

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING

Minutes

Regular Meeting #1267 Monday, March 16, 2015
7:00 PM

Media Center
Wachusett Regional High School
1401 Main Street, Holden

Committee Members Present:

Lance Harris, Chair	Julianne Kelley
Robert Imber, Vice-chair	Sarah LaMountain (7:03 PM)
Scott Brown	Robert McCarthy
Thomas Curran	Kenneth Mills
Michael Dennis	Steve Porter
Matthew Ehrenworth	Barbara Renzoni
Timothy Ethier	Robert Remillard
Harriet Fradellos	Erik Scheinfeldt
Susan Hitchcock	Christina Smith
Stacey Jackson	Charles Witkes

Committee Members Absent:

Deidre Kosky	Brian Ruttle
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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).

Chair Harris called the regular meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:01 PM.

I. Public Hearing

Peter Bogren, Paxton, addressed the School Committee.

7:03 PM Member LaMountain joined the meeting.

II. Motion: To enter Executive Session to discuss strategy for contract negotiations with all bargaining units (SEUI Local 888 – ABA Program Assistants, Teamsters Union Local 170 (paraprofessionals), Wachusett Cafeteria Association, Wachusett Administrators' Association, AFSCME, Council 93, Local 2885 – Custodial Employees, AFSCME, Council 93, Local 2885 – Clerical Employees, Wachusett Regional Nurses Association, Wachusett Regional Education Association), to reconvene in public session

(M. Ehrenworth)

(S. Brown)

Roll call 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 Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

Motion passed unanimously.

The School Committee entered executive session at 7:07 PM

Member Remillard was not at the table.

The School Committee reconvened in open session at 7:37 PM.

III. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Harris explained the process to be followed when the Committee votes on the FY16 Appropriation. Members would be given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments, being called upon in order by randomized listing.

IV. Student Representatives Reports

Student Representative Fritsche reported on recent SAT testing, upcoming MCAS and Advanced Placement exams, and trips being planned for various high school groups and teams. Student Representative Budd reported on a recent Student Council trip to Hyannis.

V. Superintendent's Report

At Chair Harris' request, members agreed to alter the meeting agenda, moving Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee before Discussion of Report.

A. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

Motion: To approve the FY16 Appropriation of \$84,159,399, with assessments to the Member Towns of

Holden	\$23,635,086
Paxton	\$ 5,951,510
Princeton	\$ 4,444,500
Rutland	\$10,149,185
Sterling	\$10,465,349

(R. Imber)

(E. Scheinfeldt)

Members were provided with copies of a DRAFT FY 2016 Budget Information document (attachment 2).

At Chair Harris' invitation, Business/Finance Subcommittee Chair Renzoni reported on recent meetings of the Business/Finance Subcommittee and reviewed the development of the FY16 budget.

Referencing a randomized list, Chair Harris called upon members and gave them the opportunity to ask questions about the proposed budget and to make comments:

Vice-chair Imber
 Member McCarthy – no comment
 Member Jackson
 Member Dennis
 Member Brown
 Member LaMountain
 Member Curran
 Member Smith
 Member Fradellos
 Member Ethier
 Member Mills
 Member Witkes

Member Kelley
Member Porter
Member Renzoni
Member Ehrenworth

8:08 PM Member Kelley left the table.

Member Scheinfeldt

8:10 PM Member Kelley returned to the table.

Member Hitchcock
Chair Harris

Chair Harris gave members the opportunity to make additional comments or ask additional questions. No members had additional comments or questions.

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

Harriet Fradellos
Julianne Kelley

The motion passed 17-2.

Motion: To approve the appropriation of Massachusetts School Building Authority funds in the amount of \$363,266 to the Town of Holden for reimbursement for Mountview Middle School

(R. McCarthy)
(E. Scheinfeldt)

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 Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the School Calendar for School Year 2015-2016

(R. McCarthy)

(S. Porter)

Member Kelley asked that District administration poll parents and staff to see if there might be interest in combining the February and April school vacation weeks in school year 2016-2017. Member Kelley asked that the School Committee be kept involved in any such discussions.

8:32 PM Member Scheinfeldt left the table

Discussions about the proposed 2015-2016 school calendar as well as discussions about Member Kelley's request ensued.

8:35 PM Member Scheinfeldt returned to the table.

8:36 PM Member Remillard returned to the meeting.

Member Mills asked that the Member Towns be approached about the possibility of holding elections in town buildings other than schools.

Discussion continued.

Vote:

In favor:

Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

Thomas Curran
Julianne Kelley

Abstained:

Lance Harris

The motion passed 17-2-1.

B. Discussion of Report

Superintendent McCall thanked the Committee for supporting the FY16 budget.

8:45 PM Student Representative Budd left the meeting.

Member Kelley spoke about Holden Town Manager Kelly's request to Superintendent McCall that the School Committee consider taking action that would make transferring of Massachusetts School Building Authority funds from the District to the towns on a more timely basis. While Member Kelly would not object to such action, she warned that District Auditors would likely be opposed to such action. Member Kelley asked that the Management Subcommittee consider adding warrant signing authority to other School Committee members, perhaps former members of the Business/Finance Subcommittee, in addition to those who are on the Business/Finance Subcommittee. Superintendent McCall reported Director Scanlon is looking into an electronic document signing program.

The enrollment numbers that were included in the Superintendent's Report were briefly reviewed.

Superintendent McCall gave an update on the principal searches. He reported that finalist interviews for the Thomas Prince School position have concluded and he is hoping to have a decision made shortly. Superintendent McCall gave an overview of the interview schedules for the Chocksett Middle School and the Dawson Elementary School positions. Superintendent McCall confirmed reinstating the Chocksett principal is included in the FY16 budget.

At Member Renzoni's inquiry, Superintendent McCall confirmed the new positions being proposed in the FY16 budget are guidance counselor positions.

VI. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business brought before the School Committee.

VII. Secretary's Report

A. Approval of Minutes of WRSDC Annual Budget Hearing held on February 23, 2015

Motion: To approve minutes of the WRSDC Annual Budget Hearing held on February 23, 2015.

(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 Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Robert Remillard

Erik Scheinfeldt

The minutes were approved 18-0-2.

- B. Approval of 1266th Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on February 23, 2015

Motion: To approve minutes of the regular meeting of the WRSDC held on February 23, 2015.

(S. Jackson)

(M. Dennis)

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 Porter

Barbara Renzoni

Christina Smith

Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Robert Remillard

Erik Scheinfeldt

The minutes were approved 18-0-2.

VIII. 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.

IX. Committee Reports

- A. Management Subcommittee (L. Harris, Chair, R. Imber, Vice-chair, K. Mills, Barbara Renzoni, E. Scheinfeldt)

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

8:52 PM Member Kelley left the meeting.

- B. Education Subcommittee (R. Imber, Chair, C. Smith, Vice-chair, T. Ethier, H. Fradellos, R. Remillard)

Subcommittee Chair Imber reported this subcommittee had met immediately before this School Committee meeting and that WRHS Principal Beando and members of the high school Guidance Department had made a presentation to the subcommittee on class rank vs percentiles. He reported when the subcommittee meets on March 30, 2015 the subcommittee will be discussing an allergy policy and field trip procedures.

Motion: To approve the second reading of amended Policy 6531.1 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Social Media**, waiving the reading.

(R. Imber)

(T. Ethier)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills

Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the second reading of amended Policy 6532 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Videotaping and Photographing of District Students**, waiving the reading.

(R. Imber)

(T. Ethier)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the second reading of draft Policy 6611 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Student Immunizations**, waiving the reading.

(S. Jackson)

(H. Fradellos)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Business/Finance Subcommittee (B. Renzoni, Chair, M. Dennis, Vice-chair, S. Jackson, B. Ruttle, C. Witkes)

Subcommittee Chair Renzoni reported the Business/Finance Subcommittee has met twice since the last School Committee meeting.

8:58 PM Student Representative Fritsche left the meeting.

With Chair Harris' consent, Member Ethier distributed a statement regarding the Leominster Credit Union, which he spoke to and explained he will be bringing a motion before the School Committee at the March 30, 2015 meeting (attachment 3). Brief discussion ensued.

Motion: To approve the second reading of amended Policy 4713.1 **Policy Relating to Budget/Finance Audit Advisory Board**, waiving the reading

(B. Renzoni)

(T. Curran)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Legal Affairs Subcommittee Chair Mills reported members of this subcommittee have been “consumed by collective bargaining” the past several months.

- E. Facilities & Security Subcommittee (E. Scheinfeldt, Chair, R. McCarthy, Vice-chair, T. Curran, S. LaMountain, S. Porter)

Facilities & Security Subcommittee Chair Scheinfeldt report this subcommittee will be bringing policy amendments to the next meeting of the School Committee.

- F. Audit Advisory Board (J. Kelley, Chair)

AAB Chair Kelley reported the AAB has not met since the last School Committee meeting.

- G. Collaborative Budget Task Force (S. Jackson, Chair, R. Imber, S. Hitchcock, J. Keley, B. Renzoni)

Collaborative Budget Task Force Chair Jackson reported the task force will meet on March 18, 2015.

H. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review Evaluation and Hiring Policy (K. Mill, Chair, R. Remillard, Vice-chair, S. Brown, M. Ehrenworth, C. Smith)

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Chair Mills reported this subcommittee will meet again after the currently ongoing principal searches have been completed.

I. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee

Member McCarthy updated the Committee on progress being made on the Mountview project. He reported an April 2016 opening is still the target date.

J. School Council Reports:

Central Tree Middle School (TBD), Chocksett Middle School (S. LaMountain), Davis Hill Elementary School (C. Smith), Dawson Elementary School (D. Kosky), Glenwood Elementary School (TBD), Houghton Elementary School (TBD), Mayo Elementary School (T. Curran), Mountview Middle School (S. Brown), Naquag Elementary School (M. Ehrenworth), Paxton Center School (TBD), Thomas Prince School (R. Imber/B. Ruttle), Wachusett Regional High School (E. Scheinfeldt), Special Education Parent Advisory Council (S. Jackson), Early Childhood Center (TBD)

Naquag Elementary School – Member Ehrenworth

9:10 PM Member LaMountain left the meeting.

SEPAC – Member Jackson

Paxton Center School – Member Renzoni

Mayo Elementary School – Member Curran

Davis Hill Elementary School – Member Smith

IX. Public Hearing

Matthew Lavoie, Rutland, addressed the School Committee.

X. New Business

Member Fradellos reported on the March 12, 2015 Special Olympics held at WRHS, commending and thanking all who worked on this event. Superintendent McCall

encouraged members to attend the 2016 Special Olympics, noting his attending the March 12th event was the highlight of his month! Superintendent McCall also thanked all who were involved with coordinating the event.

Member Scheinfeldt noted that Director of Business and Finance Scanlon's contract expires the end of June 2015.

XI. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

(M. Ehrenworth)

(S. Brown)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools