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

NMRSD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Date of Meeting: **November 17, 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.

	○ October 20, 2026 Accounts Payable Warrants: ○ #27 1022 $516,949.59 ○ #27 1029 $ 386,467.40 ○ #27 1030 $17,784,267.28 ○ #27 1105 $621,244.97 ○ #27 1106 $ 2,662,363.00 ○ #27 1105 $2,000.00 ○ #27 1103 $762,584.31 ○ #27 1112 $328,458.59 Meals Tax Warrant: ○ #27 1021 $ 96.07 ○ #27 1112 $ 86.56 Donations: ○ $500 to NMS from anonymous donor for student activities. Disposal of Surplus Approval: ○ None ➢ *Suggested motion: Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.*	
6:15-6:45	REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/INFORMATION ITEMS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN 1. Student Representative's Report – A. Connor and S. Nawn 2. Chair's Report – L. Martin 3. Superintendent's Report – B. Morgan 1) Hiring Profile Update – A. Tuccirone-Mahan 3. Assistant Superintendent's Report – Dr. Burboa-Reese	UPDATE
6:45-7:00	FINANCE – BUDGET – CAPITAL – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN 1. Business Manager Update – Dr. Cormier 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 – R. DeMar ➢ *Suggested motion and vote to approve the NMRHS wrestling team trip to Sanford, Maine, to participate in the Sanford Maine Wrestling Tournament scheduled for January 2 & 3, 2027.* 2. Special Education Update – E. Upton 3. Grants for Approval Consideration – G. Burboa-Reese 1) CTE Capital Annex Grant Pilot Program: $675,000 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Education: to support program development, equipment/supplies, and implementation of two Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs at NMRHS (Construction Craft Trade and Public Safety) ➢ *Suggested motion and vote to approve the CTE Capital Annex Grant Pilot Program grant for $675,000.* 2) Workplace Safety Grant - $5,000 from the Commonwealth of Mass - Dept. of Industrial Accidents: to support safety training for NM custodial staff ➢ *Suggested motion and vote to approve the Workplace Safety Grant for $5,000.*	ACTION
7:10-7:30	OLD BUSINESS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN 1. Committee Reminders – L. Martin 1) SC Members' CORI Status	ACTION

	2) SC Members' Conflict of Interest Disclosures 3) SC Members' State Ethics Training 4. Ashby Elementary Solar Panels – K. Cormier	
7:30-8:00	SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN 1. Warrants – L. Martin Payroll Warrants: o October 22, 2026 o November 5, 2026 ➢ *Suggested motion: Move that the School Committee approve payroll warrants as presented.* 2. Negotiation – Q. Francois 3. Policy – L. Martin Policies for Rescission Consideration 1. ACF – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability 2. ACF-R – Discrimination and Harassment Grievance Procedures ➢ *Suggested Motion: Move that the School Committee rescind policies ACF and ACF-R because they are redundant with* AC – Nondiscrimination and AC-R – Nondiscrimination Including Harassment and Retaliation, *adopted on October 20, 2026.* 3. IJ-R – Reconsideration of Instructional Resources ➢ *Suggested Motion: Move that the School Committee rescind policy IJ-R Reconsideration of Instructional Resources due to provisions of the new Freedom to Read law, signed into law on August 10, 2026.* 4. JJH-R – Student Travel and Regulations (Attorney recommendation to rescind) 5. JJIF-R -- Head Injuries and Concussions (Attorney recommendation to rescind) ➢ *Suggested Motion: Move that the School Committee rescind policies* _____. Policies for First Reading Consideration 6. IJL, Library Materials Selection and Adoption Redrafted to align with American Library Association (ALA) standards on the right to read, per the new law. This also incorporates feedback from the Massachusetts Library System (as required by state law) about the role of the librarian in the adoption of materials. This also adds the new state law as a legal citation and updates cross-references. 7. IJLA, Library Resources Redrafted using the actual ALA reconsideration language while also adding legal citations and cross-references. 8. IJLA-R, Reconsideration of Library Materials A new policy, as required by law, outlines the process for challenging library materials as mandated by state law, while retaining language around re-challenges from earlier policies. School committees should note that the review committee is bound by the Open Meeting Law, as they are making a recommendation to the Committee on something under committee purview. 9. ACAB - Discrimination & Harassment 10. ADC - Smoking on School Premises 11. ADF - Wellness (10/19/2023) 12. EBC - Emergency Plans 13. EFCD - 14. GBEF (also JICJ) – Use of Cell Phones & Portable Communication Devices 15. IHAMA - Parental Notification Related to Sex Education 16. IJNDB – Empowered Digital Use 17. IJNDB-R – Empowered Digital Use Agreement 18. JCA - Assignment of Students to Schools	

	19. JEB - Entrance Age 20. JF - School Admissions 21. JFBB - School Choice 22. JH – Student Absences and Excuses 23. EEAEC (also JICC) - 24. JICC (also EEAEC) - Student Conduct on School Buses 25. JICFA – Prohibition of Hazing 26. JICFA-E Hazing 27. JICFB - Bullying Prevention, Intervention, & Curriculum 28. JICH – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use by Students Prohibited 29. JICJ (also GBEF) - Use of Cell Phones & Portable Communication Devices 30. JJE – Student Fundraising Activities 31. JJIF – Managing the Care of Students with Athletic Concussions 32. JKAA – Physical Restraint of Students 33. JL – Student Welfare 34. JQ-E – Fees, Fines, and Charges (Admission Fees) 35. JRA – Student Records ➢ *Suggested Motion: Move that the School Committee approve the following policies for a first reading: _____.* 3. Community Outreach & Town Liaisons o Ashby Update – C. Lima o Pepperell Update – A. Bankuti o 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 ➢ *Motion and vote to meet in executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, sec. 21(a) for the following purpose:* ▪ *Purpose (2) to conduct a collective bargaining session with the North Middlesex Regional School District Teachers Association.* ▪ *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 January 29, 2026 and* October 20, 2026. The Committee will not reconvene in an open session.	ACTION
8:00	EXECUTIVE SESSION – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN *Meeting in executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, sec. 21(a) for the following purpose:* ▪ *Purpose (2) to conduct a collective bargaining session with the North Middlesex Regional School District Teachers Association* ▪ *Purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to and in preparation for collective*	

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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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Agenda Posted on November 12, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.