

The minutes were approved by consensus, with Member Smith 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 explained how the School Committee vote on the FY15 Appropriation would be conducted at the regular School Committee meeting on March 17, 2014. Chair Harris encouraged members to attend the meeting and he explained that fifteen votes in favor (two-thirds of the Committee membership) are needed to pass the vote on the budget. Chair Harris explained that at the March 17, 2014 meeting School Committee members will be given the opportunity to ask questions before voting on the budget, and he will call on members in random order.

Chair Harris wished the WRHS hockey team good luck as they play in district finals.

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

Student Representative Jon O'Brien reported members of Model U.N. have returned from a trip to San Francisco. He also reported a debate will be held on March 20th – Young Democrats/Young Republicans. He too mentioned the hockey team playing in the finals. Student Representative Nate Birnbaum made mention of funds being available for the purchase of textbooks.

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.

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 will be forwarding three policies (one new and two amended) to the full School Committee for a first reading on March 17, 2014. At Member

Kelley's request, Education Subcommittee Chair Imber reviewed the draft policy addressing school choice. At member LaMountain's request, Education Subcommittee Chair Imber reviewed proposed amendments to AP6590 *Policy Relating to Pupil Services Athletic Participation and Other Extracurricular Participation.*

- 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 this subcommittee will meet next on Monday, March 17, 2014, at 5:30 PM. He asked that any members of the School Committee who would want to share comments or ask questions about the FY15 budget contact him before the March 17th meetings.

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

Subcommittee Chair Mills reported on the March 5, 2014 meeting of this subcommittee. He reported the subcommittee had interviewed representatives from three law firms. The Legal Affairs Subcommittee will be reviewing the FLLAC Agreement at its next meeting, which will be March 24, 2014 at 7:00 PM. Subcommittee Chair Mills reported briefly on contract negotiations.

7:40 PM Member Call left the table.

- 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 meeting of this subcommittee that took place just before this regular School Committee meeting. He reported that the roof on the Early Childhood Center building will be replaced this summer, beginning just after the last day of school. He explained that the ECC summer programs will be relocated for the time the roof project is underway.

7:42 PM Member Call returned to the table.

- 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 reported this ad hoc subcommittee will meet on March 17, 2014 at 6:30 PM to approved meeting minutes, after which time he will discharge the ad hoc subcommittee.

Chair Harris also reported that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Negotiation the Superintendent's Contract will meet on March 17th to approve minutes, after which time he will discharge the subcommittee.

Chair Harris reported the Collaborative Budget Task Force is scheduled to meet on March 11, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Curriculum Center.

7:44 PM Member LaMountain left the meeting.

J. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee (M. Watson)

Member Watson reported the Mountview Building Committee will meet next on March 18, 2014.

2. Green Repair School Building Committee

No report was made.

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)

Mayo Elementary School – Member Curran

Early Childhood Center – Member Mason

SEPAC – Member Jackson

WRHS – Member Mills

Davis Hill Elementary School – Member Smith

Naquag Elementary School – Member Ehrenworth

VI. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

Superintendent McCall extended congratulations to Holden Police Chief David Armstrong who was sworn in as Chief this date.

Superintendent McCall spoke about the opening day of the NEASC visit to Wachusett Regional High School on Sunday, March 9th. Member Mason recognized the members who met with the NEASC visiting team representatives on March 9th – Members Curran, Harris, Imber, Mason, and Renzoni. Superintendent McCall reminded the Committee the NEASC visit would conclude on Wednesday, March 12th.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

There were no recommendations requiring action brought before the School Committee.

VII. Public Hearing

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

VIII. Unfinished Business

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

Motion: To take off the table the motion that the Wachusett Regional School District shall not participate in school choice for the 2014-2015 school year.

(J. Mason)

(K. Mills)

Vote

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Lisa Call
William Clute
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Matthew Lindberg
James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills

Tiffany Ralli
Barbara Renzoni
Robert Remillard
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Margaret Watson
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Harris explained the motion is now back on the floor for consideration. Chair Harris asked Member Kelley, the maker of the motion, to speak to the motion. Member Kelley explained the intent of her motion. Chair Harris re-read the motion. Chair Harris explained that a vote in favor would defeat the motion; a vote opposed would leave the current status of school choice in place.

Vote
In favor:
None

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

The motion failed unanimously.

Motion: That the Superintendent present his recommendation about school choice participation for the 2014-2015 school year to the full School Committee at the April 28, 2014 regular School Committee meeting.

(J. Kelley)
(K. Mills)

Vote

In favor:

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

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

IX. New Business

Motion: That the School Committee Chair appointed an ad hoc subcommittee to develop the implementation of full-day kindergarten District-wide.

X. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

(R. McCarthy)
(R. Remillard)

Vote

In favor:

Lance Harris

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

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

DM:rlp