

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING

Minutes

Regular Meeting #1218 Monday, April 30, 2012

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Wachusett Regional High School

Committee Members Present:

Duncan Leith, Chair	Deidre Kosky
Joseph Sova, Vice-chair	James Mason
Cynthia Bazinet	Robert Pelczarski
Colleen Cipro	Norman Plourde
William Clute	Michelle Sciabarrasi
Steven Hammond	Dawn Torres-Gale
Stacey Jackson	Margaret Watson
Julianne Kelley	

Committee Members Absent:

Carmelo Bazzano	Robert Remillard
Lance Harris	Athas Tsongalis
Robert Imber	

Administration Present:

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Superintendent of Schools
Peter Brennan, Business Manager
Kelley Gangi, Director of Curriculum
Darryll McCall, Director of Operations
Susan Sullivan, Director of Human Resources
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Student Representatives Present:

Tyler Gibbs	Jonathan Latino
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Others present, who desired to be recorded as present (see attached Attendance Sheet – attachment 1).

Chair Leith called the regular meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:03 PM.

I. Public Hearing

Ken O'Brien, Holden Selectboard member, addressed the School Committee.

Jack Malone, Paxton Selectboard member, addressed the School Committee.

Peter Bogren, Paxton Selectboard member, addressed the School Committee.

II. Secretary's Report

- A. Approval of 1217th Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on April 9, 2012

Motion: To approve the minutes of the regular School Committee meeting held April 9, 2012.

(J. Sova)
(S. Hammond)

The minutes of the regular School Committee meeting held April 9, 2012 were approved, by consensus, with Member Pelczarski abstaining.

III. Treasurer's Report/Financial Statements

Chair Leith reminded the Committee that if there were questions regarding the Business Manager'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.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Leith introduced Naquag Elementary School Principal Dixie Herbst. Principal Herbst spoke about Writers' Workshop and teaching writing skills in an elementary school. Principal Herbst introduced Naquag Elementary School Assistant Principal Kelly Williamson, and Naquag Elementary School teachers Corinne Balyk (kindergarten), Trefa White (grade 1), and Lynn Jordan (grade 2). The three teachers individually addressed the School Committee, each giving a writing "lesson." At the conclusion of the "lessons," Chair Leith thanked the Naquag principal and staff for their presentation.

Chair Leith recognized that this meeting would be the last for Holden Representative Dawn Torres-Gale. Member Torres-Gale was given a round of applause by the members.

Chair Leith thanked the Committee for his being able to serve as Chair for the last two years.

Motion: To amend the meeting agenda, moving V.B.1 (recommendations requiring action by the School Committee, to amend the FY13 Appropriation) up on the agenda.

(R. Pelczarski)
(S. Jackson)

Chair Leith informed the Committee a two-thirds vote in favor is required for the motion to pass.

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Joseph Sova
Cynthia Bazinet
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Steven Hammond
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
James Mason
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Dawn Torres-Gale
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

None

Motion passed unanimously.

V. Superintendent's Report

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

1. To amend the *FY13 Appropriation* to the amount of \$79,284,670 and assessments to the Member Towns of:

Holden:	\$22,113,763
Paxton:	\$5,334,993
Princeton:	\$4,986,315
Rutland:	\$9,003,796
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(J. Kelley)

(J. Sova)

Much discussion ensued, with most members of the Committee and the Superintendent contributing to the discussions. Chair Leith explained that when a vote is taken on this motion, two-thirds of the Committee (14 votes) in favor will be necessary to pass the motion. Discussion continued.

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Joseph Sova
Cynthia Bazinet
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Steven Hammond
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
James Mason
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

Dawn Torres-Gale

Motion passed 14-1.

IV. Committee Reports

B. Student Representatives (Tyler Gibbs and Jonathan Latino)

Student Representative Gibbs happily reported that high school seniors have 18 days of school left. He reported that the junior and senior proms are coming up, and he again noted that the Guidance Department continually updates the post-graduation plans of students on a board outside the Guidance Office.

Student Representative Latino reported on a music department field trip to the University of New Hampshire, which took place during the school day on the date of this School Committee meeting.

Chair Leith took the opportunity to publicly thank both Tyler and Jonathan for their contributions to the School Committee this school year, commenting they were both very active and involved Student Representatives and they were a pleasure to serve with. On behalf of

the Committee, Chair Leith wished both boys well as they graduate from WRHS and take the next steps towards the future.

8:23 PM Superintendent Pandiscio left the table.

- C. Management Subcommittee (D. Leith, Chair, J. Sova, Vice-chair, C. Bazinet, C. Cipro, S. Hammond, R. Imber, J. Kelley, N. Plourde, M. Sciabarrasi, M. Watson)

Chair Leith reported the Management Subcommittee has not met since the last School Committee and the current subcommittee will be disbanded until after the upcoming town elections.

8:25 PM Jonathan Latino left the meeting.

- D. Education Subcommittee (S. Hammond, Chair, S. Jackson, Vice-chair, C. Bazinet, L. Harris, R. Imber, R. Pelczarski, N. Plourde, D. Torres-Gale, M. Watson)

1. Amended Policy – AP6531 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Student Internet Access** – second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of AP6531 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Student Internet Access**, waiving the reading.

(S. Hammond)
(C. Bazinet)

Vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Joseph Sova
Cynthia Bazinet
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Steven Hammond
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
James Mason
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Dawn Torres-Gale
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

None

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Policy Deletion – P3431 **Policy Relating to Education Audio-Visual Materials** –second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading to delete P3431 **Policy Relating to Education Audio-Visual Materials**, waiving the reading.

(S. Hammond)
(C. Bazinet)

Vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Joseph Sova
Cynthia Bazinet
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Steven Hammond
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
James Mason
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Dawn Torres-Gale
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

None

Motion passed unanimously.

Education Subcommittee Chair Hammond reported the business of the Education Subcommittee has been completed for this year and he thanked those who served with him on this subcommittee.

- E. Business/Finance Subcommittee (J. Sova, Chair, R. Remillard, Vice-chair, C. Cipro, W. Clute, D. Leith, M. Sciabarrasi, D. Torres-Gale, A. Tsongalis)

Subcommittee Chair Sova reported this subcommittee met just prior to this School Committee meeting to act on the annual evaluation of the Business/Manager. Subcommittee Chair Sova will make a report to the full School Committee at the next School Committee meeting. Members were reminded that the membership of the Business/Finance

Subcommittee continues until the new School Committee Chair appoints the next Business/Finance Subcommittee, following the annual town elections.

Chair Leith is seeking suggestions for individuals who might be considered to act as a facilitator for the recently named Revenue Sharing Task Force. If a member knows of someone who might be willing, able, and qualified to serve in this capacity, they were asked to speak with Chair Leith.

1. WRSD Educational Foundation Trust

Member Sova reported WEFT is holding off on fundraising efforts for the time being.

- F. Community Outreach Subcommittee (M. Sciabarrasi, Chair, A. Tsongalis, Vice-chair, C. Bazzano, L. Harris, J. Mason, R. Pelczarski, M. Watson)

Subcommittee Chair Sciabarrasi reported this subcommittee has not met since the last School Committee meeting.

- G. Audit Advisory Board (J. Sova, J. Mason)

The Audit Advisory Board has not met since the last School Committee meeting.

- H. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

8:31 PM Superintendent Pandiscio returned to the table.

1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Develop a Social Media Policy (S. Hammond, J. Kelley, Student Representatives Tyler Gibbs and Jonathan Latino, and other non-School Committee members)

1. Draft Policy – DP6531.1 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Social Media** – second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of DP6531.1 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Social Media**, waiving the reading.
(S. Hammond)
(J. Sova)

Vote:
In favor:
Duncan Leith
Joseph Sova
Cynthia Bazinet

Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Steven Hammond
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
James Mason
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Dawn Torres-Gale
Margaret Watson

Opposed:
None

Motion passed unanimously.

The work of this ad hoc subcommittee has concluded; therefore, the Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Develop a Social Media Policy is now disbanded. Chair Leith thanked Ad Hoc Subcommittee Chair Hammond and all members of the subcommittee for their work on this policy.

I. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee (M. Watson)

Member Watson and Superintendent Pandiscio gave an update on progress being made on this project.

2. Green Repair School Building Committee (D. Leith)

At Chair Leith's request, Business Manager Brennan gave a general overview on progress being made on these three projects.

J. School Council Reports:

Central Tree Middle School (C. Cipro), Chocksett Middle School (J. Sova), Davis Hill Elementary School (S. Jackson), Dawson Elementary School (C. Bazzano), Glenwood Elementary School (A. Tsongalis), Houghton Elementary School (N. Plourde), Mayo Elementary School (M. Watson), Mountview Middle School (S. Hammond), Naquag Elementary School (J. Kelley), Paxton Center School (W. Clute), Thomas Prince School (R. Imber/M. Sciabarrasi), Wachusett Regional High School (C. Bazinet/M. Sciabarrasi), Special Education Parent Advisory Council (S. Jackson), Early Childhood Center (S. Jackson)

Member Bazinet – Wachusett Regional High School SMCO, April 10, 2012

Member Torres-Gale – 2012 Mass. Economic Challenge

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

There was no discussion of the Superintendent's Report.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

2. To accept the Summary Evaluation: Superintendent of Schools 2011-2012

Chair Leith read aloud the evaluation narrative.

Motion: To accept the 2011-2012 evaluation of Superintendent Thomas G. Pandiscio, as presented.

(M. Watson)

(J. Sova)

Motion: To strike the following from the evaluation narrative (page 2, paragraph 4) "This task can be difficult when dealing with some misinformation that is put out by some town officials and some residents."

(M. Sciabarrasi)

(R. Pelczarski)

Community Outreach Chair Sciabarrasi explained the reason for this motion, that such comment was not included in the standards that fall under Community Outreach responsibility in the Superintendent's evaluation instrument, and, therefore, should not be a part of the evaluation narrative summarizing Community Outreach Subcommittee input. Chair Leith explained the reason he included the sentence, acknowledging it was his language. After discussion and explanation, Chair Leith agreed to move the sentence to another part of the evaluation narrative, and Community Outreach Subcommittee Chair Sciabarrasi accepted that resolution. The motion on the floor was withdrawn by the maker and seconder of the motion.

Roll call vote on main motion:

In favor:

Duncan Leith

Joseph Sova

Cynthia Bazinet
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Steven Hammond
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
James Mason
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Margaret Watson

Opposed:
Dawn Torres-Gale

Motion passed 14-1.

VI. Public Hearing

Maureen Floryan, Holden resident, addressed the School Committee.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business brought before the School Committee.

VIII. New Business

There was no new business brought before the School Committee.

IX. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

(J. Sova)
(S. Hammond)

Vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Joseph Sova
Cynthia Bazinet
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Steven Hammond
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
James Mason

Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Dawn Torres-Gale
Margaret Watson

Opposed:
None

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

TGP:rlp