

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting #1283 Monday, April 11, 2016
7:00 PM

Media Center
Wachusett Regional High School
1401 Main Street, Holden

Committee Members Present:

Lance Harris, Chair	Kenneth Mills
Robert Imber, Vice-chair	Jon Edward Novak
Scott Brown	Steve Porter
Thomas Curran	Barbara Renzoni
Matthew Ehrenworth	Asima Silva (7:03 PM)
Harriet Fradellos	Christina Smith
Stacey Jackson	Megan Weeks
Sarah LaMountain	Adam Young

Committee Members Absent:

Michael Dennis	Lauren Maldonado
Susan Hitchcock	Robert McCarthy
Linda Long-Bellil	Charles Witkes

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:

Liam Fritsche

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 (attachment 2).

7:03 PM Member Silva joined the meeting.

II. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Harris said he would forego opening remarks.

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

Student Representative Fritsche reported high school seniors are receiving college acceptance letters, and his peers asked that he let the School Committee know that the elimination of class rank has assisted students with college acceptances.

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

Chair Harris reported that some School Committee members have contacted him, indicating they feel the review of the Superintendent's self-evaluation and narrative is being rushed, and the important task of evaluating the Superintendent is not something that should be hurried. Chair Harris polled members, asking who would be in favor of reviewing Superintendent McCall's self-evaluation at the April 25, 2016 regular School Committee meeting, and a special meeting of the School Committee be scheduled for the first week of May. The general consensus was to review and discuss the Superintendent's self-evaluation at the April 25, 2016 School Committee meeting, evaluation submissions would be due to Chair Harris by April 28, 2016, and the Management Subcommittee would review the submissions at a meeting the evening of April 28, 2016. A special meeting of the School Committee will be posted for the first week of May, with the agenda topic to be the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools.

Member Mills had questions about information contained in Director of Business and Finance Scanlon's report. Director Scanlon approached the podium and addressed the questions posted by Member Mills.

When asked, Director Scanlon reported that the purchase order for a supply of door lock magnets has gone through and these magnets should be received shortly and distributed to schools.

Superintendent McCall reported on the move from the old Mountview Middle School to the new, informing the Committee he has heard rave reviews from both staff and students. Superintendent McCall gave a brief overview of the moving process and the first day in the school for students. He did report that currently parking on the site is limited and may be for the short term. Superintendent McCall noted an open house will likely be scheduled for sometime in the fall.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

1. Motion: To approve a resolution in support of Massachusetts House Bill 340, *An act relative to a moratorium on high stakes testing and PARCC.*
(R. Imber)
(K. Mills)

Chair Harris asked Education Subcommittee Chair Imber to speak to the motion. Subcommittee Chair Imber explained that the Education Subcommittee reviewed House Bill 340 at two Education Subcommittee meetings and the subcommittee could not come to consensus to support or not support HB340, which is the reason the motion is being brought before the full School Committee. Chair Harris then opened the floor for discussion. Many members of the Committee asked questions about the motion or shared their comments/opinions.

7:27 PM Member Smith left the table.

With no objection from the Committee, Chair Harris spoke to the motion.

7:28 PM Member Smith returned to the table.

Additional discussion ensued.

Motion: To call the question.

(M. Ehrenworth)
(S. LaMountain)

Chair Harris reminded the Committee the motion to call the question is not debatable.

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter

Barbara Renzoni
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks
Adam Young

Opposed:

Asima Silva

The motion passed 15-1.

Vote on main question:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks
Adam Young

Opposed:

Asima Silva

The motion passed 15-1.

2. Motion: To approve the 2015 Annual Report
(K. Mills)
(S. Jackson)

Members had been provided with a draft of the 2015 Annual Report with the April 8, 2016 Superintendent's Report (attachment 3).

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos

Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks
Adam Young

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business brought before the School Committee.

VI. Secretary's Report

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

Motion: To approve minutes of the regular meeting of the WRSDC held on March 14, 2016.

(A. Silva)
(T. Curran)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks
Adam Young

Opposed:
None

Abstained:
Harriet Fradellos

The minutes were approved 15-0-1.

B. Approval of 1282nd Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on March 28, 2016

Correction was made to the vote count on page 3; Member Novak to be recorded as abstaining on the vote.

Motion: To approve minutes, as corrected, of the regular meeting of the WRSDC held on March 28, 2016.

(T. Curran)
(K. Mills)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Harriet Fradellos
Stacey Jackson
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks
Adam Young

Opposed:
None

Abstained:
Matthew Ehrenworth
Sarah LaMountain
Jon Edward Novak
Barbara Renzoni

The minutes were approved 12-0-4.

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 the April 14, 2016 and April 25, 2016 meetings of the Management Subcommittee will be postponed until April 28, 2016 and May 3, 2016. The agenda items for both meetings will be the Superintendent's evaluation.

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. The subcommittee reviewed the 2016-2021 Technology Plan. Members who might have questions about the Technology Plan were encouraged to reach out to Deputy Superintendent Berlo.

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 on the April 4, 2016 meeting of the subcommittee and told that she is hoping to post the next meeting of this subcommittee for Tuesday, April 26, 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 Audit Advisory Board has not met since the last School Committee meeting.

Motion: To accept the *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for Independent Auditor's Report, Suggestions for Improvement in Accounting Procedures and Internal Control, and Financial Report Pursuant to OMB Circular A-333* prepared by Lynch, Malloy, Marini, LLP for fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

(S. Jackson)

(B. Renzoni)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks
Adam Young

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Update given earlier in the meeting.

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 Novak – Central Tree Middle School

Member Silva – Davis Hill Elementary School

IX. Public Hearing

Heidi Lahey, WREA President, thanked the School Committee for support of House Bill 340.

X. New Business

Member LaMountain asked if the Business/Finance Subcommittee could review the fee charged for school choice students to ride District buses.

XI. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

(A. Silva)

(T. Curran)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Kenneth Mills
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks
Adam Young

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

DM:rlp