

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting #1295 Monday, March 27, 2017  
7:00 PM

Media Center  
Wachusett Regional High School  
1401 Main Street, Holden

*Wachusett Regional School District Committee*

Kenneth Mills, Chair	Jon Edward Novak
Scott Brown	Steve Porter
Thomas Curran	Barbara Renzoni
Harriet Fradellos (7:02 PM)	Michael Rivers
Stacey Jackson	Asima Silva
Matthew Lavoie	Christina Smith
Linda Long-Bellil	Megan Weeks
Lauren Maldonado	Charles Witkes
Robert McCarthy (7:03 PM)	Adam Young

*Committee Members Absent:*

Robert Imber, Vice-chair	Susan Hitchcock
Michael Dennis	Sarah LaMountain

*Committee Members Participating Remotely:*

None

*Administration Present:*

Darryll McCall, Superintendent of Schools  
Robert Berlo, Deputy Superintendent  
Jeff Carlson, Director of Human Resources  
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

*Student Representatives Present:*

Alyssa Stark	Chloe Tolderlund
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*Others present, who desired to be recorded as present (see attached Attendance Sheet – attachment 1).*

Chair Mills called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Chair Mills reported the meeting was not airing live, but was streaming.

I. Public Hearing

7:02 PM Member Fradellos joined the meeting.

Andy Meier of Rutland, joined at the podium by student wrestlers Noah Preston, 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Mayo Elementary School, Mike Gregoire, 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Mayo Elementary

School, Sam Hartley, 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Central Tree Middle School, Ryan Meier, 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Glenwood Elementary School, and Matt DiVito, 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Summit Academy, addressed the Committee.

7:03 PM Member McCarthy joined the meeting.

Following Mr. Meier's address, many members of the Committee asked questions about the proposed wrestling program. Superintendent McCall reported he would be meeting with WRHS Principal Beando and Athletic Director Jennifer Lynch on April 6, 2017 to discuss the request to begin a wrestling program in the District.

II. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Mills thanked Mr. Meier and the student athletes for their attendance at the meeting.

III. Student Representatives' Reports (Alyssa Stark, Chloe Tolderlund)

Student Representative Stark reported on the upcoming performances of *Hello Dolly*, at the high school on March 31, April 1, and April 2, 2017. She also reported the third quarter is wrapping up and seniors are beginning their last term as Wachusett students.

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

Superintendent McCall took the opportunity to thank all who participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Special Olympics held at WRHS on March 16, 2017, including Member Fradellos who helped coordinate and plan the event.

Superintendent McCall reported he met with staff of Central Tree Middle School on March 22, 2017, to explain the process and the timeline for the principal search.

Chair Mills reported School Committee action on school choice participation has been deferred until the April 12, 2017 School Committee meeting. School Committee members will be provided with data, details, and other information such as seat availability at grade levels and budget implications that must be considered when acting on this matter.

Chair Mills spoke about this year's evaluation of the Superintendent, letting the Committee know that after consideration by the Management Subcommittee, it was decided this year's evaluation of the Superintendent should be completed by the current School Committee and that he is looking to have this task completed at the April 24, 2017 meeting of the Committee, which will be the last meeting before annual town elections. At the conclusion of the 2016-2017 evaluation of the Superintendent,

Chair Mills is hopeful the Committee will be able to be on a more timely schedule as it relates to Superintendent goal setting, etc. Chair Mills reviewed the timeline for this year's evaluation, letting members know Superintendent McCall will share his evaluation narrative, goals update, and the evaluation rubric on April 3, 2017. Members are asked to return their completed evaluation rubric by April 12, 2017. Chair Mills reminded members that evaluation submissions are part of the public record. Chair Mills will tabulate member submissions and will prepare the annual evaluation for School Committee review and then a vote at the April 24, 2017 regular meeting.

Member Young wanted to add to Superintendent McCall's comments about this year's Special Olympics, reporting the event was "awesome and flawless."

Member Young pointed out that the FY18 assessment letter to the Town of Sterling contained an error.

Member Lavoie had questions about school choice participation and requested specific details about class size, seat availability, etc. be provided to the School Committee in advance of the April 12, 2017 meeting.

Member Fradellos also spoke about the Special Olympics event, reporting over 100 volunteers were working that morning.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

Motion: To approve the 2017-2018 School Year Calendar  
(T. Curran)  
(S. Porter)

The draft 2017-2018 calendar was reviewed and some members had questions. Deputy Superintendent Berlo approached the podium and briefly reported on discussions that took place at meetings of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review the School Calendar.

Vote:

*In favor:*

Scott Brown  
Harriet Fradellos  
Stacey Jackson  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Lauren Maldonado  
Robert McCarthy  
Jon Edward Novak  
Steve Porter

Barbara Renzoni  
Michael Rivers  
Asima Silva  
Christina Smith  
Charles Witkes  
Adam Young

*Opposed:*

Thomas Curran  
Megan Weeks

*Abstained:*

Kenneth Mills

The motion was approved 15-2-1.

Motion: To affirm accuracy of Policy 6613.2 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Athletic Concussion Policy**

(R. McCarthy)

(S. Brown)

Superintendent McCall explained this is an annual requirement, and he has been assured this policy accurately reflects Wachusett concussion protocols.

Vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills  
Scott Brown  
Thomas Curran  
Harriet Fradellos  
Stacey Jackson  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Lauren Maldonado  
Robert McCarthy  
Jon Edward Novak  
Steve Porter  
Barbara Renzoni  
Michael Rivers  
Asima Silva  
Christina Smith  
Megan Weeks  
Charles Witkes  
Adam Young

*Opposed:*

None

The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business brought before the Committee.

VI. Secretary's Report

A. Approval of 1294<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on March 13, 2017

Motion: To approve minutes of the regular meeting of the WRSDC held on March 13, 2017

(S. Porter)

(S. Jackson)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills  
Scott Brown  
Harriet Fradellos  
Stacey Jackson  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Lauren Maldonado  
Robert McCarthy  
Jon Edward Novak  
Steve Porter  
Barbara Renzoni  
Michael Rivers  
Asima Silva  
Christina Smith  
Megan Weeks  
Charles Witkes  
Adam Young

*Opposed:*

None

*Abstained:*

Thomas Curran

The minutes were approved 17-0-1.

VII. Treasurer's Report/Financial Statements

Chair Mills 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.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Management Subcommittee (K. Mills, Chair, R. Imber, Vice-chair, S. Brown, B. Renzoni)

Earlier in the meeting, Chair Mills reported on the March 22, 2017 meeting of this subcommittee, when the Superintendent's evaluation process was discussed. He also reported a draft stipend policy is being developed and will be sent to counsel for review.

B. Education Subcommittee (R. Imber, Chair, C. Smith, Vice-chair, S. LaMountain, M. Lavoie, L. Maldonado, S. Porter, M. Rivers, A. Silva, M. Weeks)

In Subcommittee Chair Imber's absence, Vice-chair Smith reported this subcommittee had met immediately before this School Committee meeting. She reported the subcommittee has concluded development of a student residency policy, which will now be forwarded to District Counsel for review. Two policies dealing with high school requirements are being reviewed by the subcommittee, and a curriculum adoption policy is being drafted.

7:36 PM Member Young left the table.

Member Jackson had questions and remarks about the draft residency policy, specifically commenting on the need for some flexibility with move-in/move-out requirements.

C. Business/Finance Subcommittee (B. Renzoni, Chair, R. McCarthy, Vice-chair, M. Dennis, L. Long-Bellil, E. Novak, C. Witkes, A Young)

7:40 PM Member Young returned to the table.

Subcommittee Chair Renzoni gave a comprehensive report on the March 20, 2017 meeting of this subcommittee.

Motion: To approve the first reading of Amended Policy 4721 **Policy Relating to Business/Finance Student Activity Funds**, waiving the reading.

(B. Renzoni)

(C. Witkes)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills

Scott Brown  
Thomas Curran  
Harriet Fradellos  
Stacey Jackson  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Lauren Maldonado  
Robert McCarthy  
Jon Edward Novak  
Steve Porter  
Barbara Renzoni  
Michael Rivers  
Asima Silva  
Christina Smith  
Megan Weeks  
Charles Witkes  
Adam Young

*Opposed:*

None

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: To approve the first reading of Amended Policy 4721 **Policy Relating to Business/Finance Scholarship Funds**, waiving the reading.

(B. Renzoni)

(J. E. Novak)

Chair Mills declared the motion invalid, due to incorrect identification of amended policy.

Motion: To approve the first reading of Amended Policy 4290 **Policy Relating to Business/Finance Scholarship Funds**, waiving the reading.

(B. Renzoni)

(J. E. Novak)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills  
Scott Brown  
Thomas Curran  
Harriet Fradellos  
Stacey Jackson  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Lauren Maldonado  
Robert McCarthy  
Jon Edward Novak

Steve Porter  
Barbara Renzoni  
Michael Rivers  
Asima Silva  
Christina Smith  
Megan Weeks  
Charles Witkes  
Adam Young

*Opposed:*

None

The motion was approved unanimously.

- D. Legal Affairs Subcommittee (S. Brown, Chair, S. Hitchcock, Vice-chair, T. Curran, H. Fradellos, S. Jackson)

Subcommittee Chair Brown reported negotiations with the eight bargaining units are ongoing, and the full School Committee will be updated in executive session at the conclusion of this meeting.

- E. Audit Advisory Board (B. Renzoni, Chair, C. Witkes, Vice-chair)

AAB Chair Renzoni reported the Audit Advisory Board has not met since the last regular School Committee meeting.

- F. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review the School Calendar

Subcommittee Chair Smith reported the work of this subcommittee has concluded and the last meeting of this subcommittee will be scheduled to approve final minutes.

- G. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee

Member McCarthy reported this building committee has not met since the last School Committee meeting.

- H. School Council Reports:

Central Tree Middle School (E. Novak), Chocksett Middle School, Davis Hill Elementary School (A. Silva), Dawson Elementary School (A. Young), Glenwood Elementary School (M. Lavoie), Houghton Elementary School (M. Rivers), Mayo Elementary School (T. Curran), Mountview Middle School (S. Brown), Naquag Elementary School (C. Witkes), Paxton Center School (H.



Fradellos), Thomas Prince School (M. Weeks), Wachusett Regional High School (S. LaMountain), Special Education Parent Advisory Council (S. Jackson), Early Childhood Center (L. Maldonado)

Member Jackson - SEPAC

Member Witkes – Naquag Elementary School

Member Lavoie – Glenwood Elementary School to meet March 29, 2017

IX. Public Hearing

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

X. New Business

There was no new business brought before the School Committee.

XI. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn to executive to discuss strategy for contract negotiations with all bargaining units (SEIU 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), as the Chair deems a discussion in public session would have an adverse effect on the District's bargaining position, not to return to public session

(R. McCarthy)

(S. Brown)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills  
Scott Brown  
Thomas Curran  
Harriet Fradellos  
Stacey Jackson  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Lauren Maldonado  
Robert McCarthy  
Jon Edward Novak  
Steve Porter  
Barbara Renzoni  
Michael Rivers  
Asima Silva  
Christina Smith

Megan Weeks  
Charles Witkes  
Adam Young

*Opposed:*  
None

The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

DM:rlp