

- A. Approval of the 1249th Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on February 10, 2014

Motion: To approve the 1249th regular meeting minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on February 10, 2014

(T. Curran)

(K. Mills)

The minutes were approved by consensus, with Members Brown, Clute, Ehrenworth, Kelley, McCarthy, and Ralli abstaining.

III. 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.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Harris opened his remarks by updating the Committee on the condition of a WRHS senior who had been involved in a car accident recently.

Member Mason reported on the passing of long time Mountaineer mascot Everett Walter Mason.

7:05 PM Member LaMountain returned to the table.

Looking ahead to Member Town elections in May, Chair Harris asked members whose terms expire in May 2014 to keep their towns and the School Committee Chair apprised as to their plans to seek re-election.

Chair Harris is hopeful that the School Committee will be able to address the motion on the School Committee agenda, under Unfinished Business, dealing with school choice at the March 10, 2014 School Committee meeting.

Chair Harris explained District administration will make a preliminary budget presentation at this meeting, that the Annual Budget Hearing will be held on March 10, 2014, and the full School Committee will vote on the FY15 budget at the regular meeting on March 17, 2014.

Chair Harris introduced Davis Hill Elementary School Principal Mark Aucoin, who addressed the School Committee and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Working as one - How professional development has helped to transform Davis Hill Elementary School into a TEAM* (attachment 3). At the conclusion of Mr. Aucoin's

address, members were given the opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Aucoin left the meeting at the end of the Q&A session.

Chair Harris explained that Superintendent McCall, Director Carlson, and Director Scanlon would be presenting the preliminary FY15 budget. Chair Harris asked that members hold questions until the conclusion of the presentation. Chair Harris also noted that he would limit the presentation and the questions and answer period to sixty minutes. Because of this planned one hour presentation, Chair Harris polled members to find out if there would be any objection to allowing the Student Representatives to make their reports before the start of the budget presentation. No members objected to this modification of the agenda.

7:35 PM Member Brown left the table.

B. Student Representatives (Nate Birnbaum, Jon O'Brien)

Student Representative Nate Birnbaum reported that Model U.N. would be traveling to San Francisco the week of March 3, 2014. Student Representative Jon O'Brien reported on a recent student debate.

7:38 PM Member Brown returned to the table.

Preliminary FY15 Budget Presentation

Directors Carlson and Scanlon approached the podium, while Superintendent McCall showed and spoke to the PowerPoint presentation (attachment 4). Members were provided with the FY15 Appropriations PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2-24-14 and the FY15 Assessments PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2-24-14 (attachments 5 & 6). At the conclusion of the budget presentation, Chair Harris asked members to list their question topics in order for him to organize the Q & A session. Many members had questions about the information presented.

8:25 PM Member Witkes left the table.

Questions continued.

8:27 PM Member Witkes returned to the table.

Discussion about the FY15 preliminary budget continued.

8:41 PM Student Representative O'Brien left the meeting.

Questions, answers, and discussion of the preliminary budget concluded.

C. Management Subcommittee (L. Harris, Chair, R. Imber, Vice-chair, S. Jackson, J. Mason, K. Mills, E. Scheinfeldt, M. Watson)

Chair Harris reported the Management Subcommittee has not met since the last School Committee meeting.

1. Draft Policy – 1610.1 **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation Remote Participation** – second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of 1610.1 **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation Remote Participation**, waiving the reading.

(R. Imber)
(M. Watson)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Lisa Call
William Clute
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Sarah LaMountain
Matthew Lindberg
James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Tiffany Ralli
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Margaret Watson
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Education Subcommittee (R. Imber, Chair, M. Watson, Vice-chair, L. Call, R. Remillard, C. Smith)

Education Subcommittee Chair Imber reported on the meeting of the Education Subcommittee which took place just before this regular School Committee meeting. Subcommittee Chair Imber reported the subcommittee is

working on development of a school choice policy. Subcommittee Chair Imber reminded the full Committee that a visiting team from NEASC (New England Association of Schools & Colleges) will be at WRHS March 9 – 12, 2014, and that time will be set aside for members of the visiting team to meet with members of the School Committee.

The Education Subcommittee will meet next on March 10, 2014 at 5:15 PM.

- E. Business/Finance Subcommittee (E. Scheinfeldt, Chair, W. Clute, Vice-chair, J. Kelley, S. LaMountain, J. Mason, R. McCarthy, B. Renzoni, C. Smith, C. Witkes)

Business/Finance Subcommittee Chair Scheinfeldt reported on meetings of the Business/Finance Subcommittee held February 12, 2014 and February 24, 2014. Subcommittee Chair Scheinfeldt expects the Business/Finance Subcommittee will meet some time before the next regular School Committee meeting on March 10th.

- F. Legal Affairs Subcommittee (K. Mills, Chair, M. Lindberg, Vice-chair, S. Brown, M. Ehrenworth, J. Kelley)

Subcommittee Chair Mills reported this subcommittee will meet next on March 5th.

1. Draft Policy – 3911 **Policy Relating to Education Standardized Testing** – second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of 3911 **Policy Relating to Education Standardized Testing**, waiving the reading.

(K. Mills)

(S. Brown)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris

Robert Imber

Scott Brown

Lisa Call

William Clute

Thomas Curran

Matthew Ehrenworth

Stacey Jackson

Julianne Kelley

Deidre Kosky

Sarah LaMountain

Matthew Lindberg

James Mason

Robert McCarthy

Kenneth Mills
Tiffany Ralli
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Margaret Watson
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

- G. Facilities & Security Subcommittee (J. Mason, Chair, M. Ehrenworth, Vice-chair, W. Clute, M. Lindberg, R. McCarthy, R. Remillard)

Subcommittee Chair Mason reported on the February 11, 2014 meeting of this subcommittee and told that the next meeting of this subcommittee will be February 25, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

- H. Audit Advisory Board (J. Kelley, Chair, T. Ralli)

AAB Chair Kelley reported a meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

- I. Ad Hoc Subcommittees

1. Superintendent Screening Subcommittee

Chair Harris will schedule a final meeting of this ad hoc subcommittee, to approve meeting minutes, after which the subcommittee will be discharged.

- J. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee (M. Watson)

Member Watson reported on the February 11, 2014 meeting of the Mountview Building Committee. She reported the Building Committee will meet next on March 18, 2014.

2. Green Repair School Building Committee

No report was made.

8:52 PM Member Clute left the table.

- K. School Council Reports:

Central Tree Middle School (J. Kelley), Chocksett Middle School (S. LaMountain), Davis Hill Elementary School (C. Smith), Dawson Elementary School (D. Kosky), Glenwood Elementary School (R. Remillard), Houghton Elementary School (L. Call), Mayo Elementary School (T. Curran), Mountview Middle School (M. Watson), Naquag Elementary School (M. Ehrenworth), Paxton Center School (W. Clute), Thomas Prince School (R. Imber/M. Lindberg), Wachusett Regional High School (K. Mills), Special Education Parent Advisory Council (S. Jackson), Early Childhood Center (J. Mason)

Dawson Elementary School – Member Kosky

Naquag Elementary School – Member Ehrenworth

8:57 PM Member Clute returned to the table.

Mountview Middle School – Member Watson

VI. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

At Member Jackson's inquiry, Superintendent McCall and Director Scanlon gave an update on the audit being performed by the State Auditor's Office. Member Kelley had a question about insurance information contained in Director Scanlon's report.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

1. To approve the appropriation of Massachusetts School Building Authority funds in the amount of \$296,736 to the Town of Holden for reimbursement for Mountview Middle School

Motion: To approve the appropriation of Massachusetts School Building Authority funds in the amount of \$296,736 to the Town of Holden for reimbursement for Mountview Middle School

(M. Watson)
(R. McCarthy)

Vote:

In favor:

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Sarah LaMountain
Matthew Lindberg
James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Tiffany Ralli
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Margaret Watson
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Public Hearing

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

VIII. New Business

There was no new business brought before the School Committee.

IX. Unfinished Business

Motion: The Wachusett Regional School District shall not participate in school choice for the 2014-2015 school year.

X. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

(R. McCarthy)
(R. Remillard)

Vote:

In favor:

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Robert Remillard
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Erik Scheinfeldt
Margaret Watson
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

DM:rlp