NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE
Ashby – Pepperell – Townsend, Massachusetts

NOTICE OF MEETING

Date of Meeting: **November 17, 2026** Time of Meeting: **5:00 p.m.**

Day of the Week: **Tuesday**

Location: **Virtual via Zoom**

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AGENDA

- Roll Call

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| 5:00 | CALL TO ORDER | |
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| 5:05 | APPROVAL OF MINUTES – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN | ACTION |
| | Approval of Minutes<br>▪ September 15, 2026<br>▪ October 20, 2026 | |
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| 5:05 | PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS<br>▪ 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**.<br>For additional details, please refer to Policy BEDH: Public Participation at School Committee Meetings. | |
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| 5:10 | OLD BUSINESS / FIVE-YEAR REVIEW – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN<br>1. NMRSD Regional Agreement<br>2. Spaulding Memorial School Lease | ACTION |
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| 5:10 | **NEW BUSINESS**<br>**1. Freedom to Read Law Affected Policies**<br>1. IJL - Library Materials Selection and Adoption | ACTION |

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.

2. IJLA - Library Resources
   Redrafted using the actual ALA reconsideration language while also adding legal citations and cross-references.
3. 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.

➢ *Suggested Motion: Move that the School Committee approve the following policies for a first reading: _____.*

2. Policies Requiring Review
   4. JCA – Assignment of Students to Schools
   5. ACAB - Discrimination & Harassment
   6. ADC - Smoking on School Premises
   7. ADF - Wellness (10/19/2023)
   8. EBC - Emergency Plans
   9. EFCD -
   10. GBEF (also JICJ) – Use of Cell Phones & Portable Communication Devices
   11. IHAMA - Parental Notification Related to Sex Education
   12. IJNDB – Empowered Digital Use
   13. IJNDB-R – Empowered Digital Use Agreement
   14. JCA - Assignment of Students to Schools
   15. JEB - Entrance Age
   16. JF - School Admissions
   17. JFBB - School Choice
   18. JH – Student Absences and Excuses
   19. EEAEC (also JICC) -
   20. JICC (also EEAEC) - Student Conduct on School Buses
   21. JICFA – Prohibition of Hazing
   22. JICFA-E Hazing
   23. JICFB - Bullying Prevention, Intervention, & Curriculum
   24. JICH – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use by Students Prohibited
   25. JICJ (also GBEF) - Use of Cell Phones & Portable Communication Devices
   26. JJE – Student Fundraising Activities
   27. JJIF – Managing the Care of Students with Athletic Concussions
   28. JKAA – Physical Restraint of Students
   29. JL – Student Welfare
   30. JQ-E – Fees, Fines, and Charges (Admission Fees)
   31. JRA – Student Records

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3. Policies for Rescission Consideration
   31. JJH-R (Attorney recommendation to rescind)
   32. JJIF-R (Attorney recommendation to rescind).

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| | ➢ *Suggested Motion: Move that the Policy Subcommittee approve recommendation to full School Committee to rescind policies _____.* | |
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| 5:45 | OTHER BUSINESS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF MEETING | ACTION |
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| 5:45 | 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 @ 6:15 p.m.

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