

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Special Meeting #283 Saturday, February 7, 2009

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Wachusett Regional High School

*Committee Members Present:*

Margaret Watson, Chair	Stacey Jackson
John Nunnari, Vice-chair	Mark James
Thomas Ackerman	Duncan Leith
Cynthia Bazinet	Michael Pantos
Robert Carter	Robert Pelczarski
Colleen Cipro	Norman Plourde
Shirley Conrad (9:19 AM)	Michael Sherman
Steven Hammond	Joseph Sova
Robert Imber	

*Committee Members Absent:*

Melinda Coyle	Marcie Zaharee
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*Administration Present:*

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Superintendent of Schools  
John Locke, Deputy Superintendent  
Darryll McCall, Director of Operations  
Susan Sullivan, Director of Human Resources  
Peter Brennan, Business Manager  
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

*Others Present:*

Lisa Call, Sterling

Chair Watson called the special meeting of the School Committee to order at 9:07 AM and then turned the meeting over to Superintendent Pandiscio.

Superintendent Pandiscio distributed copies of a PowerPoint entitled **WRSD Literacy Initiative Impact on Student Achievement Winter, 2009** (attachment 1). The Superintendent spoke to the Committee about the success being achieved by the Literacy Initiative, as outlined in the charts contained in the PowerPoint.

Superintendent Pandiscio told the Committee of a recent telephone conversation he had with Paxton Town Administrator Charles Blanchard and he also referenced a letter he had addressed to Paxton Selectboard Chair Frederick Goodrich, a copy of which is in his February 5, 2009 Report.

Members were provided with the agenda and a packet of materials to review along with the discussion of the FY10 budget (attachment 2). The Superintendent explained the difficulty of holding budget talks in the light of the fact there is no budget yet in place. The Superintendent spoke of the economic difficulties being felt across the state. Superintendent Pandiscio addressed the Committee, reviewing and explaining the various spreadsheets, and answering questions as they arose.

9:25 AM Member Plourde left the table.

9:26 AM Member Plourde returned to the table.

10:00 AM Member Carter left the table.

10:03 AM Member Carter returned to the table.

10:11 AM Member Pelczarski left the table.

10:15 AM Member Pelczarski returned to the table.

10:20 AM Member Conrad left the table.

10:22 AM Member Conrad returned to the table.

10:27 AM Member Sherman left the table.

10:29 AM Member Sherman returned to the table.

The group took a ten minute break at 11:00 AM.

Member Nunnari queried if the Superintendent would be seeking School Committee authorization(s)/vote(s) at this time, to which the Superintendent answered no.

11:45 AM Ms. Call left the meeting.

11:59 AM Member Bazinet left the meeting.

Motion: To adjourn.

(M. Sherman)  
(M. James)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
John Nunnari  
Thomas Ackerman  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
Shirley Conrad

Steven Hammond  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Mark James  
Duncan Leith  
Michael Pantos  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Michael Sherman  
Joseph Sova

*Opposed:*  
None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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