



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

NMRSD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Date of Meeting: **October 20, 2026**

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

Day of the Week: **Tuesday**

Location: **Virtual via Zoom**

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AGENDA

6:00	CALL TO ORDER ○ Roll Call	
6:00-6:10	PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ▪ Public Comment is welcome and encouraged. Anyone who wishes to participate may register by clicking HERE or by visiting our website. We encourage you to register no later than 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting. For additional details, please refer to Policy BEDH: Public Participation at School Committee Meetings.	
6:10-6:10	CONSENT AGENDA – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN	ACTION
	Minutes:	

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.

	○ September 15, 2026 Accounts Payable Warrants: ○ #27 0917 \$470,913.30 ○ #27 0924 \$598,684.18 ○ #27 1001 \$436,895.58 ○ #27 1008 \$485,988.59 ○ #27 1015 \$141,212.01 Donations: ○ \$1,000 to NMRHS from Pontiac-Oakland, Yankee Chapter Car Club for student assistance at the car show. ○ \$500 to HBMS from Global Partners Alliance Energy for student enrichment. Disposal of Surplus Approval: ○ None ➤ <i>Suggested motion: Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.</i>	
6:15-6:45	REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/INFORMATION ITEMS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN 1. Chair’s Report – L. Martin 1. Gov. Healey Appoints Two Experts to Review Mass. School Funding 2. Superintendent’s Report – B. Morgan 1) Hiring Profile Update 2) Ashby Elementary School Closeout Transfer to Town Update ➤ <i>Suggested motion: Move that the School Committee vote to enter into a Repayment Agreement with the Massachusetts School Building Authority related to the closure of the Ashby Elementary School and be bound by the terms and conditions of this agreement and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the MSBA Repayment agreement on the District’s behalf.</i> 3. Assistant Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Burboa-Reese 1) 2026-2027 Annual Home School Report 2) 2026 MCAS Results and Accountability – Dr. Cormier 3) Strategic Plan Progress Report 4) New State Literacy Regulation 5) Professional Development Plan 4. Student Representative’s Report – A. Connor and S. Nawn	UPDATE
6:45-7:00	FINANCE – BUDGET – CAPITAL – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN 1. Business Manager Update – Dr. Cormier 1) North Middlesex BAN – Dr. Cormier ➤ <i>Suggested motion: Move that the School Committee vote: We hereby determine, in accordance with G.L. c.70B, that the cost of the (i) New District High School project authorized by a vote of the Committee passed on February 10, 2014, (ii) Varnum Brook School Feasibility Study project authorized by a vote of the Committee passed on September 12, 2016, (iii) Hawthorne Brook School Feasibility Study project authorized by a vote of the Committee passed on September 12, 2016, (iv) Varnum Brook Elementary School Renovations project authorized by a vote of the Committee passed on September 12, 2016, (v) Hawthorne Brook Middle School Renovations project authorized by vote of the District passed on April 3, 2017, and (vi) Squannacook Early Childhood Center Renovations project authorized by a vote of the Committee passed on April 3, 2017, each being refinanced with proceeds of a portion of the Notes defined below, together with all other bonds and notes of the District previously issued to pay costs of these projects, does not exceed the portion of the total cost of the projects that are not being paid by the school facilities grants and we</i>	

	hereby approve the issuance of notes and bonds to finance these projects under G.L. c.70B. <u>Further Voted:</u> to approve the sale of \$16,289,530 5.00 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the “Notes”) of the District dated October 29, 2026, and payable October 29, 2027, to TD Financial Products LLC at par and accrued interest, if any plus a premium of \$242,713.99. <u>Further Voted:</u> that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Notes, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated October 6, 2026, and a final Official Statement dated October 13, 2026, each in such form as may be approved by the District Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted. <u>Further Voted:</u> that the District Treasurer and the Chair of the Committee be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the District, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Notes for the benefit of the holders of the Notes from time to time. <u>Further Voted:</u> that we authorize and direct the District Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures and continuing disclosure procedures in such forms as the District Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Notes and to comply with relevant securities laws. <u>Further Voted:</u> that any certificates or documents relating to the Notes (collectively, the “Documents”), may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same document; delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to a Document by electronic mail in a “.pdf” file or by other electronic transmission shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart signature page to such Document; and electronic signatures on any of the Documents shall be deemed original signatures for the purposes of the Documents and all matters relating thereto, having the same legal effect as original signatures. <u>Further Voted:</u> that each member of the Committee, the District Secretary and the District Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes. 2) School Checking Accounts ➤ <i>Suggested motion: Move that the School Committee vote to authorize the closure of the following school-based checking accounts and the transfer of any remaining balances to each respective school’s savings account:</i> ○ Squannacook Elementary School, Rollstone Bank & Trust: \$232.91 ○ Spaulding Memorial School, Rollstone Bank & Trust: \$1,298.45 ○ Varnum Brook Elementary School, Lowell Five: \$0.00 ○ Hawthorne Brook Middle School, Rollstone Bank & Trust: \$3,822.97 ○ Nissitissit Middle School, Lowell Five: \$598.70 2. Finance Subcommittee Chair’s Report – M. LaBossiere	
7:00-7:10	NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL DISCUSSION – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN 1. Overnight/Out-of-State Field Trip Request ➤ <i>Suggested motion and vote to approve the NMRHS choir and band trip to New York city scheduled for April 24-25, 2027.</i> 2. AES Library Books Donation 3. FC2518 – Fair Share \$180,000 Grant	ACTION

	➤ <i>Suggested motion: Move that the School Committee vote to accept the FC2518 Fair Share grant in the amount of \$180,000.</i>	
7:10-7:30	OLD BUSINESS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN 1. SC Members’ CORI Status – L. Martin 2. SC Members’ Conflict of Interest Disclosures – L. Martin 3. SC Members’ State Ethics Training – L. Martin 4. Ashby Elementary Solar Panels – K. Cormier 5. School Committee Goals – M. LaBossiere 6. MASC Resolutions 2026 – L. Martin 1. RESOLUTION 1: Safe Zones 2. RESOLUTION 2: Vocational/Technical Representation on the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education 3. RESOLUTION 3: Vocational/Technical Representation on the Massachusetts School Building Authority Board 4. RESOLUTION 4: Regarding Clarification of Seclusion Standards Within Emergency Behavioral Response Procedures (603 CMR 46.00) 5. RESOLUTION 5: Allowing Regional School Committees to Access Special Education Reserve Funds by a Majority Vote of the School Committee	ACTION
7:30-8:00	SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN 1. Warrants – L. Martin Payroll Warrants: ○ September 24, 2026 ○ October 8, 2026 ➤ <i>Suggested motion: Move that the School Committee approve payroll warrants as presented.</i> 2. Negotiation – Q. Francois 3. Policy – L. Martin Policies for Adoption Consideration After Public Review 1. ACL – Interacting with Law Enforcement Officers Engaged in Civil Law Enforcement (Protect Act) 2. JLCD – Administering Medications to Students 3. JLCDC – Self-Administration/Self-Carry Medications 4. IMG – Animals in School 5. AC – Nondiscrimination 6. AC-R – Nondiscrimination Including Harassment and Retaliation 7. ACE – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability 8. ACF – Discrimination and Grievance Reporting 9. ACF-R Discrimination and Harassment Grievance Procedures 10. GBJ – Personnel Records 11. GBEE – Social Networking 12. GBA – Equal Employment Opportunity 13. GBEA – Staff Ethics / Conflict of Interest 14. GBEB – Staff Conduct 15. GBEC (also JP) – Gifts and Solicitations 16. JP (also GBEC) – Gifts and Solicitations 17. GBEC – Drug-Free Workplace Policy 18. GBGB – Staff Personal Security and Safety 19. JND – Access to Electronic Media	

	20. BBA – School Committee Powers and Duties 21. BGB – Policy Adoptions 22. IJNDG – Artificial Intelligence 23. NMRSD Artificial Intelligence Guidelines 24. IHBG Home Schooling ➤ <i>Suggested motion: Move to approve the following policies as presented for adoption:</i> 3. Community Outreach & Town Liaisons ○ Ashby Update – C. Lima ○ Pepperell Update – A. Bankuti ○ Townsend – Q. Francois	
8:00	OTHER BUSINESS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE MEETING	ACTION
8:00	OPEN SESSION – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN ➤ <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 a collective bargaining session with the North Middlesex Regional School District Teachers Association.</i> ▪ <i>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.</i> The Committee will not reconvene in an open session.	ACTION
8:00	EXECUTIVE SESSION – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN <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 a collective bargaining session with the North Middlesex Regional School District Teachers Association</i> ▪ <i>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.</i> The Committee will not reconvene in an open session.	
9:00	ADJOURNMENT	ACTION
	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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