



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

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**JOINT MEETING OF THE NMRSD SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND TOWN BOARDS**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Date of Meeting: **February 8, 2024** (snow date: February 12, 2024)

Time of Meeting: **6:00 p.m.**

Day of the Week: **Thursday** (snow date: Monday)

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

**IMPORTANT: Use Door #3, located on the Main Street side of the high school, for access to Room #120.**

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All interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard for or against the whole or any part of the proposed budget. A regular scheduled School Committee meeting will follow the public hearing. The School Committee reserves the right to implement additional remote participation procedures and notify the public of these procedures as soon as possible.

**AGENDA**

- The Chairperson hereby informs the Committee and audience members of the recording of this meeting.
- Roll Call
- The next scheduled meeting of the North Middlesex Regional School Committee will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2024.

6:00	OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FY 2024-2025 SCHOOL CHOICE	ACTION
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. There will be a Public Hearing on School Choice for the year 2024-2025, according to Chapter 76, Section 12b, of the Massachusetts General Laws. All interested persons shall be given the opportunity to be heard.</li><li>2. Committee Discussion</li><li>3. Public Discussion</li></ol>	

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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.**

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Other Questions/Discussion</li> <li>5. Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Suggested motion: Move that the School Committee opt out of participation in the School Choice program and not enroll school choice students for the 2024-2025 school year due to budget restraints and space availability.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>6. Close Public Hearing on 2024-2025 School Choice</li> </ol>	
6:05	<p><b><u>OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FY 2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There will be a Public Hearing on North Middlesex Regional School District School Committee FY 2024-2025 Proposed Budget. The Superintendent will present an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget for the North Middlesex Regional School District. The public has the opportunity to address the School Committee relative to the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.</li> </ol> <p>On Thursday, February 1, 2024, after 2:00 p.m., the proposed FY2025 budget will be available for viewing online at <a href="http://nmrsd.org">http://nmrsd.org</a>. In addition, hard copies of the FY2025 budget will be available at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 66 Brookline Street, Townsend, MA 01469, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All interested persons shall be given the opportunity to be heard.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Committee Discussion</li> <li>3. Public Discussion</li> <li>4. Other Questions/Discussion</li> <li>5. Close Public Hearing on FY 2024-2025 Proposed Budget</li> </ol>	<b>ACTION</b>
6:45-6:50	<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN</b></p> <p><u>Approval of Minutes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ January 18, 2024</li> </ul> <p>Accounts Payable Warrants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 24-0118 \$67,150.11</li> <li>▪ 24-0125 \$625,306.97</li> <li>▪ 24 0201 \$277,724.98</li> </ul> <p>Payroll Warrants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ February 1, 2024</li> </ul> <p><u>Donations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$46.71 to NMRHS from Ohiopyle Prints, Inc. as part of their school sales program.</li> </ul> <p>➤ <i>Recommended motion: Move the School Committee vote to approve the consent agenda as presented.</i></p>	<b>ACTION</b>
6:50-7:00	<p><b>PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public Comment is welcomed and encouraged. Anyone who would like to participate in public comment, please click <b><u>HERE</u></b> to register or visit our website. Your registration must be received before 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2024.</li> </ul>	
7:00-7:15	<p><b>REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chairperson's Report – C. Hansen</li> <li>2. Superintendent's Report – B. Morgan</li> </ol>	<b>UPDATE</b>
7:15-7:30	<p><b>OLD BUSINESS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN</b></p>	<b>ACTION</b>

	1. <a href="#">2024-2025 School District Calendar</a> ➤ <i>Motion and vote to approve the 2024-2025 School District Calendar as amended.</i>	
7:30-7:45	<b>NEW BUSINESS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
	1. School Lunch Availability – C. Hansen	
7:45-8:00	<b>SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN</b> 1. Accelerated Repair – L. Martin 2. AES Building Committee – June McNeil 3. Building Committee – R. Templeton 4. Communications Committee – T. Casey 5. Finance – L. Martin 6. Negotiation & Personnel – T. Casey 7. <a href="#">Policy – R. Rusch</a> 1. EFE Civil Rights Complaint Policy for Child Nutrition Programs 2. HB Negotiations Legal Status 3. HF School Committee Negotiating Agents ➤ <i>Suggested motion: Motion and vote the School Committee adopt policy EFE Civil Rights Complaint Policy for Child Nutrition Programs, HB Negotiations Legal Status, HF School Committee Negotiating Agents, CBD Superintendent's Contract as presented.</i> 8. Liaisons to District Town Selectboards ○ Ashby: June McNeil ○ Pepperell: Dave Carney ○ Townsend: Jessica Funaiole	<b>ACTION</b>
8:00-8:05	<b>OTHER BUSINESS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF MEETING</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
8:05-8:10	<b>OPEN SESSION – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN</b> ➤ <i>Motion and vote to meet in executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, sec. 21(a) for the following purpose:</i> ➤ <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> ➤ <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> ➤ <i>Purpose (7): To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements.</i> ▪ <i>Approval of Executive Session Minutes dated:</i> ○ <i>January 18, 2024</i> ○ <i>January 11, 2024 – Negotiation Sub-Committee</i> ○ <i>December 18, 2023 – Negotiation Sub-Committee</i> The Committee will reconvene in an open session.	<b>ACTION</b>
8:10-8:15	<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN</b> <i>Meeting in executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, sec. 21(a) for the following purpose:</i> ➤ <i>Purpose (2): To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with</i>	<b>ACTION</b>

	<p><i>nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Superintendent of Schools).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>January 18, 2024</i></li> <li>○ <i>January 11, 2024 – Negotiation Subcommittee</i></li> <li>○ <i>December 18, 2023 – Negotiation Subcommittee</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
8:15-8:30	<b>OPEN SESSION – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
8:30	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
	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.	

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Agenda Posted: February 5, 2024 @ 4:30 p.m.