

UPDATE FROM THE NMRSD SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE MARCH 4, 2018

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the NMRSD School Committee will be held on Monday, March 5, 2018; at North Middlesex Regional High School at 7:00 p.m. Agenda items include the following:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Accelerated Repair Projects Update
- School Year Calendar 2018-2019
- Superintendent Search - Update
- Building Committee Report - Update
- Public Communications - 10 minutes will be allotted

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Policy Subcommittee The Policy Subcommittee recommends the school committee adopt the following policy for (1st reading): FF Naming School Facilities
- Finance Subcommittee: FY19 Budget ~ Discussion & Budget Adoption Discussion/Vote

The Superintendent is recommending the NMRSD school committee adopt an operational budget for FY2019 of \$ _____, a FY2019 transportation budget of \$ _____, FY2019 debt service of \$ _____, and to use these funds to calculate FY2019 school assessments for member towns as required by statute. In addition, the committee authorized the use of \$ _____ from Excess and Deficiency Account to offset the FY2019 operational budget.

- Photovoltaic Subcommittee Update

NEW BUSINESS

- The superintendent is seeking committee approval to accept the Project Learning the Way Computer Science grant for \$15,000.00. The grant award and distribution schedule is as follows: 2018-2019: \$9,000, 2019-2020: \$6,000, 2020-2021:\$0. Discussion/Vote
- The North Middlesex Regional School District elects to engage in the process to change health insurance benefits under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32B Sections 21 through 23. Discussion/Vote

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to convene in executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A, section 21(a)

(3) to discuss strategy with respect to and in preparation for collective bargaining with the North Middlesex Regional School District Educational Support Personnel Unit, Teachers Unit, Secretarial Unit, Nurses Association and Custodial Unit.

The Committee will reconvene in open session.

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The next meeting of the North Middlesex Regional High School Building Committee will be held on Monday, March 12, 2018; at the high school at 6:00 p.m. Agenda items will be included in a future update.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Early Release, Thursday, March 8 ~ Parent Conferences (PreK-8) Professional Development (9-12) No school for Pre-K

NMRS Scholarship Committee Meeting, Wednesday, March 7 at the high school (Commons annex) from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Monday, March 12th, AES Kindergarten Information Night from 5-7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 19th and Tuesday, March 20th, AES Kindergarten Registration

Thursday, March 15, Spaulding Kindergarten Information Night at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 2nd and Tuesday, April 3rd, Spaulding Kindergarten Registration

Monday, March 12th and Tuesday, March 13th, Varnum Brook Kindergarten Registration

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The North Middlesex Education Foundation will be a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the educational experience for the students of Ashby, Pepperell, and Townsend. The NM Education Foundation will host fundraising activities and receive donations throughout the year to award mini-grants to staff or students to provide creative and innovative learning experiences for our students inside the classroom walls and beyond.

The Education Foundation will also honor staff, students, and volunteers at an event that will be held in the spring. It is important that the district celebrates the wonderful assets in our school community as the district moves forward.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7th at North Middlesex Regional High School at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Services conference room. All are welcome to attend.

FREE PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' WORKSHOPS

Topic: Supporting Children's Positive Behavior: Effective & Practical Strategies for Guiding Children's Social & Emotional Learning

When: Join us on any or all of the first Thursday of the month from 9:30-11 AM

Where: Squannacook Early Education Center, 10 Hollis Street, Pepperell

Join us for workshops for parents/caregivers of young children:

Thursday, April 5th – Why Children Do What They Do

Thursday, May 3rd – Practical and Effective Strategies

Thursday, June 7th – Techniques for Challenges

Help fill your toolbox with good ideas!

RSVP to Jana Harrison, CFCE Coordinator: jharrison@awrsd.org; phone: 978-874-7312

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