

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting #1292 Monday, January 9, 2017  
7:00 PM

Media Center  
Wachusett Regional High School  
1401 Main Street, Holden

*Wachusett Regional School District Committee*

Kenneth Mills, Chair	Linda Long-Bellil
Robert Imber, Vice-chair	Lauren Maldonado
Scott Brown	Robert McCarthy (7:46 PM)
Thomas Curran	Steve Porter
Michael Dennis	Michael Rivers
Susan Hitchcock	Christina Smith
Harriet Fradellos	Megan Weeks
Stacey Jackson	Charles Witkes
Sarah LaMountain	

*Committee Members Absent:*

Jon Edward Novak	Asima Silva
Barbara Renzoni	Adam Young

*Committee Members Participating Remotely:*

Matthew Lavoie

*Administration Present:*

Darryll McCall, Superintendent of Schools  
Robert Berlo, Deputy Superintendent  
Joseph Scanlon, Director of Business and Finance  
Jeff Carlson, Director of Human Resources  
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

*Student Representatives Present:*

Alyssa Stark	Chloe Tolderlund (7:15 PM)
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*Others present, who desired to be recorded as present (see attached Attendance Sheet – attachment 1).*

Chair Mills called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. He announced that Member Lavoie is participating remotely and that all votes would be by roll call.

I. Public Hearing

Margaret Nartowicz, Rutland Town Administrator, read a prepared statement (attachment 2).

II. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Mills informed the Committee that the next regular School Committee meeting would be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, due to the National Honor Society induction ceremony planned for January 23, 2017.

Chair Mills took the opportunity to congratulate those who worked on a recently passed state law that will require automatic external defibrillators be in every public school in the Commonwealth.

Chair Mills explained the meeting would be similar to an Annual Budget Retreat, and he spoke about the recently adopted District Strategic Plan, which is helping to drive budget development.

III. Student Representatives' Reports (Alyssa Stark, Chloe Tolderlund)

Alyssa Stark reported this year's Madrigal Dinner performances will take place January 26, 27, 28, 2017.

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

Chair Mills turned the meeting over to Superintendent McCall. Superintendent McCall was joined at the head table by Central Office administrators Deputy Superintendent Berlo, Director of Business and Finance Scanlon, and Director of Human Resources Jeff Carlson.

7:15 PM Student Representative Chloe Tolderlund joined the meeting.

7:15 PM Student Representative Alyssa Stark left the meeting.

Superintendent McCall explained he would be showing a PowerPoint presentation, reviewing FY17 budget information, and presenting and explaining proposed FY18 budget information. Superintendent McCall further explained this FY18 budget presentation is a first look to begin discussions at the School Committee table. Members were asked to hold questions until the presentation concluded.

Superintendent McCall's presentation concluded at 7:45 PM and members were given the opportunity to ask questions and to make comments.

7:45 PM Member Porter left the table.

7:46 PM Member McCarthy joined the meeting.

7:52 PM Member Porter returned to the table.

Discussion ensued, with most members and Student Representative Tolderlund asking questions and participating in the conversation.

8:35 PM Student Representative Tolderlund left the meeting.

Discussions continued, with questions being asked and answered. Questions were answered by Superintendent McCall and the other administrators.

8:40 PM Member Fradellos left the table.

8:40 PM Member Witkes left the table.

8:42 PM Member Witkes returned to the table.

8:43 PM Member Fradellos returned to the table.

Discussions and the Q & A session concluded at 8:45 PM.

Chair Mills spoke about meetings scheduled with four of the five Member Towns, when the FY18 budget will be discussed, and invited any members interested in attending to do so. The specifics of these meetings will again be shared with the full School Committee.

There were no questions raised in connection with the Superintendent's Report.

Superintendent McCall did report that the first regular School Committee meeting in April will be rescheduled to Wednesday, April 12, 2017.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

No action by the School Committee was required.

8:50 PM Member McCarthy left the meeting.

V. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business brought before the Committee.

VI. Secretary's Report

A. Approval of 1291<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on November 28, 2016

Motion: To approve minutes of the regular meeting of the WRSDC held on November 28, 2016.

(R. Imber)

(S. Brown)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills  
Robert Imber  
Scott Brown  
Thomas Curran  
Michael Dennis  
Harriet Fradellos  
Susan Hitchcock  
Stacey Jackson  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Lauren Maldonado  
Steve Porter  
Michael Rivers  
Megan Weeks  
Charles Witkes

*Opposed:*

None

*Abstained:*

Sarah LaMountain  
Christina Smith

The minutes were approved 15-0-2.

B. Approval of Executive Session I Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on November 28, 2016

Chair Mills explained that if there are corrections to the executive session minutes, approval will be deferred.

Motion: To approve minutes of executive session I of the WRSDC held on November 28 2016, to be released.

(T. Curran)

(S. Jackson)

Roll call vote:

Kenneth Mills  
Robert Imber  
Scott Brown  
Thomas Curran  
Michael Dennis  
Harriet Fradellos  
Susan Hitchcock

Stacey Jackson  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Lauren Maldonado  
Steve Porter  
Michael Rivers  
Megan Weeks  
Charles Witkes

*Opposed:*

None

*Abstained:*

Sarah LaMountain  
Christina Smith

The minutes were approved 15-0-2.

C. Approval of Executive Session II Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on November 28, 2016

Chair Mills explained that if there are corrections to the executive session minutes, approval will be deferred. Approval of executive session II minutes was deferred pending correction needed, per Chair Mills.

VII. Treasurer's Report/Financial Statements

Chair Mills reminded the Committee that if there were questions regarding the Director of Business and Finance's report that Members should contact the Superintendent; if there were questions regarding the Treasurer's Report, Members should contact the Business/Finance Subcommittee Chair.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Management Subcommittee (K. Mills, Chair, R. Imber, Vice-chair, S. Brown, B. Renzoni)

Chair Mills reported the Management Subcommittee scheduled for January 5, 2017 was not held due to lack of quorum. He expects to post a meeting sometime before the next School Committee meeting.

B. Education Subcommittee (R. Imber, Chair, C. Smith, Vice-chair, S. LaMountain, M. Lavoie, L. Maldonado, S. Porter, M. Rivers, A. Silva, M. Weeks)

Subcommittee Chair Imber reported this subcommittee had met immediately before this School Committee meeting.

- C. Business/Finance Subcommittee (B. Renzoni, Chair, R. McCarthy, Vice-chair, M. Dennis, L. Long-Bellil, E. Novak, C. Witkes, A Young)

In Subcommittee Chair Renzoni's absence, Member Witkes reported on the January 3, 2017 meeting of this subcommittee.

Motion: To approve the second reading of Amended Policy 4721 **Policy Relating to Budget/Finance Student Activity Funds**, waiving the reading.

(M. Dennis)

(S. Porter)

Roll call vote:

Kenneth Mills  
Robert Imber  
Scott Brown  
Thomas Curran  
Michael Dennis  
Harriet Fradellos  
Susan Hitchcock  
Stacey Jackson  
Sarah LaMountain  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Lauren Maldonado  
Steve Porter  
Michael Rivers  
Christina Smith  
Megan Weeks  
Charles Witkes

*Opposed:*

None

The motion was unanimously approved.

- D. Legal Affairs Subcommittee (S. Brown, Chair, T. Curran, H. Fradellos, S. Hitchcock, S. Jackson)

Subcommittee Chair Brown reported on the December 19, 2016 meeting of this subcommittee. He also reported members of the Legal Affairs Subcommittee have been participating in union negotiations.

- E. Audit Advisory Board (B. Renzoni, Chair, C. Witkes, Vice-chair)

The AAB has not met since the last School Committee meeting, as reported by AAB Vice-chair Witkes.

- F. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review the School Calendar

Subcommittee Chair Smith reported members of this ad hoc subcommittee will present some of their findings to the full School Committee at the January 24, 2017 meeting.

G. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee

Superintendent McCall reported the Building Committee is scheduled to meet on January 10, 2017. Superintendent McCall gave an overview of heating coil problems being experienced at the new school.

H. School Council Reports:

Central Tree Middle School (E. Novak), Chocksett Middle School, Davis Hill Elementary School (A. Silva), Dawson Elementary School (A. Young), Glenwood Elementary School (M. Lavoie), Houghton Elementary School (M. Rivers), Mayo Elementary School (T. Curran), Mountview Middle School (S. Brown), Naquag Elementary School (C. Witkes), Paxton Center School (H. Fradellos), Thomas Prince School (M. Weeks), Wachusett Regional High School (S. LaMountain), Special Education Parent Advisory Council (S. Jackson), Early Childhood Center (L. Maldonado)

Member Curran – Mayo Elementary School

IX. Public Hearing

No members of the public wished to address the School Committee.

X. New Business

There was no new business brought before the School Committee.

XI. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

(T. Curran)

(S. Brown)

Roll call vote:

Kenneth Mills

Robert Imber

Scott Brown

Thomas Curran

Michael Dennis  
Harriet Fradellos  
Susan Hitchcock  
Stacey Jackson  
Sarah LaMountain  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Lauren Maldonado  
Steve Porter  
Michael Rivers  
Christina Smith  
Megan Weeks  
Charles Witkes

*Opposed:*  
None

The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

DM:rlp