

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting #1270 Monday, April 27, 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 (7:09 PM)
Scott Brown	Sarah LaMountain (7:08 PM)
Thomas Curran	Kenneth Mills
Michael Dennis	Steve Porter
Matthew Ehrenworth	Robert Remillard
Timothy Ethier	Barbara Renzoni
Harriet Fradellos	Christina Smith (7:04 PM)
Susan Hitchcock	Charles Witkes
Stacey Jackson	

Committee Members Absent:

Robert McCarthy	Erik Scheinfeldt
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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 7:03 PM.

I. Public Hearing

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

II. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Harris asked members to observe a moment of silent reflection in honor of WRHS senior Luke Inwood who recently passed away. On behalf of the School Committee, Chair Harris extended condolences to the family and the community.

7:04 PM Member Smith joined the meeting.

III. Student Representatives Reports

Student Representative Fritsche reported some high school music students will be leaving for Florida on April 29th.

Member Jackson reported that when in Washington, D.C. during April vacation Jackson family were escorted on a tour of the capital by former Student Representative Greg Savageau.

IV. Executive Session to discuss strategy for contract negotiations with all bargaining units (SEIU Local 888 – ABA Program Assistants, Teamsters Union Local 170 (paraprofessionals), Wachusett Cafeteria Association, Wachusett Administrators' Association, AFSCME, Council 93, Local 2885 – Custodial Employees, AFSCME, Council 93, Local 2885 – Clerical Employees, Wachusett Regional Nurses Association, Wachusett Regional Education Association), to reconvene in public session

Motion: To enter executive session to discuss strategy for contract negotiations with all bargaining units (SEIU Local 888 – ABA Program Assistants, Teamsters Union Local 170 (paraprofessionals), Wachusett Cafeteria Association, Wachusett Administrators' Association, AFSCME, Council 93, Local 2885 – Custodial Employees, AFSCME, Council 93, Local 2885 – Clerical Employees, Wachusett Regional Nurses Association, Wachusett Regional Education Association), as the Chair deems a discussion in public session would have an adverse effect on the District's bargaining position, to reconvene in public session

(K. Mills)

(T. Curran)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter

Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee adjourned to executive session at 7:07 PM

The Committee reconvened in public session at 8:12 PM.

V. Discussion of the Superintendent's Self-Evaluation Narrative

Chair Harris explained that members had twice been provided with a copy of Superintendent McCall's Evaluation Narrative. Chair Harris spoke about the evaluation tool and he asked that completed evaluation tools be submitted to the Central Office by noontime on April 29, 2015, in time for review at the Management Subcommittee meeting the evening of April 29, 2015. Chair Harris further explained a special meeting of the School Committee has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at which time the Superintendent's evaluation will be reviewed and School Committee members would have the opportunity to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation. Chair Harris pointed out that the evaluation and comments made at the May 6, 2015 special meeting will be part of the public record. Chair Harris gave Superintendent McCall the opportunity to outline the development of the Evaluation Narrative. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions about the Evaluation Narrative. When asked about the distribution of the FY16 Budget Book, Superintendent McCall said that electronic copies of the FY16 Budget Book will be sent to Member Town Finance Committee/Advisory Board Chairs in advance of the May Town Meetings.

8:13 PM Member Smith left the table.

VI Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

Member Kelley had a question about roof repairs needed at Glenwood Elementary School and money to be put towards the repairs being held by the District, which was mentioned in Director Scanlon's report.

8:15 PM Member Smith returned to the table.

When questioned by Member Mills, Director Scanlon confirmed a dollar amount mentioned in his report in connection with Circuit Breaker was an error.

Member Dennis asked for a status report about full-day kindergarten. Superintendent McCall will be meeting with the Supervisor of Pupil Personnel

Services on April 28, 2015 and he will provide a report to the School Committee after that meeting.

8:40 PM Member Kosky left the meeting.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

Motion: To extend the contract to AA Transportation of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts for school bus transportation services for an additional two (2) years: July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 and July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

(J. Kelley)

(R. Remillard)

Director Scanlon spoke to the motion, referring members to the information about projected savings outlined in his report. Vice-chair Imber asked that District administration provide the School Committee with a firm dollar amount for after school transportation should the District decide to add that service.

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris

Robert Imber

Scott Brown

Thomas Curran

Michael Dennis

Matthew Ehrenworth

Timothy Ethier

Harriet Fradellos

Susan Hitchcock

Stacey Jackson

Julianne Kelley

Sarah LaMountain

Kenneth Mills

Steve Porter

Robert Remillard

Barbara Renzoni

Christina Smith

Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the revised FY16 Appropriation of \$83,797,672

Holden \$23,373,642

Paxton \$ 5,891,746

Princeton	\$ 4,408,291
Rutland	\$10,012,525
Sterling	\$10,367,624

(T. Ethier)

(S. Brown)

Director Scanlon spoke to the motion, and discussion ensued, with many members of the Committee contributing to the discussion. Chair Harris re-read the motion.

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To transfer \$1,466.00 from the Salaries, Substitutes & Stipend appropriation to the Pupil Services appropriation for the purchase of athletic supplies

(T. Ethier)

(R. Remillard)

Director Scanlon explained that two coaches at Mountview Middle School offered to forego their stipends and that amount would be used to purchase sports equipment for the school.

9:08 PM Member LaMountain left the meeting.

Discussion ensued. Member Renzoni questioned the process, suggesting the coaches be paid their stipends and then donate the money to the school for the purchase of specific equipment.

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To charge employee related expenses for Medicare, Unemployment, Workers Compensation, Life Insurance and Health Insurance to the Kindergarten revolving funds by location in the total amount of \$42,397.20, and to credit the applicable General Fund budgetary expense accounts in the total amount of (\$42,397.20)

(B. Renzoni)

(J. Kelley)

9:12 PM Member Ethier left the table.

Some discussion took place.

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis

Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To charge athletic-related expenses for equipment and rentals to the Wachusett Regional High School Athletic revolving fund in the total amount of \$70,314.46, and to credit the applicable General Fund budgetary expense accounts in the total amount of (\$70,314.46)

(B. Renzoni)

(J. Kelley)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

9:15 PM member Ethier returned to the table.

Motion: To approve the appropriation of Massachusetts School Building Authority funds in the amount of \$720,937. to the Town of Holden for reimbursement for Mountview Middle School

(S. Jackson)

(K. Mills)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business brought before the School Committee.

VIII. Secretary's Report

A. Approval of 1266th Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on April 13, 2015

Motion: To approve minutes of the regular meeting of the WRSDC held on April 13, 2015.

(K. Mills)

(S. Brown)

Vote:

In favor:

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

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Michael Dennis
Susan Hitchcock
Steve Porter
Charles Witkes

The minutes were approved 13-0-4.

IX. 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.

X. Committee Reports

- A. Management Subcommittee (L. Harris, Chair, R. Imber, Vice-chair, K. Mills, Barbara Renzoni, E. Scheinfeldt)

Chair Harris reported the Management Subcommittee has not met since the last School Committee meeting, but will meet 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, and this year's unfinished agenda items will continue on the Education Subcommittee table. Subcommittee

Chair reviewed the field trip procedures/guidelines, recently addressed by the Education Subcommittee.

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

Subcommittee Chair Renzoni reported on the April 15, 2015 meeting of this subcommittee.

Motion: To approve the contract with Director of Business and Finance Joseph Scanlon for the period July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018

(B. Renzoni)

(J. Kelley)

Brief discussion ensued.

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

- 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.

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

In the absence of both Subcommittee Chair Scheinfeldt and Vice-chair McCarthy, the report was deferred.

- 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 the task force will meet next 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

In Member McCarty's absence, the report was deferred.

- 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)

Paxton Center School – Member Renzoni

SEPAC – Member Jackson

- XI. Public Hearing

No members of the public addressed the School Committee.

XII. New Business

Member Ethier spoke about his one year term on the School Committee, expressing his appreciation for the work of the School Committee.

Member Mills asked that the School Committee be kept apprised of the work of the Holden Pupil Population Study Task Force. Chair Harris asked that this topic be regularly included in the Superintendent's Reports,.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

(M. Ehrenworth)

(S. Porter)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools