



NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ashby – Pepperell – Townsend, Massachusetts

MINUTES – February 22, 2024

Virtual

PRESENT

Chairperson

Lisa Martin
Randee Rusch
William Hackler

Member, At-Large
Member, At-Large
Citizen Member

ALSO PRESENT

Brad Morgan
Nancy Haines
Gary Burboa-Reese
Robin Eibye

Superintendent of Schools ~ Arrived @ 8:30 a.m.
Business Manager
Assistant Superintendent
Recording Secretary

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Lisa Martin opened the meeting at 8:01 a.m.

Roll Call:			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Gary Burboa-Reese	Yes
Lisa Martin	Yes	Nancy Haines	Yes
Brad Morgan	-	Robin Eibye	Yes
William Hackler	Yes	Jeremy Hamond	Yes

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

- *Randee Rusch motioned, and Will Hackler seconded to approve the February 5, 2024, minutes as presented.*

Roll Call Vote:			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
William Hackler	Yes		

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

OLD BUSINESS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN

1. FY25 Budget

The Committee discussed the FY2025 budget, GRE assessment, OPEB, stabilization funds, the need for an override, and the budget website and messaging.

2. FY25 Capital

Nancy Haines shared a Capital plan update, highlighting an omission in the presented plan regarding a generator project within the district. Jeremy Hamond mentioned that the generator project was underway, with pending cost estimates. Mr. Hamond emphasized the necessity of upgrading network switches, last updated in 2013, and expressed the District's effort to obtain ERATE funding, potentially covering 60% of the project costs. The discussion also acknowledged the constraint of limited IT and maintenance staff, affecting the progress of all Capital projects.

NEW BUSINESS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN

3. Safety Costs at NMRHS

Superintendent Morgan conveyed that the Townsend Police had requested the District to contribute half of the safety storage unit fee, which is estimated to range between \$800 to \$1,000. After deliberation, the Committee expressed no objections to sharing 50% of the expenses to acquire a safety storage unit for the high school.

NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed to meet at 8:00 a.m. on February 29, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

- *At 8:52 a.m., Will Hackler motioned, and Randee Rusch seconded to adjourn.*

Roll Call Vote:			
Randee Rusch	Yes	Lisa Martin	Yes
William Hackler	Yes		

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

Documents Reviewed / Referred to:

- 2024 02-22 Finance Agenda

- February 5, 2024 Minutes
- FY25 Budget Summary – Budget Hearing
- Summary Capital Plan Requests 2-20-24

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Eibye, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: February 29, 2024
