

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting #1282 Monday, March 28, 2016  
7:00 PM

Media Center  
Wachusett Regional High School  
1401 Main Street, Holden

*Committee Members Present:*

Lance Harris, Chair	Robert McCarthy
Robert Imber, Vice-chair	Kenneth Mills
Scott Brown	Jon Edward Novak
Thomas Curran	Steve Porter
Harriet Fradellos	Asima Silva
Susan Hitchcock	Christina Smith
Stacey Jackson	Megan Weeks
Linda Long-Bellil	Charles Witkes
Lauren Maldonado	Adam Young

*Committee Members Absent:*

Michael Dennis	Sarah LaMountain
Matthew Ehrenworth	Barbara Renzoni

*Committee Members Participating Remotely:*

None

*Administration Present:*

Darryll McCall, Superintendent of Schools  
Robert Berlo, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment  
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 meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

I. Public Hearing

Maureen Young, Holden resident and SEPAC Co-chair, read a prepared statement and distributed SEPAC information (attachment 2).

Vanessa Bumpus, Holden resident, read a prepared statement (attachment 3).

II. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Harris said he would forego opening remarks.

III. Student Representatives' Reports (Linnea Budd, Liam Fritsche)

Student Representative Budd reported spring sports tryouts are underway and that high school seniors are receiving college acceptance letters. When asked, Student Fritsche proudly reported he will be attending American University.

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

Member Novak asked when the 2016-2021 Technology Plan will be posted on the District website, to which the Superintendent responded it would be available on the website as soon as the next day.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

Motion: To support the *Resolution Calling for Full Funding of the Foundation Budget Review Commission's Recommendation*

(K. Mills)

(T. Curran)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Lance Harris  
Robert Imber  
Scott Brown  
Thomas Curran  
Harriet Fradellos  
Susan Hitchcock  
Stacey Jackson  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Lauren Maldonado  
Robert McCarthy  
Kenneth Mills  
Jon Edward Novak  
Steve Porter  
Asima Silva  
Christina Smith  
Megan Weeks  
Charles Witkes  
Adam Young

*Opposed:*

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To support the *Resolution Against Lifting the Cap on Commonwealth Charter Schools*

(T. Curran)

(K. Mills)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Lance Harris  
Robert Imber  
Scott Brown  
Thomas Curran  
Harriet Fradellos  
Susan Hitchcock  
Stacey Jackson  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Lauren Maldonado  
Robert McCarthy  
Kenneth Mills  
Steve Porter  
Asima Silva  
Christina Smith  
Megan Weeks  
Charles Witkes  
Adam Young

*Opposed:*

None

*Abstained:*

Jon Edward Novak

The motion passed 17-0-1.

V. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business brought before the School Committee.

VI. Secretary's Report

- A. Approval of 1281<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on March 14, 2016

Deferred

VII. 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.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Management Subcommittee (L. Harris, Chair, R. Imber, Vice-chair, S. Jackson, K. Mills)

Chair Harris reported this subcommittee has a meeting posted for April 14, 2016. Subcommittee Chair Harris gave a brief overview of the process for evaluating the Superintendent of Schools. He explained that in advance of the next regular School Committee meeting (April 11, 2016) Superintendent McCall will share with the full School Committee his self-evaluation and narrative, as well as the evaluation tool, and the full School Committee will review these documents at the regular School Committee meeting on April 11, 2016. Subcommittee Chair Harris further explained that all School Committee members will be asked to provide their input by noontime on Thursday, April 14, 2016, for consideration at the Management Subcommittee meeting that evening. The full School Committee will vote on the Superintendent's evaluation at the April 25, 2016 regular School Committee meeting.

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

Subcommittee Chair Imber reported on the meeting of this subcommittee, held before this meeting. He reported the subcommittee continued review and discussion of HB340 and, although the subcommittee did not come to consensus on supporting this Bill, House Bill 340 will be brought before the full School Committee at the April 11, 2016 meeting.

C. Business/Finance Subcommittee (S. Jackson, Chair, M. Dennis, Vice-chair, H. Fradellos, R. McCarthy, E. Novak, B. Renzoni, C. Witkes, A Young)

Business/Finance Subcommittee Chair Jackson reported this subcommittee will meet next on April 4, 2016.

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

Legal Affairs Subcommittee Chair Mills reported this subcommittee will meet next on April 27, 2016.

E. Audit Advisory Board

AAB Chair Jackson reported the FY15 audit has been completed and acceptance of the audit will be brought before the full School Committee at the April 11, 2016 meeting.

F. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review the Regional Agreement (S. Hitchcock, Chair, R. Imber, K. Mills, B. Renzoni, C. Witkes)

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Chair Hitchcock reported this subcommittee will meet at 6:00 PM on April 27, 2016, to prepare for May Annual Town Meetings.

G. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee

Member McCarthy reported the planned “opening day” for Mountview Middle School is Monday, April 11, 2016. Mountview Middle School will not be in session on April 8, 2016 and school staff will use that day to move from the current building to the new building.

H. School Council Reports:

Central Tree Middle School (J. E. Novak), Chocksett Middle School, Davis Hill Elementary School (A. Silva), Dawson Elementary School, Glenwood Elementary School, Houghton Elementary School, Mayo Elementary School (T. Curran), Mountview Middle School (S. Brown), Naquag Elementary School (M. Ehrenworth), Paxton Center School (H. Fradellos), Thomas Prince School (R. Imber/M. Weeks), Wachusett Regional High School (L. Maldonado), Special Education Parent Advisory Council (S. Jackson), Early Childhood Center

Member Weeks – March 24, 2016 Thomas Prince School

Member Silva – Davis Hill Elementary School

IX. Public Hearing

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

X. New Business

Member Novak thanked District administration for updating the FY17 Budget Book, and questioned when maintenance items would be added to the Budget Book. Member Novak also asked about the 1/12<sup>th</sup> budget process. Director Scanlon approached the podium and outlined the process followed when working under a 1/12<sup>th</sup> budget. Some discussion ensued and upon inquiry, Director

Scanlon confirmed that the District operating under a 1/12<sup>th</sup> budget is not sustainable for twelve months, though can be managed for the short term. When asked about staffing and if hiring of new staff would proceed forward or be held off, Superintendent McCall spoke about the anticipated retirement of 17 teachers, resulting in salary savings, helping his goal of holding onto current positions. Some additional discussion took place.

Vice-chair Imber asked if the Legal Affairs Subcommittee could look into contractual language addressing substitute employees, in response to the statement made by Mrs. Young during the first public hearing.

Member Smith thanked the Superintendent for providing information comparing like-size districts.

XI. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

(C. Witkes)  
(R. McCarthy)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Lance Harris  
Robert Imber  
Scott Brown  
Thomas Curran  
Harriet Fradellos  
Susan Hitchcock  
Stacey Jackson  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Lauren Maldonado  
Robert McCarthy  
Kenneth Mills  
Jon Edward Novak  
Steve Porter  
Asima Silva  
Christina Smith  
Megan Weeks  
Charles Witkes  
Adam Young

*Opposed:*

None

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

DM:rlp