

**Joint Meeting
Pepperell Finance Committee
and
Pepperell Board of Selectmen
Minutes
February 12, 2009**

Pepperell Finance Committee Members

Present: Diane Gaspar (Chair), Burke Bero (Vice-Chair), Chris DeSimone, Stephanie Cronin,
Jeanne LeBlanc, Theresa Walsh (Town Accountant)
Absent: Shaun Cummings, Chris Johnson

Pepperell Board of Selectmen Members

Present: Joseph Sergi, Patrick McNabb
Absent: Lyndon Johnson (Chair)

Guests Dr. Maureen Marshall, Superintendent of NMRSD, Arnold Silva, Chairperson of NMRSD

Opening

Ms. Gaspar called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Appointments

North Middlesex Regional School District

- Dr. Marshall and Mr. Silva were present to discuss FY10 budget.
- Dr. Marshall stated a level service budget would increase the budget by 4% due to fix costs.
- A level funded budget would translate to \$2 million in service reductions.
- Transport costs are expected to increase 6.5% because of increase in the carrier's contract.
- It is expected that the state will decrease the reimbursement rate for transportation with an \$186,000 deduction in the Governor's budget.
- NMRSD is unable to level fund transportation.
- NMRSD does not anticipate a staff increase.
- The only increase would come from transportation, increase in enrollment or due to state assessment.
- Reviewed the School Committee budget time frame.

Discussions

Reviewed the presentation for February 14 Public Forum meeting.

Action Item

Chris DeSimone made a motion for a reserved fund transfer for Fire Department grant writer in the amount of \$2,400. Stephanie Cronin seconded. Did not pass (0-5).

Discussion focused on obtaining from BOS a list of proposed cuts for FY10 budget.

Closing

Ms. Gaspar moved to adjourn at 8:46pm