

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting #1279 Monday, January 11, 2016
7:00 PM

Media Center
Wachusett Regional High School
1401 Main Street, Holden

Committee Members Present:

Lance Harris, Chair	Linda Long-Bellil
Robert Imber, Vice-chair	Lauren Maldonado
Scott Brown	Robert McCarthy (7:12 PM)
Thomas Curran	Kenneth Mills
Michael Dennis	Jon Edward Novak
Matthew Ehrenworth	Steve Porter
Harriet Fradellos	Barbara Renzoni
Susan Hitchcock	Asima Silva
Stacey Jackson	Christina Smith
Sarah LaMountain	Megan Weeks

Committee Members Absent:

Charles Witkes	Adam Young
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Committee Members Participating Remotely:

None

Administration Present:

Joseph Scanlon, Director of Business and Finance
Jeff Carlson, Director of Human Resources
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Student Representatives Present:

None

Others present, who desired to be recorded as present (see attached Attendance Sheet – attachment 1).

Chair Harris called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. He informed the Committee Superintendent McCall was absent due to illness.

I. Public Hearing

Phil Campbell, Sterling, read a prepared statement (attachment 2).

II. Chair's Opening Remarks

7:12 PM Member McCarthy joined the meeting.

Chair Harris congratulated Member Silva on her invitation to attend the State of the Union address in Washington, D.C.

Chair Harris reminded members the School Committee Annual Budget Retreat would be held Monday, January 25, 2016. He did advise the Committee approval of the 2016-2017 school calendar would be on the Retreat agenda.

7:14 Member Silva left the table.

III. Student Representatives' Reports (Linnea Budd, Liam Fritsche)

There were no Student Representatives in attendance.

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

There was brief discussion about a survey sent to parents and staff seeking input about future February vacations. Some were of the opinion a simple yes/no survey was not sufficient.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

Motion: To approve the appointment of Robert Berlo as Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, effective February 1, 2016

(R. Imber)
(S. Jackson)

Mr. Berlo was invited to the podium, he was introduced to the Committee, and Chair Harris gave members the opportunity to ask questions of the candidate for the position of Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. Member Novak commented he had attended the final interviews and was pleased with Superintendent McCall's recommendation. Members had been provided with a draft copy of the contract with the Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (attachment 3).

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock

Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Berlo was given a round of applause.

Motion: To award the 2016-2017 heating fuel contract to Peterson Oil of Worcester, MA at a firm fixed price of \$1.7395 gl. per the French River Educational Center (FREC) collaborative purchasing bid on 11/16/15
(K. Mills)
(T. Curran)

Director Scanlon approached the podium and spoke to the motion.

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business brought before the School Committee.

VI. Secretary's Report

- A. Approval of 312th Special Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on December 14, 2015

Motion: To approve minutes of the special meeting of the WRSDC held on December 14, 2015.

(B. Renzoni)
(K. Mills)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Sarah LaMountain
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Barbara Renzoni
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks

Opposed:
None

Abstained:

Stacey Jackson
Steve Porter

The minutes were approved 17-0-2.

B. Approval of 1278th Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on December 14, 2015

Motion: To approve minutes of the regular meeting of the WRSDC held on December 14, 2015.

(S. Jackson)

(K. Mills)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Barbara Renzoni
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Steve Porter

The minutes were approved 18-0-1.

7:21 Member Silva returned to the table.

VII. Treasurer's Report/Financial Statements

Chair Harris 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 (L. Harris, Chair, R. Imber, Vice-chair, S. Jackson, K. Mills)

Chair Harris reported on the January 6, 2016 meeting of the Management Subcommittee. He explained the process to review School Committee policies, beginning with the Management Subcommittee's review of the 1000 series.

Motion: To approve the first reading of Amended Policy 1110 **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation Powers and Duties**, waiving the reading.

(R. Imber)
(T. Curran)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the first reading of Amended Policy 1111 **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation School Committee Member Responsibility**, waiving the reading.

(R. Imber)
(K. Mills)

Member Weeks commented that the first words in each bullet should be capitalized.

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the first reading of Amended Policy1312 **Policy**
Relating to School Committee Operation *Evaluation of the Superintendent*,
waiving the reading.

(R. Imber)
(K. Mills)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock

Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the first reading of Amended Policy 1350 **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation Student Representative(s) to the Wachusett Regional School District Committee**, waiving the reading.

(R. Imber)

(K. Mills)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Some members had suggestions about documents that should be provided to new members of the School Committee upon their appointment to the Committee. Following this discussion, remanding this amended policy to the Management Subcommittee was advised.

Motion: To remand Amended Policy 1410 **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation New Member Orientation** back to the Management Subcommittee for further review.

(K. Mills)

(R. Imber)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the first reading of Amended Policy 1431 **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation Attendance at Conference by School Committee Members**, waiving the reading.

(R. Imber)

(K. Mills)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the first reading of Amended Policy 1520 **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation Policy Development**, waiving the reading.

(R. Imber)

(K. Mills)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain

Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the first reading of Amended Policy 1620 **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation Notice to Committee Members and Public**, waiving the reading.

(R. Imber)

(K. Mills)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the first reading of Amended Policy 1680 **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation Minutes of School Committee** , waiving the reading.

(R. Imber)
(K. Mills)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the first reading of Amended Policy 1681.2 **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation ~~Video Taping~~ Recording of School Committee Meetings**, waiving the reading.

(R. Imber)
(K. Mills)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran

Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Education Subcommittee Chair Imber thanked Member Silva for arranging a presentation to the Education Subcommittee by Michelle Leung of the Department of Justice. Subcommittee Chair Imber reported the Education Subcommittee had discussed February school vacations and the possibility of eliminating or altering this vacation time. He reported the subcommittee agreed this topic needs more conversation before any action should be taken, and he will keep this topic on the agenda of future Education Subcommittee meetings. There was brief discussion about the scheduling of professional development half days during the school year.

- C. Business/Finance Subcommittee (S. Jackson, Chair, M. Dennis, Vice-chair, H. Fradellos, R. McCarthy, E. Novak, B. Renzoni, C. Witkes, A Young)

Business/Finance Subcommittee Chair Jackson reported on the January 4, 2016 meeting of this subcommittee, providing a status report on the FY16 budget, which is tight but is manageable at this point in time. She reported that the January 5, 2016 Budget Roundtable was well attended. Subcommittee Chair Jackson also reported the District continues to wait for the FY15 audit to be concluded.

Motion: To approve the second reading of Amended Policy 4330 **Policy Relating to Budget/Finance Warrants**, waiving the reading.
(S. Jackson)

(M. Dennis)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

The Business/Finance Subcommittee will meet next on January 19, 2016.

- D. Legal Affairs Subcommittee (K. Mills, Chair, S. Brown, Vice-chair, T. Curran, M. Ehrenworth, S. Hitchcock)

Legal Affairs Subcommittee Chair Mills reported this subcommittee will be on January 12, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

- E. Audit Advisory Board

AAB Chair Jackson reported the Audit Advisory Board has not met since the last School Committee meeting.

- F. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review the Regional Agreement (S. Hitchcock, Chair, R. Imber, K. Mills, B. Renzoni, C. Witkes)

Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review the Regional Agreement Chair
Hitchcock reported this ad hoc subcommittee will meet next on January
12, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

G. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee

Member McCarthy reported the next meeting of the Mountview
Building Committee is scheduled for January 12, 2016.

H. School Council Reports:

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

Member Silva –Davis Hill Elementary School
Member Fradellos – Paxton Center School, meeting scheduled for January 12,
2016

IX. Public Hearing

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

X. New Business

Member Smith asked if the cost of late buses is a reimbursable expense, which
Director Scanlon explained is not.

XI. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

(S. Brown)
(M. Dennis)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis

Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

DM:rlp