

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Special Meeting #304 Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Media Center  
Wachusett Regional High School  
1401 Main Street, Holden

*Committee Members Present:*

Lance Harris, Chair	James Mason
Robert Imber, Vice-chair	Robert McCarthy
Scott Brown	Kenneth Mills
Lisa Call	Tiffany Ralli
Thomas Curran (7:17 PM)	Robert Remillard (7:25 PM)
Matthew Ehrenworth (7:51 PM)	Barbara Renzoni
Stacey Jackson	Erik Scheinfeldt
Julianne Kelley	Christina Smith
Deidre Kosky	Margaret Watson
Sarah LaMountain	Charles Witkes
Matthew Lindberg	

*Committee Members Absent:*

William Clute

*Committee Members Participating Remotely:*

None

*Administration Present:*

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

*Student Representatives Present:*

None

I. Call to Order

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

II. Executive session for the purpose of discussing a complaint against a public official, to return to public session.

Motion: To enter executive session for the purpose of discussing a complaint against a public official, to return to public session.

(K. Mills)

(R. Imber)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Robert Imber  
Scott Brown  
Lisa Call  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Matthew Lindberg  
James Mason  
Robert McCarthy  
Kenneth Mills  
Tiffany Ralli  
Barbara Renzoni  
Erik Scheinfeldt  
Christina Smith  
Margaret Watson  
Charles Witkes

*Opposed:*

Deidre Kosky  
Sarah LaMountain

*Abstained:*

Lance Harris

The motion passed 15-2-1.

7:03 PM The School Committee entered executive session.

8:48 PM The School Committee re-convened in public session.

III. Appointment of an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review Evaluation and Hiring Policy

Chair Harris spoke about appointing an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review Evaluation and Hiring Policy. He read aloud the charge to this ad hoc subcommittee (attachment 1). Member Mills has agreed to chair the Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review Evaluation and Hiring Policy.

IV. To authorize the Superintendent to notify the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, Office of School Finance of the District's school choice participation for school year 2014-2015

Members were provided with a copy of a DRAFT letter dated May 7, 2014 from Superintendent McCall to DESE regarding school choice participation in 2014-2015 (attachment 2). Superintendent McCall's recommendation would be to

participate in school choice in the 2014-2015 school year, limited to students entering kindergarten or grade 2 at Thomas Prince School in Princeton.

Motion: To authorize the Superintendent to notify the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, Office of School Finance of the District's school choice participation for school year 2014-2015 limited to students entering kindergarten or grade 2 at the Thomas Princeton School in Princeton, Massachusetts.

(J. Kelley)  
(S. Jackson)

Member Jackson asked if the Superintendent's recommendation would consider some flexibility, not being so specific as to grades and school, rather based on seat availability. Discussion ensued.

Motion: To table the motion to a time certain, May 21, 2014.

(K. Mills)  
(M. Ehrenworth)

Chair Harris explained that if the motion is tabled to a time certain, when next addressed the Committee would need to consider the specific motion on the table. Chair Harris explained that if the Committee votes down the motion on the floor, a new motion could be brought before the School Committee at the May 21, 2014 regular School Committee meeting. Member Mills, with the consent of Member Ehrenworth, withdrew the motion.

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Deidre Kosky  
Barbara Renzoni

*Opposed:*

Robert Imber  
Scott Brown  
Lisa Call  
Stacey Jackson  
Thomas Curran  
Matthew Enrenworth  
Julianne Kelley  
Sarah LaMountain  
Matthew Lindberg  
James Mason  
Robert McCarthy  
Kenneth Mills  
Tiffany Ralli  
Robert Remillard  
Erik Scheinfeldt  
Christina Smith

Margaret Watson  
Charles Witkes

*Abstained:*

Lance Harris

The motion failed 2-18-1.

- V. To authorize the Audit Advisory Board to develop and send to auditing firms an RFP for the Fiscal Year 2014 through Fiscal Year 2016 Single Audit and End-of-Year Report Audits

Motion: To authorize the Audit Advisory Board to develop and send to auditing firms an RFP for the Fiscal Year 2014 through Fiscal Year 2016 Single Audit and End-of-Year Report Audits

(J. Kelley)  
(E. Scheinfeldt)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Lance Harris  
Robert Imber  
Scott Brown  
Lisa Call  
Thomas Curran  
Matthew Ehrenworth  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Deidre Kosky  
Sarah LaMountain  
Matthew Lindberg  
James Mason  
Robert McCarthy  
Kenneth Mills  
Tiffany Ralli  
Robert Remillard  
Barbara Renzoni  
Erik Scheinfeldt  
Christina Smith  
Margaret Watson  
Charles Witkes

*Opposed:*

None

The motion passed unanimously.

- VI. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn special meeting #304.

(J. Mason)  
(C. Witkes)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Lance Harris  
Robert Imber  
Scott Brown  
Lisa Call  
Thomas Curran  
Matthew Ehrenworth  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Deidre Kosky  
Sarah LaMountain  
Matthew Lindberg  
James Mason  
Robert McCarthy  
Kenneth Mills  
Tiffany Ralli  
Robert Remillard  
Barbara Renzoni  
Erik Scheinfeldt  
Christina Smith  
Margaret Watson  
Charles Witkes

*Opposed:*

None

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

DM:rlp