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MINUTES FEBRUARY 11, 2015, 5:00 P.M. NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL 19 MAIN STREET, TOWNSEND, MA

Joint meeting with the North Middlesex Regional School Committee and the Boards of Selectmen and Finance Committees of the District's three communities to discuss the FY16 NMRSD budget. Votes may be taken.

5:07 PM The joint meeting was called to order by School Committee chairman Susan Robbins. Sue Lisio (SL), Chairman and Carolyn Smart (CS), Clerk were present. Colin McNabb (CM), Vice Chairman was absent.

NMRSD Superintendent Joan Landers provided an update on the District's FY16 budget.

- The School Committee's budget hearing is scheduled for 2/23/15 at 7PM.
- Budget drivers include special education out of district placement costs; utility costs; expiring union contracts for all units except custodians; and general transportation costs.
- Between now and when the new high school opens District enrollment is projected to drop from about 950 to 850.
- The Governor's H1 budget is expected to be released on 3/4/15. This makes it hard to build a budget.
- The department requests represent an approximate increase of 6% over FY15.

SL and CS participated in conversations about the FY16 North Middlesex Regional School District budget. No votes were taken.

6:02 Meeting adjourned.