

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Annual Budget Hearing

Monday, February 23, 2015  
7:00 PM

Media Center  
Wachusett Regional High School

*Committee Members Present:*

Lance Harris, Chair	Stacey Jackson
Robert Imber, Vice-chair	Julianne Kelley
Scott Brown	Sarah LaMountain
Thomas Curran	Robert McCarthy
Michael Dennis	Kenneth Mills
Matthew Ehrenworth	Steve Porter
Timothy Ethier	Barbara Renzoni
Harriet Fradellos	Christina Smith
Susan Hitchcock	Charles Witkes

*Committee Members Absent:*

Deidre Kosky	Brian Ruttle
Robert Remillard	Erik Scheinfeldt

*Committee Members Participating Remotely:*

None

*Administration Present:*

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

*Student Representatives Present:*

Linnea Budd	Liam Fritsche
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*Others present, who desired to be recorded as present (see attached Attendance Sheet – attachment 1).*

I. Call to Order

Chair Harris called the Annual Budget Hearing to order at 7:00 PM. He outlined how the Annual Budget Hearing would proceed.

II. Presentation of the *Proposed FY16 Appropriation*

Chair Harris turned the meeting over to Superintendent McCall. Superintendent McCall gave a brief update on the budget, both the status of the FY15 budget and the development of the FY16 budget. Superintendent McCall called members' attention to the FY16 Budget Narrative, attachment 3 of his Report (attachment 2). He pointed out the proposed budgets for the Instructional Support and the Operations & Maintenance lines have been increased slightly since the February 10, 2015 Budget Retreat. Superintendent McCall noted that state budget numbers have not yet been released, and explained that it is anticipated the state budget will be released on March 4, 2015. Since the state budget is unknown at this point, Superintendent McCall warned the Committee that the proposed FY16 appropriation numbers are projections at this time. Director of Business and Finance Scanlon approached the podium and began by reviewing FY16 Revenue, re-explaining numbers are projections awaiting the release of the state budget. Director Scanlon then went on to review the Expense appropriations, inviting members to ask questions any time during his address. Director Scanlon, with input from Superintendent McCall, reviewed each of the expense line items, with some members asking questions during this review. At the conclusion of the FY16 budget presentation, Chair Harris explained that when the Committee meets on March 16, 2015 the proposed FY16 budget will be discussed by the Committee and a motion to approve the FY16 Appropriation will be on the agenda for that meeting. Chair Harris explained that a two-thirds vote (15 votes in favor) is needed to approve the FY16 Appropriation. Chair Harris additionally explained that a special School Committee meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2015, in the event the Committee does not vote approval of the budget on March 16, 2015. Some members asked additional questions about the process.

III. Public Hearing

No members of the public wished to address the Committee.

IV. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the Annual Budget Hearing.

(K. Mills)  
(M. Ehrenworth)

Vote

*In favor:*

Lance Harris  
Robert Imber  
Scott Brown  
Thomas Curran  
Michael Dennis

Matthew Ehrenworth  
Timothy Ethier  
Harriet Fradellos  
Susan Hitchcock  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Sarah LaMountain  
Robert McCarthy  
Kenneth Mills  
Steve Poirter  
Barbara Renzoni  
Christina Smith  
Charles Witkes

*Opposed:*  
None

The motion passed unanimously.

The Annual Budget Hearing adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall  
Superintendent of Schools

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