

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting #1253 Monday, April 7, 2014

Media Center
Wachusett Regional High School
1401 Main Street, Holden

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Participating Remotely:

None

Committee Members Absent:

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:

Nate Birnbaum Jon O'Brien

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. Chair Harris asked the Committee's permission to amend the meeting agenda, moving Chair's Opening Remarks to the first item on the agenda. No Committee members objected.

- I. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Harris read a prepared statement, and referenced April 3, 2014 correspondence he received from Attorney Stonberg (attachments 2 & 3). Chair Harris explained he will call on speakers in the order they have signed in.

II. Public Hearing

Paula Atlas, representing Glenwood teaching staff, read a prepared statement (attachment 4)

Regina Lucas, Rutland, read a prepared statement (attachment 5)

Scott Fredrickson, Rutland, addressed the School Committee

Jaime L'Heureux, Rutland, addressed the School Committee

Robin Chapman, Jefferson, read a prepared statement (attachment 6)

Chris Mulry, Rutland, addressed the School Committee

Michael Hanagan, Rutland, addressed the School Committee

Tom Ryan, Holden, read a prepared statement (attachment 7)

Ed Novak, Rutland, read a prepared statement (attachment 8)

Sheila Dibb, Rutland, addressed the School Committee

Kim Arum, Rutland, read a prepared statement (attachment 9)

Lauren Maldonado, Rutland, read a prepared statement (attachment 10)

Louis Cornacchioli, Rutland, addressed the School Committee

7:55 PM Student Representative O'Brien left the table.

At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, Chair Harris thanked members of the public for their comments.

III. Secretary's Report

A. Approval of the 1252nd Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on March 17, 2014

Motion: To approve the 1252nd regular meeting minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on March 17, 2014

(M. Ehrenworth)

(K. Mills)

The minutes were approved by consensus, with Members Clute, Lindberg, and Ralli abstaining.

7:57 PM Member Mason left the table.

7:57 PM Member Brown left the table.

IV. 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.

V. Presentation to the School Committee – Mary Cringan, Principal, Thomas Prince School *STEAM @ TPS*

Chair Harris introduced TPS Principal Mary Cringan, who in turn introduced TPS Assistant Principal Karen Baer, and TPS teachers Terry Cote, Christina Mammone, Carrie Crowell, and Erin Dubzinski.

7:58 PM Member Remillard left the table.

7:58 PM Member Kosky left the table.

7:59 PM Member Mason returned to the table.

7:59 PM Member Kosky returned to the table.

7:59 PM Member Witkes left the table.

Principal Cringan enthusiastically spoke about the STEAM program at Thomas Prince School, showing a PowerPoint presentation (attachment 11). Principal Cringan invited each of the five TPS staff members to join her at the podium

8:00 PM Student Representative O'Brien returned to the table.

8:01 PM Member Scheinfeldt left the table.

8:02 PM Member Witkes returned to the table.

8:03 PM Member Scheinfeldt returned to the table.

8:05 PM Chair Harris left the table

8:06 PM Member Brown returned to the table.

8:06 PM Member Remillard returned to the table.

8:07 PM Member LaMountain left the table.

8:07 PM Chair Harris returned to the table.

8:11 PM Member LaMountain returned to the table.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions about the STEAM program.

8:23 PM Member Smith left the table.

8:30 PM Member Smith returned to the table.

When Principal Cringan and TPS staff concluded their presentation they were given a round of applause.

8:34 PM Member Call left the table.

8:34 Vice-chair Imber left the table.

VI. Committee Reports

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

Student Representative Nate Birnbaum reported on the April 4th Student Government Day in Boston, which both Student Representatives attended. He also reported that a senior class voter registration drive had been held.

8:35 PM Member Call returned to the table.

Student Representative O'Brien wanted the Committee to know that he is proud to be associated with a district where the public can voice their opinions at a School Committee meeting.

B. 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 will meet at 5:30 PM on Monday, April 28, 2014.

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

Report deferred until Education Subcommittee Chair returns to the table.

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

8:37 PM Vice-chair Imber returned to the table.

Business/Finance Subcommittee Chair Scheinfeldt reported this subcommittee will meet on Thursday, April 10, 2014. District Treasurer Dunbar will attend the April 10th meeting to discuss cash flow and to answer other questions the members may have. Subcommittee Chair Scheinfeldt asked members to email their questions to him and he would share them with Treasurer Dunbar in advance of the April 10th meeting.

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

Subcommittee Chair Imber announced this subcommittee will meet next on Wednesday, April 30, 2014, at 7:00 PM.

1. To approve the second reading of Draft Policy – 6130 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services School Choice**

Subcommittee Chair reported the full School Committee would not be acting on the second reading of Draft Policy 6130 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services School Choice** at this meeting, as the Education Subcommittee continues to edit the draft language.

2. Amended Policy – 6590 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Athletic Participation and Other Extracurricular Participation** – second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of Amended Policy 6590 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Athletic Participation and Other Extracurricular Participation**, waiving the reading.

(R. Imber)

(M. Lindberg)

Vote

In favor:

Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Lisa Call
William Clute
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Matthew Lindberg

James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Tiffany Ralli
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Christina Smith
Margaret Watson
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

Deidre Kosky
Sarah LaMountain
Erik Scheinfeldt

Abstained:

Lance Harris
Kenneth Mills

The motion passed 17-3-2.

3. Amended Policy – 3450 **Policy Relating to Education Non-discrimination of Educational Materials** – second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of Amended Policy 3450 **Policy Relating to Education Non-discrimination of Educational Materials**, 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
Christina Smith
Margaret Watson
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

8:42 PM Vice-chair Imber left the table.

- E. 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 April 16, 2014. He also reported he is hopeful Christine Lynch from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will be able to attend a School Committee meeting to make a presentation about collaboratives.

1. Amended Policy – 3911 **Policy Relating to Education Standardized Testing** – first reading

Motion: To approve the first reading of Amended Policy 3911 **Policy Relating to Education Standardized Testing**

(K. Mills)

(J. Kelley)

8:44 PM Member Imber returned to the table.

Subcommittee Chair Mills read aloud Amended Policy 3911 **Policy Relating to Education Standardized Testing**. Subcommittee Chair Mills explained the intent of the amendment to the recently adopted policy. Much discussion ensued.

8:56 PM Member Call left the table.

Discussion continued.

8:58 PM Member Call returned to the table.

Discussion continued.

Vote

In favor:

Scott Brown

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

Opposed:

Robert Imber
Deidre Kosky
Sarah LaMountain
Margaret Watson

Abstained:

Lance Harris

The motion passed 17-4-1.

9:09 PM Student Representative Birnbaum left the meeting.

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

1. Draft Policy – 4110.1 **Policy Relating to Budget/Finance Capital Budget** – first reading

Subcommittee Chair Mason read aloud the draft policy.

9:12 PM Member LaMountain left the table.

Subcommittee Chair Mason explained the intent of the draft policy.

9:13 PM Member LaMountain returned to the table.

The draft policy was discussed.

9:14 PM Student Representative O'Brien left the table.

Discussion continued

9:16 PM Student Representative O'Brien returned to the table.

Motion: To amend Draft Policy 4110.1 **Policy Relating to Budget/Finance Capital Budget** by adding a fourth bullet under Project Priorities, *D. Other infrastructure/grounds modifications and/or building*

(R. Imber)

(M. Ehrenworth)

Member McCarthy spoke about the priorities listed in the draft policy.

Vote

In favor:

Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Lisa Call
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Kenneth Mills
Erik Scheinfeldt
Margaret Watson
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

William Clute
Matthew Enrenworth
Sarah LaMountain
Matthew Lindberg
James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Tiffany Ralli
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni

Abstained:

Lance Harris
Thomas Curran
Christina Smith

The motion passed 10-9-3.

Motion: To approve the first reading of Draft Policy 4110.1 **Policy Relating to Budget/Finance Capital Budget**, as amended

(M. Ehrenworth)

(K. Mills)

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
Christina Smith
Margaret Watson
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

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

AAB Chair Kelley reported a quorum was not achieved on March 19, 2014, and that the next meeting has been scheduled for April 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

H. Ad Hoc Subcommittees

I. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee (M. Watson)

Member Watson reported on the March 18, 2014 meeting of the Mountview Building Committee. Member Watson reported that, to date, the project is on schedule. She further reported that the groundbreaking ceremony will take place on a Saturday morning in June, date to be determined.

9:26 PM Member LaMountain left the meeting.

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)

There were no School Council reports made.

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

Superintendent McCall spoke about the Diversity Training that principals participated in on April 3, 2014.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

Motion: To approve the appropriation of Massachusetts School Building Authority funds in the amount of \$158,286. to the Town of Holden for reimbursement for Mountview Middle School

(M. Watson)

(R. Imber)

Vote

In favor:

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

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

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the appropriation of Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education funds in the amount of \$55,202 to the Town of Rutland, funds awarded under the FY14 Foundation Reserve Program

(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
Deidre Kosky
Matthew Lindberg
James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Tiffany Ralli
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Margaret Watson
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

Member Kelley took a moment to publically thank Senator Brewer and Representative Ferguson for the work they have put into securing these funds.

Motion: To accept the Agreement of the FLLAC Educational Collaborative.

(R. Imber)
(M. Watson)

Superintendent McCall explained the process that needs to be followed when a school/district withdraws from the Collaborative.

Member Kelley put forward an amendment to the motion, adding the wording *for FY15, with notice of intent to discontinue contract effective June 30, 2015*. After short discussion, Chair Harris read aloud the amended motion.

Amended motion: To accept the Agreement of the FLLAC Educational Collaborative for FY15, with notice of intent to discontinue contract effective June 30, 2015.

(J. Kelley)
(M. Ehrenworth)

Legal Affairs Subcommittee Chair Mills spoke briefly about a discussion had by that subcommittee about the agreement with FLLAC.

9:35 PM Member Kelley left the meeting.

Some discussion ensued.

Motion: To table the motion to a date certain, April 28, 2014.

(M. Ehrenworth)
(R. McCarthy)

Vote

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Lisa Call
William Clute
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Stacey Jackson
Deidre Kosky

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

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

9:37 PM Superintendent McCall left the table.

Chair Harris explained that both motions, the original motion on the floor and the amended motion, will be included on the next full School Committee meeting agenda, under Unfinished Business.

Motion: To table action to authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement with the FLLAC Educational Collaborative on behalf of WRSDC to a time certain, April 28, 2014.

(K. Mills)
(M. Ehrenworth)

9:40 PM Superintendent McCall returned to the table.

Vote

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Lisa Call
William Clute
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Stacey Jackson
Deidre Kosky
Matthew Lindberg
James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Tiffany Ralli
Robert Remillard

Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Margaret Watson
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To authorize the reimbursement of fees related to attendance of WRSDC members at MASC Day on the Hill event, in accordance with Policy P1431, waiving the six-week notice

(J. Mason)
(L. Call)

Chair Harris spoke about two upcoming MASC events: Advocacy Saturday (April 12th) and Day on the Hill (April 29th). Members were advised to contact the Central Office if they are interested in being registered for either event.

Vote

In favor:

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

Opposed:
None

Abstained:

Lance Harris

The motion passed 19-0-1.

Motion: To accept a 1931 Henry Miller 5'8" Grand Piano, valued at \$7,000, donated to WRHS by the Vargas family of Stonington, Connecticut.

(R. Imber)
(M. Watson)

Vote

In favor:

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

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Public Hearing

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

IX. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business brought before the School Committee.

X. New Business

Student Representative O'Brien let the Committee know that there would be performances of *Little Shop of Horrors* at WRHS April 11, 12, and 13.

Member Remillard asked that the following be on the April 28, 2014 School Committee meeting agenda, under New Business: "The Management Subcommittee review the Superintendent processes that are currently in place for job evaluations and hiring and ensure that these processes have been followed."

There was some discussion about non-renewal of contracts, and Member Watson was able to provide some Wachusett history about the same.

Member Witkes asked that the following be on the April 28, 2014 School Committee agenda, under New Business: "Review of Policy 5221 **Policy Relating to Personnel Management Promotion, Recruitment, and Selection**"

Motion: To extend the meeting for thirty minutes, until 10:30 M.

(J. Mason)
(M. Watson)

Roll call vote

In favor:

Robert Imber
Scott Brown
William Clute
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Stacey Jackson
Deidre Kosky
Matthew Lindberg
James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Tiffany Ralli
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Christina Smith
Margaret Watson
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

Lisa Call
Erik Scheinfeldt

Abstained:

Lance Harris

The motion passed 17-2-1.

Additional discussion about contracts and non-renewals, and release of information took place. Chair Harris explained he has had conversations with Attorney Stonberg about these topics. At Member Ehrenworth's inquiry about a question for counsel, Chair Harris advised Member Ehrenworth to send him, electronically, his question(s) for counsel and Chair Harris would make contact with counsel.

XII. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn to executive session to discuss strategy for contract negotiations with union personnel (SEIU Local 888 – ABA Program Assistants and AFSCME Council 93 Local 2885 – Custodial Employees), as the Chair deems that a discussion in open session would be detrimental to the District's interests, and to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, as the Chair deems that a discussion in open session would be detrimental to the District's interests, not to reconvene in public session.

(K. Mills)
(T. Curran)

Roll call vote

In favor:

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

Opposed:

Deidre Kosky

The motion passed 19-1.

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 10:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

DM:rlp