

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting #1296  
Wednesday, April 12, 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
Sarah LaMountain	Asima Silva (7:35 PM)
Matthew Lavoie	Christina Smith
Linda Long-Bellil	Megan Weeks
Lauren Maldonado (7:09 PM)	Adam Young
Robert McCarthy (7:02 PM)	

*Committee Members Absent:*

Robert Imber, Vice-chair	Stacey Jackson
Michael Dennis	Michael Rivers
Harriet Fradellos	Charles Witkes
Susan Hitchcock	

*Committee Members Participating Remotely:*

None

*Administration Present:*

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

*Student Representatives Present:*

Alyssa Stark  
Chloe Tolderlund

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

Chair Mills called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

I. Public Hearing

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

II. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Mills spoke about the annual evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools. He noted that on April 3, 2017 Superintendent McCall had provided members with his Evaluation Narrative, with supporting documentation, and on April 5, 2017 members were provided with the evaluation rubric for completion, to give their input on evaluating the Superintendent. Chair Mills asked any members who had not yet submitted their completed rubric to do so as soon as possible, so that all School Committee member input could be included in this year's evaluation. Chair Mills informed the Committee that acceptance of the Superintendent's evaluation would be on the agenda of the April 24, 2017 regular School Committee meeting.

7:02 PM Member McCarthy joined the meeting.

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

Student Representative Stark reported students in Honors Music would be traveling to New York City after vacation week, and Student Representative Tolderlund happily reported there are 25 school days remaining for high school seniors.

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

Superintendent McCall took the opportunity to speak about school choice and District participation for the 2017-2018 school year. He referenced information shared in his Report, spoke about class size, potential growth, particularly in the towns of Holden and Rutland, and the fact that the District budget has yet to be approved by the Member Towns. Taking all of that into consideration, Superintendent McCall stated it would seem counterintuitive to promote school choice for the 2017-2018 school year.

Member Lavoie informed the Committee he is unable to attend the May 6, 2017 Annual Town Meeting in Rutland.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

Motion: The Wachusett Regional School District will not participate in the school choice program for the 2017-2018 school year, and the Superintendent is directed to notify the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, Office of School Finance that this district will not be accepting school choice students for the 2017-2018 school year.

(S. Brown)

(R. McCarthy)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills  
Scott Brown  
Thomas Curran  
Sarah LaMountain  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Robert McCarthy  
Jon Edward Novak  
Steve Porter  
Barbara Renzoni  
Christina Smith  
Megan Weeks  
Adam Young

*Opposed:*

None

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: To approve the 2016 Annual Report.

(M. Weeks)

(T. Curran)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills  
Scott Brown  
Thomas Curran  
Sarah LaMountain  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Robert McCarthy  
Jon Edward Novak  
Steve Porter  
Barbara Renzoni  
Christina Smith  
Megan Weeks  
Adam Young

*Opposed:*

None

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: To authorize payment of FY16 school physician expense in the amount of \$10,000 to Dr. Leonard A. Waice.

(R. McCarthy)

(M. Weeks)

Superintendent McCall spoke briefly about the motion and explained that due to a clerical oversight, Dr. Waice had not received payment for school physician services provided in FY16.

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills  
Scott Brown  
Thomas Curran  
Sarah LaMountain  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Robert McCarthy  
Jon Edward Novak  
Steve Porter  
Barbara Renzoni  
Christina Smith  
Megan Weeks  
Adam Young

*Opposed:*

None

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: To authorize the transfer of \$758.66 from the Salaries, Substitutes & Stipend Appropriation to the Pupil Services Appropriation for the purchase of athletic supplies.

(R. McCarthy)

(S. Brown)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills  
Scott Brown  
Thomas Curran  
Sarah LaMountain  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Robert McCarthy  
Jon Edward Novak  
Steve Porter  
Barbara Renzoni  
Christina Smith  
Megan Weeks  
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 1295<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on March 27, 2017

Motion: To approve minutes of the regular meeting of the WRSDC held on March 27, 2017

(L. Long-Bellil)

(S. Brown)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills

Scott Brown

Thomas Curran

Sarah LaMountain

Matthew Lavoie

Linda Long-Bellil

Robert McCarthy

Jon Edward Novak

Steve Porter

Barbara Renzoni

Christina Smith

Megan Weeks

Adam Young

*Opposed:*

None

The minutes were unanimously approved.

B. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on March 27, 2017

Motion: To approve minutes of the executive session of the WRSDC held on March 27, 2017, not to be released.

(L. Long-Bellil)

(S. Brown)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills  
Scott Brown  
Thomas Curran  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Robert McCarthy  
Jon Edward Novak  
Barbara Renzoni  
Christina Smith  
Megan Weeks  
Adam Young

*Opposed:*

None

*Abstained:*

Sarah LaMountain  
Steve Porter

The minutes were approved 11-0-2.

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.

7:09 PM Member Maldonado joined the meeting.

VIII. Committee Reports

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

Chair Mills reported the Management Subcommittee had not met since the last School Committee meeting, but a meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2017.

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

Vice-chair Smith reported this subcommittee did not meet on this date, due to lack of quorum. The subcommittee is scheduled to meet next on April 24, 2017.

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

Subcommittee Chair Renzoni gave a comprehensive report on the April 3, 2017 meeting of this subcommittee.

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

(B. Renzoni)

(L. Long-Bellil)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills  
Scott Brown  
Thomas Curran  
Sarah LaMountain  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Lauren Maldonado  
Robert McCarthy  
Jon Edward Novak  
Steve Porter  
Barbara Renzoni  
Christina Smith  
Megan Weeks  
Adam Young

*Opposed:*

None

The motion was approved unanimously.

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

(R. McCarthy)

(B. Renzoni)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills  
Scott Brown  
Thomas Curran  
Sarah LaMountain  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil

Lauren Maldonado  
Robert McCarthy  
Jon Edward Novak  
Steve Porter  
Barbara Renzoni  
Christina Smith  
Megan Weeks  
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.

- 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 called members' attention to the memo providing the subcommittee's opinion on the last charge of this subcommittee, which addressed school start times and was included in the Superintendent's Report. She gave a brief overview of the work of the subcommittee, specifically explaining Charge 3 and the report prepared by the subcommittee. Subcommittee Chair Smith reported the subcommittee had met immediately before this School Committee meeting to approval minutes and that the work of the subcommittee has concluded.

Subcommittee Chair Smith and Vice-chair Lavoie thanked members for their participation on the subcommittee, after which Chair Mills discharged the Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review the School Calendar.

- G. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee

Member McCarthy reported the April 11, 2017 meeting of the Building Committee was canceled, due to lack of matters needing the committee's attention. When asked about a maintenance plan for use



at Mountview Middle School, Director of Business and Finance Scanlon reported Central Office staff has been reviewing maintenance plans and use of SchoolDude is being considered.

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 Young – Dawson Elementary School, April 12, 2017

Member LaMountain – Wachusett Regional High School, April 11, 2017

Member LaMountain reported that a review and discussion of Policy 3240 *Ceremonies and Observances* had taken place at the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, and she requested that this policy be remanded to the Education Subcommittee for review.

General discussion about testing and homework, as well as MCAS testing and scheduling, during spring-time holy week ensued.

Member Lavoie – SEPAC, reminding members the deadline for Wind Beneath My Wings nominations is approaching

Member Smith – Mountview Middle School

IX. Public Hearing

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

X. New Business

7:35 PM Member Silva joined the meeting.

Member Curran raised the topic of dress codes in schools and the fact that school/student dress codes are not consistent across the District. At Chair Mills' request, Superintendent McCall will speak with principals about dress codes to find out how each school addresses this matter.

Member Smith raised the topic of social media and the sharing of information about the District using this platform. Discussion ensued, with the question being raised about who might be responsible for maintaining this mode of information sharing (District v WRSDC). Many members, including the Student Representatives, shared in the discussion.

Member Silva reported on an event (“Seminar Day”) this date hosted by the Dover-Sherborn High School.

Member Curran briefly reported on a program on SOS (Signs of Suicide) that he had attended at the high school.

Member Lavoie asked about follow-up to Andrew Meier’s address to the School Committee on March 27, 2017.

XI. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

(R. McCarthy)

(S. Brown)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills  
Scott Brown  
Thomas Curran  
Sarah LaMountain  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Lauren Maldonado  
Robert McCarthy  
Jon Edward Novak  
Steve Porter  
Barbara Renzoni  
Asima Silva  
Christina Smith  
Megan Weeks  
Adam Young

*Opposed:*

None

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools