

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting #1297

Monday, April 24, 2017  
7:00 PM

Media Center  
Wachusett Regional High School  
1401 Main Street, Holden

*Wachusett Regional School District Committee*

Kenneth Mills, Chair	Robert McCarthy (7:36 PM)
Scott Brown	Jon Edward Novak
Michael Dennis	Steve Porter
Harriet Fradellos	Asima Silva
Susan Hitchcock	Christina Smith
Stacey Jackson	Megan Weeks
Linda Long-Bellil	Adam Young
Lauren Maldonado	

*Committee Members Absent:*

Robert Imber, Vice-chair	Barbara Renzoni
Thomas Curran	Michael Rivers
Sarah LaMountain	Charles Witkes
Matthew Lavoie	

*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

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

Chair Mills called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

I. Public Hearing

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

## II. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Mills and Superintendent McCall approached the podium. Chair Mills reported the meeting was being shown live on Channel 191 and is also streaming.

Chair Mills called Student Representative Alyssa Stark to the podium, thanking her and Chloe Tolderlund for their service on the School Committee for the past year, representing the WRSD student body. Chair Mills presented Alyssa with a certificate of appreciation, and she was given a round of applause. Chair Mills then thanked, individually, each of the outgoing members of the School Committee: Steve Porter of Sterling; Barbara Renzoni of Paxton, thanked in absentia; Susan Hitchcock of Sterling; Stacey Jackson of Holden, and each were presented with a certificate of appreciation and were given a round of applause.

On behalf of the School Committee, Chair Mills extended condolences to former School Committee member Phil Mighdoll on the passing of his wife.

Chair Mills reminded members of the upcoming Annual Town Meetings:

May 1, 2017 – Paxton and Sterling

May 6, 2017 – Rutland

May 9, 2017 – Princeton

May 15, 2017 – Holden

Chair Mills asked that any School Committee members willing to represent the Committee at the Paxton, Rutland, and Sterling meetings to let him know.

At Chair Mills' inquiry about anyone recording the meeting, Patty Roy of *The Landmark* raised her hand.

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

Student Representative Stark reported students in Honors Music will be traveling to New York City on April 27, 2017, seniors have one more month of school, and A. P. exams would be administered in the coming weeks.

## IV. Superintendent's Report

### A. Discussion of Report

Superintendent McCall told the Committee he had met, briefly, with the Holden Selectboard just before this School Committee meeting, and the FY18 budget was the topic of discussion.

Member Jackson expressed her appreciation for the outline of professional development offerings available to teachers and staff on the May 8, 2017 full day of professional development. Superintendent McCall expressed

his thanks to Deputy Superintendent Berlo for his efforts coordinating and organizing the May 8<sup>th</sup> professional development day, noting that the online registration proved to be very successful.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

Motion: To accept the Annual Evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools.

(C. Smith)

(S. Jackson)

Chair Mills noted that Member Silva had submitted her completed evaluation rubric after the evaluation narrative was finalized, but her completed evaluation rubric is available to members in Drive. Chair Mills also explained that Member Lavoie had submitted a corrected rubric on April 24, 2017, after the evaluation narrative was finalized, and that Member Lavoie's corrected evaluation rubric is available to members online in Drive. Chair Mills read the Superintendent's Evaluation Narrative, dated April 18, 2017, into the record (attachment 2). At the conclusion of the evaluation narrative being read aloud, members were given the opportunity to ask questions and/or make comments about the Superintendent's annual evaluation. Member Jackson thanked Chair Mills for preparing the evaluation narrative, also noting her disappointment that so few members provided Chair Mills with their input evaluating the Superintendent of Schools. Many members commented on the evaluation, with several suggestions being made that the Superintendent should provide reports on progress on achieving goals throughout the year, rather than just in advance of the annual evaluation.

7:36 PM Member McCarthy joined the meeting.

Superintendent McCall agreed that regular updates on achievement of goals makes sense. There were also comments about the evaluation process and the evaluation rubric/document, most agreeing the current process is cumbersome and laborious. Some members referenced the District Strategic Plan, requesting regular reports on action(s) taken toward addressing items in the Strategic Plan. Before the vote on acceptance of the Superintendent's annual evaluation, Chair Mills commented on the evaluation process and also on the final evaluation presented to the School Committee for acceptance.

Vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills

Scott Brown

Michael Dennis

Harriet Fradellos

Susan Hitchcock

Stacey Jackson  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Lauren Maldonado  
Robert McCarthy  
Jon Edward Novak  
Steve Porter  
Asima Silva  
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 1296<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on April 12, 2017

Motion: To approve minutes of the regular meeting of the WRSDC held on April 12, 2017

(R. McCarthy)

(S. Brown)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills  
Scott Brown  
Harriet Fradellos  
Susan Hitchcock  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Lauren Maldonado  
Robert McCarthy  
Jon Edward Novak  
Steve Porter  
Christina Smith  
Megan Weeks  
Adam Young

*Opposed:*

None

*Abstained:*

Michael Dennis

Stacey Jackson

Asima Silva

The minutes were approved 12-0-3.

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.

VIII. Committee Reports

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

Chair Mills reported the April 18, 2017 meeting of the Management Subcommittee was not held, due to lack of quorum. A meeting of this subcommittee will be scheduled after the May 22, 2017 Organizational Meeting.

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.

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

Subcommittee Vice-chair McCarthy reported this subcommittee has not met since the last regular School Committee meeting. Note was made that the Business/Finance Subcommittee continues to be seated until after the Organizational Meeting and until the new Business/Finance Subcommittee is appointed.

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, and that the subcommittee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on Thursday, May 4, 2017.

E. Audit Advisory Board (B. Renzoni, Chair, C. Witkes, Vice-chair)

In the absence of AAB Chair Renzoni and Vice-chair Witkes, no report was made.

F. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

Chair Mills spoke briefly about the possibility of an ad hoc subcommittee being named in the coming year, with a charge to develop strategies for long-term budget planning. The thought might be to have various stakeholders serve on this ad hoc subcommittee, representing the School Committee, Member Town residents, parents, others.

G. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee

Member McCarthy reported the Building Committee has not met since the last School Committee meeting.

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 Jackson – SEPAC *Wind Beneath Their Wings*, May 23, 2017

Member Silva – Davis Hill Elementary School

Member Fradellos – Paxton Center School

IX. Public Hearing

No members of the public wished to address the School Committee

X. New Business

For the record, Member Jackson publically recognized Rebecca Petersen.

For the record, Member Maldonado recognized WRHS staff who accompanied/chaperoned 33 WRHS students on the April 2017 trip to Paris and Barcelona: Lori Montiverdi, Victoria DiSimone, Richard Monahan, Whitney Marshall, and Beth Litterio-Foster

Member Dennis extended thanks to Ken Mills for his serving as Chair of the School Committee the past year.

On behalf of her peers, Student Representative Alyssa Stark thanked members of the School Committee for their hard work, assuring all that the time, energy, and commitment given serving on the School Committee “really does make a difference.”

XI. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

(R. McCarthy)

(S. Brown)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills  
Scott Brown  
Michael Dennis  
Harriet Fradellos  
Susan Hitchcock  
Stacey Jackson  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Lauren Maldonado  
Robert McCarthy  
Jon Edward Novak  
Steve Porter  
Asima Silva  
Christina Smith  
Megan Weeks  
Adam Young

*Opposed:*

None

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

DM:rlp