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**NOTICE OF MEETING/AGENDA  
NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Date of Meeting: **April 3, 2017**

Time of Meeting: **7:00 p.m.**

Day of the Week: **Monday**

Location: **North Middlesex Regional High School, 19 Main Street, Townsend, MA 01469**

**AGENDA**

1. Roll Call
2. The chairperson hereby informs the Committee and audience members of the recording of this meeting.
3. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the North Middlesex Regional School Committee will be held on Monday, April 24, 2017, at North Middlesex Regional High School at 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing on School Choice for the 2017-2018 School Year

- A. There will be a Public Hearing on School Choice for the year 2017-2018 according to Chapter 76, Section 12b, of the Massachusetts General Laws. All interested persons shall be given the opportunity to be heard. Discussion/Vote

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Minutes:
  - February 14, 2017, School Committee ~ Joint Meeting
  - March 6, 2017, School Committee Meeting
2. Acceptance of Donations
3. Out-of-State/Country Field Trips

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Gateway Program Fundraiser ~ Matthew Richards

**REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Student Representative Report ~ Hadley Beauregard and Paige Zacharakis
2. Superintendent's Report
  - Request for MOU with Pepperell Community Media
  - Annual Town Elections/School Committee Members
  - School Snow Days
3. Building Committee Report – Update
4. Public Communications – 10 minutes will be allotted

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Warrant Subcommittee  
Available for Committee review are accounts payable warrants 17-0302, 17-0309, 17-0316, 17-0323, & 17-0330, and payroll warrants for March 2, 2017 and March 30, 2017. The warrants have been reviewed and signed by the warrant subcommittee.
2. Policy Subcommittee  
The Policy Subcommittee recommends the school committee adopt the following policy for (1<sup>st</sup> reading):
  - EFCD Meal Charges

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The Policy Subcommittee recommends the school committee adopt the following policy for (2<sup>nd</sup> reading):

- IHA Basic Instructional Program
3. Finance Subcommittee Discussion/Vote
- FY18 Budget Discussion
  - Treasurer’s Report
4. Facilities Advisory Subcommittee
- Accelerated Repair Projects
    - Hawthorne Brook Elementary School
    - Squannacook Early Childhood Center
    - Varnum Brook Elementary School

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. 2016-2017 School Committee ~ Discussion/vote on current school calendar and options to make up days lost due to school closings.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. School Lunch Price Increase Discussion/Vote  
The superintendent recommends the committee increase school lunch prices for the 2017-2018 school year.
2. The superintendent and the policy subcommittee recommend that the school committee impose a one-year moratorium on policy FF Naming of Facilities. Discussion/Vote
3. Vote to change the contribution rate for group health insurance for employees not represented by a bargaining unit from 80/20 to 75/25, to be effective June 1, 2017. Discussion/Vote
4. The superintendent recommends the committee vote to approve the amendment to the FLLAC Collaborative Agreement to include the North Middlesex Regional School District as a member of the Collaborative, effective July 1, 2017. Discussion/Vote
5. To authorize the use of the enrollment at the Squannacook Early Childhood Center as of June 1, 2015 in order to provide an estimated pupil enrollment for the purpose of apportioning debt service related to the building. Discussion/Vote
6. School Choice Openings 2017 – 2018 Discussion/Vote  
The superintendent recommends that in accordance with state law requiring all schools to be open for school choice, the North Middlesex Regional School District accept choice students for the 2017 - 2018 academic year in the following school/grade levels where space is available. The administration will be cautious not to accept a number of choice students that would adversely affect District finances:

Ashby Elementary School	Spaulding Memorial School	Varnum Brook Elementary School
K - 0 slots	K - 0 slots	K - 5 slots
Gr. 1 - 0 slots	Gr. 1 - 2 slots	Gr. 1 - 2 slots
Gr. 2 - 0 slots	Gr. 2 - 0 slots	Gr. 2 - 0 slots
Gr. 3 - 0 slots	Gr. 3 - 0 slots	Gr. 3 - 0 slots
Gr. 4 - 0 slots	Gr. 4 - 0 slots	Gr. 4 - 0 slots

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Hawthorne Brook Middle School	Nissitissit Middle School	North Middlesex Regional HS
Gr. 5 - 10 slots	Gr. 5 - 5 slots	Gr. 9 - 10 slots
Gr. 6 - 8 slots	Gr. 6 - 10 slots	Gr. 10 - 10 slots
Gr. 7 - 10 slots	Gr. 7 - 10 slots	Gr. 11 - 10 slots
Gr. 8 - 10 slots	Gr. 8 - 10 slots	Gr. 12 - 10 slots

- 7. That the school committee authorized the costs of designing and renovating to the existing maintenance garage facility and the costs of designing and constructing a new athletic artificial turf field.

VOTED: That the North Middlesex Regional School District appropriating Eighty-Nine Million Eighty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$89,084,977) for the purpose of paying costs of constructing a new District High School, to be located at 19 Main Street, in Townsend, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project") approved by the District School Committee on February 10, 2014 (the "Project Vote"), is hereby amended as follows to provide for the addition of two additional project elements, in the event that bid savings are realized with respect to the total Project budget:

If the Building Committee determines that bid savings can be realized with respect to the Project budget, then the Project vote is hereby amended to permit the borrowing of \$\_\_\_\_. a portion of the total amount authorized to be borrowed to pay costs of the Project, to pay costs of designing and renovating an existing maintenance garage facility located on the site of the Project, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto. The District acknowledges that the costs incurred for this additional Project element are the sole responsibility of the District and are not eligible for reimbursement from the MSBA. No amount shall be borrowed or expended to pay costs of this additional Project element, except for amounts necessary to solicit bids therefor, unless a majority vote in support of this additional Project element has been obtained at town meetings held in each of the member towns.

If the Building Committee determines that bid savings can be realized with respect to the Project budget, then the Project vote is hereby amended to permit the borrowing of \$\_\_\_\_ a portion of the total amount authorized to be borrowed to pay costs of the Project, to pay costs of designing and constructing a new athletic artificial turf field to be located on the site of the Project, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto. The District acknowledges that the costs incurred for this additional Project element are the sole responsibility of the District and are not eligible for reimbursement from the MSBA. No amount shall be borrowed or expended to pay costs of this additional Project element, except for amounts necessary to solicit bids therefor, unless a majority vote in support of this additional Project element has been obtained at town meetings held in each of the member towns.

FURTHER VOTED: That within seven (7) days from the date on which the foregoing vote is adopted, the Secretary be and hereby is instructed to notify the Boards of Selectmen of each of the District's member towns as to the amount and general purposes of the portion of the debt authorized by the Project Vote to be expended on each additional Project element described above, as required by the District Agreement and by Chapter 71 of the General Laws.

- 8. Accelerated Repair Projects
  - a) Hawthorne Brook Middle School
 

VOTED: That the North Middlesex Regional School District (the "District") hereby appropriates the amount of \$4,109,125 for the purpose of paying costs of a window, door and HVAC replacement project at Hawthorne Brook Middle School, located at 64 Brookline

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Road, Townsend, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the District is authorized to borrow said amount, under and pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 16(d), of the General Laws and the District Agreement, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; provided further that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-seven and eleven hundredths percent (57.11%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

FURTHER VOTED: That within seven (7) days from the date on which this vote is adopted the Secretary be and hereby is instructed to notify the Board of Selectmen of each of the member towns of this District as to the amount and general purposes of the debt herein authorized, as required by the District Agreement and by Chapter 71, Section 16(d), of the General Laws.

b) Squannacook Early Childhood Center

VOTED: That the North Middlesex Regional School hereby appropriates the amount of \$4,581,166 for the purpose of paying costs of roofing, siding, HVAC and interior repairs at the Squannacook Early Childhood Center, located at 66 Brookline Road Townsend, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the District is authorized to borrow said amount, under and pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 16(d), of the General Laws and the District Agreement, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The amount authorized to be borrowed by this vote shall be reduced to the extent that insurance proceeds are received by the District to pay costs of the Project. The District acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; provided further that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-seven and eleven hundredths percent (57.11%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be further reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

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c) Varnum Brook Elementary School

VOTED: That the North Middlesex Regional School District hereby appropriates the amount of \$8,977,987 for the purpose of paying costs of the Varnum Brook Elementary School roof, window and HVAC replacement Project, located 10 Hollis Street, in Pepperell, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the District is authorized to borrow said amount, under and pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 16(d), of the General Laws and the District Agreement, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; provided further that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-seven and eleven hundredths percent (57.11%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

FURTHER VOTED: That within seven (7) days from the date on which these votes are adopted the Secretary be and hereby is instructed to notify the Board of Selectmen of each of the member towns of this District as to the amount and general purposes of the debt herein authorized, as required by the District Agreement and by Chapter 71, Section 16(d), of the General Laws.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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