson hereby informs the Committee and audience members of the recording of this meeting.
- Roll Call
- The next meeting of the North Middlesex Regional School Committee will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2024.

4:00	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	
4:00-5:30	<b>METRICS WORK SESSION</b>	
5:30-6:00	<b>DINNER BREAK</b>	
6:00-6:05	<b>CONSENT AGENDA – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN</b> ➤ <i>Motion and vote to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.</i> <a href="#">Minutes</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ December 14, 2023</li></ul> Accounts Payable Warrants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 24-1228 \$495,088.70</li><li>▪ 24-1219 \$634,170.33</li><li>▪ 24- 0104 \$292,066.53</li><li>▪ 24-0111 \$67,150.11</li></ul> Payroll Warrants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ December 21, 2023</li><li>▪ January 4, 2024</li><li>▪ January 11, 2024</li><li>▪ January 18, 2024</li></ul> <a href="#">Donations:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Donation of \$593.87 from Shutterfly to SECC</li></ul>	<b>ACTION</b>

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**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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Donation of \$267.00 from Hannaford Helps Schools to VBES</li> <li>▪ Donation of \$44.30 from Box Tops for Education to VBES</li> <li>▪ Donation of \$21.44 from Shutterfly Lifetouch to NMS</li> <li>▪ Donation of \$279.00 from Hannaford Helps Schools to NMS</li> <li>▪ Donation of \$100.00 from Townsend Ecumenical Outreach, Inc. (TEO)</li> </ul> <p><u>Disposal of Surplus:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SMS: Outdated Audio and Workbooks</li> </ul>	
6:05-6:15	<b>PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Public Comment is welcomed and encouraged. Anyone who would like to participate in public comment, please click <a href="#">HERE</a> to register or visit our website. Your registration must be received before 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2024.</li> </ul>	
6:15-6:25	<b>REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chairperson's Report – C. Hansen</li> <li>2. **Student Representative Report – Rebekah Sylvester</li> <li>3. Superintendent's Report – B. Morgan</li> </ol>	<b>UPDATE</b>
6:25-6:35	<b>OLD BUSINESS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">Out-of-State &amp; Overnight Field Trip Requests</a> – T. McMahon               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Band/Choral travel to Vermont &amp; Boston on March 6-10, 2024                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Motion and vote to approve NMRHS Band/Choral's travel to Burlington, VT, Stowe, VT, and Boston, MA from March 6, 2024 to March 10, 2024.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>2. NM Jazz Band travel to Manchester, NH, on March 14, 2024                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Motion and vote to approve the NMRHS Jazz Band's travel to Manchester, NH, on March 14, 2024.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>3. NM Winter Percussion Ensemble travel to Cranston, RI, on February 17, 2024.                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Motion and vote to approve the NM Winter Percussion Ensemble travel to Cranston, RI, on February 17, 2024.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>4. NM Winter Guard travel to Salem, NH, on March 9, 2024, and Cranston, RI, on March 16, 2024.                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Motion and vote to approve the Winter Guard travel to Salem, NH, on March 9, 2024, and Cranston, RI, on March 16, 2024.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>5. NYSL travel to New York on April 12, 2024                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Motion and vote to approve NYSL students traveling to New York on April 12, 2024, and staying overnight until April 17, 2024.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>6. NOLA travel to New Orleans on April 12, 2024                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Motion and vote to approve NOLA students traveling to New Orleans on April 12, 2024, and staying overnight until April 19, 2024.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>7. NMRHS Baseball team overnight travel to Cape Cod – M. Dawson                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Motion and vote to approve NMRHS baseball overnight travel to Cape Cod March 29-30, 2024.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<b>ACTION</b>
6:35-6:50	<b>NEW BUSINESS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">Budget Message Update</a> – B. Morgan</li> <li>2. <a href="#">2024-2025 School District Calendar</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Motion and vote to approve the 2024-2025 School District Calendar as presented.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<b>ACTION</b>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. <a href="#">North Middlesex Regional High School &amp; Accelerated Repairs BAN</a> – N. Haines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Motion and vote</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>4. <a href="#">Meal Pricing - DESE Nutrition Administrative Review Corrective Action Plan</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Motion and vote to approve the increase in the pricing to the minimum USDA requirement of \$5.00 for Lunch and \$3.00 for Breakfast.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ol>	
6:50-7:00	<p><b>SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Accelerated Repair – L. Martin</li> <li>2. AES Building Committee – J. McNeil</li> <li>3. Communications – C. Hansen</li> <li>4. Finance – L. Martin</li> <li>5. **Negotiation &amp; Personnel – L. Martin &amp; D. Carney <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Negotiation Subcommittee Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Suggested Motion: Motion and vote the School Committee approve the Superintendent and Human Resources Director to enter into contract negotiations with the Secretarial, Custodial, Educational Support Professionals, and Nurses' Association/Units and present their recommendation to the full School Committee for review and approval.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <a href="#">Policy</a> – R. Rusch <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. EFE Civil Rights Complaint Policy for Child Nutrition Programs</li> <li>2. HB Negotiations Legal Status</li> <li>3. HF School Committee Negotiating Agents</li> <li>4. CBD Superintendent's Contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Suggested motion: Motion and vote the School Committee approve policy EFE Civil Rights Complaint Policy for Child Nutrition Programs, HB Negotiations Legal Status, HF School Committee Negotiating Agents, CBD Superintendent's Contract for first readings as presented.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>5. EEAG Student Transportation in Private Vehicles</li> <li>6. EFC Free and Reduced Price Food Services</li> <li>7. LB Relations with Other Schools and School Districts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Suggested motion: Motion and vote the School Committee to adopt policy EEAG Student Transportation in Private Vehicles, policy ECF Free and Reduced Price Food Services, and policy LB Relations with Other Schools and School Districts as presented.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> <li>7. Liaisons to District Town Selectboards Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ashby: June McNeil</li> <li>○ Pepperell: Dave Carney</li> <li>○ Townsend: Jessica Funaiole</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<b>ACTION</b>
7:00	<b>OTHER BUSINESS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF MEETING</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
7:00-7:05	<p><b>OPEN SESSION – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Motion and vote to meet in executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, sec. 21(a) for the following purpose:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>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 (Superintendent of Schools).</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Purpose (3): to discuss strategy with respect to and in preparation for collective bargaining with the North Middlesex Regional School District Teachers', Secretarial, Custodial, Educational Support Professionals, and Nurses'</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>ACTION</b>

	<p><i>Association/Unit because an open discussion may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Purpose (7): To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Approval of Executive Session Minutes dated:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>December 14, 2023</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The Committee will reconvene in an open session.</p>	
7:05-7:50	<p><b>EXECUTIVE SESSION – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN</b></p> <p><i>Meeting in executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, sec. 21(a) for the following purpose:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>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 (Superintendent of Schools).</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Purpose (3): to discuss strategy with respect to and in preparation for collective bargaining with the North Middlesex Regional School District Teachers', Secretarial, Custodial, Educational Support Professionals, and Nurses' Association/Unit because an open discussion may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee.</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Purpose (7): To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Approval of Executive Session Minutes dated:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>December 14, 2023</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>ACTION</b>
7:50-8:00	<p><b>OPEN SESSION – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Teachers' Association Contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>*Suggested motion: Motion and vote the School Committee to approve/decline the Conditional Package Proposal from the NMRSD Teachers' Association dated January 11, 2024, 8:50 p.m.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Superintendent's Contract</li> </ol>	<b>ACTION</b>
8:00	<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p> <p>NOTE: The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may be discussed, and other items not listed may also be discussed to the extent permitted by law.</p>	<b>ACTION</b>

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Posted on North Middlesex Regional School District Website: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 12:15 p.m.  
\*Updated Posted on North Middlesex Regional School District Website: Tuesday, January 17, 2024 at 10:35 a.m.  
\*\*Updated Posted on North Middlesex Regional School District Website: Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 1:15 a.m.