

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING

Minutes

Annual Budget Hearing

Monday, February 12, 2018

7:00 PM

Media Center

Wachusett Regional High School

1401 Main Street, Holden

Wachusett Regional School District Committee

Kenneth Mills, Chair	Amy Michalowski
Christina Smith, Vice-chair	Benjamin Mitchel
Scott Brown	Jon Edward Novak
Thomas Curran	Michael Rivers
Stephen Godbout	Asima Silva
Susan Hitchcock	Robin Van Liew
Robert Imber	Megan Weeks
Sarah LaMountain	Charles Witkes
Linda Long-Bellil	Adam Young
Lauren Maldonado	

Committee Members Absent:

Michael Dennis	Matthew Lavoie
Harriet Fradellos	

Committee Members Participating Remotely:

None

Administration Present:

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

Student Representatives Present:

Philip Baird

I. Call to Order

Chair Mills called the Annual Budget Hearing to order at 7:11 PM. He announced the meeting was being recorded and will be shown on

HoldenTV.com and on Channel 194. He outlined how the Annual Budget Hearing would proceed, with a brief presentation on the FY19 budget, followed by the opportunity for a question and answer period.

II. Presentation of the *Proposed FY19 Appropriation*

Chair Mills turned the meeting over to Superintendent McCall. Superintendent McCall invited Deputy Superintendent Berlo, Director of Business and Finance Scanlon, Director of Human Resources Carlson, and Administrator of Special Education Merrick to the table. Members were provided with hard copies a PowerPoint presentation (attachment 1).

7:29 PM Member Van Liew left the table.

7:30 PM Vice-chair Smith left the table.

7:31 PM Member Van Liew returned to the table.

7:33 PM Vice-chair Smith returned to the table.

Superintendent McCall spoke to the slides in the presentation, giving a brief report/explanation of each. At the conclusion of Superintendent McCall's address, members were given the opportunity to ask questions about the FY19 budget proposal, which were answered by Superintendent McCall and other members of the executive staff. Several members of the Committee asked questions about the proposed FY19 Appropriation. Chair Mills encouraged School Committee members to attend meetings with Member Town officials, when the Superintendent and others from the Central Office will sit with town officials to review the FY19 budget proposal. Chair Mills reported the meetings are scheduled for February 13, 2018 (Rutland), February 21, 2018 (Sterling), February 22, 2018 (Holden), February 26, 2018 (Paxton), and March 5, 2018 (Princeton).

Chair Mills reminded members that the full School Committee will vote on the FY19 appropriation at the March 12, 2018 regular School Committee meeting, noting that a two-thirds vote in favor (15 affirmative votes) is required for the Committee to approve the proposed budget.

Some additional discussion ensued, with some additional questions being asked and answered.

III. Public Hearing

No members of the public wished to address the School Committee

IV. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the Annual Budget Hearing.

(M. Rivers)
(C. Smith)

Vote

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Christina Smith
Scott Brown
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Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

The Annual Budget Hearing adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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