

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting #1269 Monday, April 13, 2015
7:00 PM

Media Center
Wachusett Regional High School
1401 Main Street, Holden

Committee Members Present:

Lance Harris, Chair	Julianne Kelley
Robert Imber, Vice-chair	Deidre Kosky
Scott Brown	Robert McCarthy (7:45 PM)
Thomas Curran	Kenneth Mills
Matthew Ehrenworth	Robert Remillard (7:20 PM)
Timothy Ethier	Barbara Renzoni
Harriet Fradellos	Erik Scheinfeldt
Stacey Jackson	Christina Smith (8:10 PM)

Committee Members Absent:

Michael Dennis	Steve Porter
Susan Hitchcock	Brian Ruttle
Sarah LaMountain	Charles Witkes

Committee Members Participating Remotely:

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:

Liam Fritsche

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 7:05 PM.

I. Public Hearing

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

II. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Harris gave an overview of the schedule as it relates to the Superintendent's evaluation. The Superintendent's Evaluation Narrative and the evaluation tool will be shared with School Committee members by the end of the week. At the April 27, 2015 regular School Committee meeting, the Evaluation Narrative will be discussed, though the meeting will not be the "evaluation meeting." Chair Harris announced the deadline for submission of the evaluation tool will be noontime on Wednesday, April 29, 2015. The Management Subcommittee will meet at 6:00 PM on April 29, 2015 to review members' evaluation submissions. Chair Harris has scheduled a special meeting of the School Committee for Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at 7:00 PM and the Superintendent's evaluation will be an agenda item for that special meeting.

III. Student Representatives Reports

Student Representative Fritsche reported on a Model UN trip to Canada in the next school year. He also reported that ACT tests and AP exams will be administered soon.

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

Superintendent McCall spoke about his entry plan findings, which had been shared with the School Committee the previous week and a copy was also included in his April 9, 2015 Superintendent's Report. Superintendent McCall referenced five points he included at the end of his Entry Findings document, commenting these points will be used to help drive development of a future strategic plan (How do we better support teachers around creating a learning environment that supports an atmosphere conducive to learning in the 21st century? How do we meet the social and emotional needs of our students? How do we provide more support for our professional development endeavors? How do we continue to provide open lines of communication between the District and the community? How are we changing our expectations to better meet the needs of all students?)

Superintendent McCall spoke about the opinion received from Tax Counsel of the Bureau of Municipal Finance Law regarding the District applying for a waiver to be allowed to continue using a credit union (Leominster Credit Union) for banking purposes during fiscal year 2016.

Superintendent McCall reported that the Dawson principal search has been re-opened due to two of three finalists withdrawing their applications before the final interviews upon their acceptance of positions in other districts. The Dawson search committee has agreed to continue serving in this capacity. The position has been re-posted on SchoolSpring.

Superintendent McCall reported that much attention had been paid to full-day kindergarten during the last week. For school year 2015-2016 it is anticipated that 298 full-day kindergarten students will be enrolled throughout the District. It is expected that all requests for full-day kindergarten should be able to be accommodated, though some kindergarten students may be offered a full-day kindergarten seat in a school other than their "neighborhood school." Member Scheinfeldt spoke about full-day kindergarten and

distributed two documents (attachments 2 & 3). Member Scheinfeldt read a prepared statement (attachment 4).

7:20 Member Remillard joined the meeting.

Much discussion ensued, with most members of the Committee contributing to the discussions.

7:45 PM Member McCarthy joined the meeting.

Discussion regarding full-day kindergarten concluded.

Member Ethier spoke about the District's relationship with LCU (Leominster Credit Union), suggesting that area legislators be approached to try to get support for the District to continue its banking relationship with LCU for the coming fiscal year. Member Ethier noted that the deadline the School Committee set for obtaining an opinion about banking with a credit union is not until May 1st. Member Mills commented that the District Treasurer could be put in a difficult position based upon the opinion obtained from the Bureau of Municipal Finance Law. Chair Harris suggested District Counsel be asked for a legal opinion about a school district banking with a credit union. Member Jackson noted that Attachment 5 of the Superintendent's Report states the Department of Revenue does not have the authority to grant a waiver.

At Student Representative Fritsche's inquiry, Superintendent McCall explained the Holden Pupil Populations Study Task Force had been named to study the increasing student populations in the Holden schools, especially at the elementary schools.

7:53 PM Member Brown left the table.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

Motion: To authorize Superintendent Darryll McCall to execute and deliver the Project Funding Agreement between the Wachusett Regional School District and the Massachusetts School Building Authority, and any amendments thereto, for the Mountview Middle School on behalf of the Wachusett Regional School District and to bind the Wachusett Regional School District to its terms and conditions.

(R. McCarthy)
(J. Kelley)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos

Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To direct the District Treasurer and the Director of Business and Finance to develop and issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Banking Services and following the evaluation of responses to make appropriate changes in banking services effective July 1, 2015.

(R. McCarthy)

(K. Mills)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve waiving time constraints in Policy Relating to Education Field Trips Involving Late Night or Overnight Travel, Section C.3

(K. Mills)

(J. Kelley)

Vice-chair Imber suggested an amendment to the motion, adding language that the waiver of time constraints would be specific to the April 2015 trip to California for two high school students, and chaperones, to compete in the National Restaurant Association competition.

Motion: To amend the motion on the floor by adding “for the April 2015 trip to California for two WRHS students to participate in the National Restaurant Association competition.”

(R. Imber)

(M. Ehrenworth)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Harris re-read the amended motion.

Motion: To approve waiving time constraints in Policy Relating to Education Field Trips Involving Late Night or Overnight Travel, Section C.3 for the April 2015 trip to California for two WRHS students to participate in the National Restaurant Association competition.

(K. Mills)

(J. Kelley)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth

Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve adding the positions “Team Chair” at Naquag Elementary School, “Head Teacher” at Naquag Elementary School; JV Golf Coach, New Teacher Mentor, Physical Education Make-up, and Mock Trial Advisor to the Extra-Curricular Stipends

(K. Mills)

(J. Kelley)

Member Mills spoke to the motion, explaining the need for adding these to the Extra-Curricular Stipends positions came about from discussions at recent Legal Affairs Subcommittee meetings.

7:58 PM Member Brown returned to the table.

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt

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 1268th Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on March 30, 2015

Motion: To approve minutes of the regular meeting of the WRSDC held on March 30, 2015.

(K. Mills)

(S. Jackson)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard
Erik Scheinfeldt

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Thomas Curran
Robert McCarthy
Barbara Renzoni

The minutes were approved 12-0-3.

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, K. Mills, Barbara Renzoni, E. Scheinfeldt)

Chair Harris reported on the April 9, 2015 meeting of this subcommittee. The Management Subcommittee will meet next on April 29, 2015.

- B. Education Subcommittee (R. Imber, Chair, C. Smith, Vice-chair, T. Ethier, H. Fradellos, R. Remillard)

Subcommittee Chair Imber reported this subcommittee had met immediately before this School Committee meeting.

- C. Business/Finance Subcommittee (B. Renzoni, Chair, M. Dennis, Vice-chair, S. Jackson, B. Ruttle, C. Witkes)

Subcommittee Chair Renzoni reported this subcommittee will meet next on April 15, 2015.

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

Legal Affairs Subcommittee Chair Mills reported members of this subcommittee continue to work on collective bargaining, and will meet next on April 15, 2015.

- E. Facilities & Security Subcommittee (E. Scheinfeldt, Chair, R. McCarthy, Vice-chair, T. Curran, S. LaMountain, S. Porter)

Facilities & Security Subcommittee Chair Scheinfeldt reported the subcommittee did not meet on April 13, 2015 due to lack of quorum.

1. Amended Policy – 7124 **Policy Relating to Support Operations Facilities Security of the School Facility**– second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of amended policy 7124 **Policy Relating to Support Operations Facilities Security of the School Facility**, waiving the reading.

(E. Scheinfeldt)

(S. Brown)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris

Robert Imber

Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Draft Policy – 7156 **Policy Relating to Support Operations
Emergency Response Plan**– second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of draft policy 7156 **Policy Relating to Support Operations Emergency Response Plans**, waiving the reading.

(E. Scheinfeldt)

(S. Jackson)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Deleted Policy – 7158.1 **Policy Relating to Support Operations Bomb Threats Against Schools**– second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading to delete policy 7158.1 **Policy Relating to Support Operations Bomb Threats Against Schools**, waiving the reading.

(E. Scheinfeldt)

(J. Kelley)

Member Mills stated his opinion that the first sentence of this policy should be included in another School Committee policy. Facilities & Security Subcommittee Chair Scheinfeldt spoke about the Emergency Management Plan being developed.

Vote:

In favor:

Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Robert McCarthy
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt

Opposed:

Kenneth Mills

Abstained:

Lance Harris

The motion passed 13-1-1.

- F. Audit Advisory Board (J. Kelley, Chair)

AAB Chair Kelley reported the AAB will meet on May 5, 2015.

- G. Collaborative Budget Task Force (S. Jackson, Chair, R. Imber, S. Hitchcock, J. Keley, B. Renzoni)

Collaborative Budget Task Force Chair Jackson reported on the April 8, 2015 meeting of this task force. The task force will meet again on May 13, 2015.

H. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review Evaluation and Hiring Policy (K. Mill, Chair, R. Remillard, Vice-chair, S. Brown, M. Ehrenworth, C. Smith)

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Chair Mills reported this subcommittee will meet on May 6, 2015.

I. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee

Member McCarthy reported the building committee will meet on April 14, 2015.

J. School Council Reports:

Central Tree Middle School (TBD), Chocksett Middle School (S. LaMountain), Davis Hill Elementary School (C. Smith), Dawson Elementary School (D. Kosky), Glenwood Elementary School (TBD), Houghton Elementary School (TBD), Mayo Elementary School (T. Curran), Mountview Middle School (S. Brown), Naquag Elementary School (M. Ehrenworth), Paxton Center School (TBD), Thomas Prince School (R. Imber/B. Ruttle), Wachusett Regional High School (E. Scheinfeldt), Special Education Parent Advisory Council (S. Jackson), Early Childhood Center (TBD)

SEPAC – Member Jackson

Davis Hill Elementary School – Member Mills

IX. Public Hearing

Matthew Lavoie, Rutland resident, addressed the School Committee.

8:10 PM Member Smith joined the meeting.

X. New Business

There was no new business brought before the School Committee.

XI. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

(M. Ehrenworth)
(S. Brown)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

DM:rlp