

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING

Minutes

Regular Meeting #1255 Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Media Center
Wachusett Regional High School
1401 Main Street, Holden

Committee Members Present:

Lance Harris, Chair	Sarah LaMountain
Robert Imber, Vice-chair	Robert McCarthy
Scott Brown	Kenneth Mills
Thomas Curran	Steve Porter
Michael Dennis	Barbara Renzoni
Matthew Ehrenworth	Brian Ruttle (7:19 PM)
Timothy Ethier	Erik Scheinfeldt
Stacey Jackson	Christina Smith
Julianne Kelley	Charles Witkes
Deidre Kosky	

Committee Members Absent:

William Clute	Robert Remillard
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Committee Members Participating Remotely:

None

Administration Present:

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

Student Representatives Present:

Nate Birnbaum	Jon O'Brien
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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 7:09 PM.

I. Public Hearing

Louis Cornacchioli, Rutland, addressed the School Committee. Mr. Cornacchioli provided, for the public record, a petition signed by residents of the Town of Rutland (attachment 2).

Chair Harris asked the if the Committee would object to Rutland resident Ed Novak addressing the School Committee, although he had not signed up to speak. No members of the School Committee objected.

Ed Novak, Rutland, read a prepared statement (attachment 3).

II. Secretary's Report

- A. Approval of the 1254th Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on April 28, 2014

Motion: To approve the 1254th regular meeting minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on April 28, 2014

(S. Brown)

(T. Curran)

The minutes were approved, with Members Ehrenworth, Ethier, Dennis, Kosky, Mills, and Porter abstaining.

- B. Approval of the 304th Special Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on May 6, 2014.

Motion: To approve the 304th special meeting minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on May 6, 2014.

(C. Witkes)

(S. Brown)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

Deidre Kosky

Abstained:

Michael Dennis
Timothy Ethier
Steve Porter

The minutes were approved 14-1-3.

7:19 PM Member Ruttle joined the meeting.

- C. Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on May 6, 2014.

Chair Harris explained that if any member has a question about or correction to the draft executive session minutes, the minutes will be approved in executive session. Member Kosky has a question about the draft minutes, resulting in approval of the draft minutes being deferred.

- D. Approval of the 305th Special Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on May 6, 2014.

Motion: To approve the 305th special meeting minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on May 6, 2014.

(K. Mills)

(M. Ehrenworth)

The minutes were approved, with Members Dennis, Ethier, Porter, and Ruttle abstaining.

III. 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.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Harris welcomed new and returning School Committee members. Chair Harris read aloud a statement on behalf of the District (attachment 3). Chair Harris read aloud a second statement on behalf of the District (attachment 4). Chair Harris extended his personal well wishes to Mark Aucoin and Siobhan Dennis. Chair Harris read a prepared statement (attachment 5).

Chair Harris introduced WRHS Science Department Head Carol Sullivan. Mrs. Sullivan introduced student members of Science Seminar freshman Acadia Kopec, freshman Julie Goldberg, and sophomore Kyle Foster. Mrs.

Sullivan addressed the School Committee and the students gave brief explanations of their Science Seminar projects.

B. Student Representatives (Nate Birnbaum, Jon O'Brien)

Student Representative Jon O'Brien announced this would be his and Nate Birnbaum's last School Committee meeting before they graduate. He also reported on upcoming high school, in particular senior, activities planned to take place before graduation on June 7th. Student Representative Birnbaum thanked the School Committee for the opportunity to serve as a Student Representation. At Student Representative Birnbaum's inquiry, Chair Harris explained why Student Representatives do not vote on matters brought before the School Committee.

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

Chair Harris reported the newly named Management Subcommittee has not yet met.

1. Amended Policy – 1160 **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation School Committee Member Ethics** – first reading

Motion: To approve the first reading of AP1160 **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation School Committee Member Ethics**

(R. Imber)

(M. Ehrenworth)

Chair Harris read aloud amended policy 1160. At Member Renzoni's inquiry, Member Scheinfeldt explained the intent/purpose of the proposed amendment.

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy

Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Amended Policy – 1670 **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation Executive Sessions** – first reading

Motion: To approve the first reading of AP1670 **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation Executive Sessions**
(E. Scheinfeldt)
(M. Ehrenworth)

Chair Harris read aloud amended policy 1670 and explained the rationale for the proposed amendment.

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Harris reminded members to hand in their subcommittee assignment preference sheet to help guide him when he is appointing new subcommittees.

7:43 PM Member Kosky left the table.

D. Education Subcommittee

1. Draft Policy – 6130 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services School Choice** – second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of DP6130 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services School Choice**, waiving the reading.

(S. Jackson)

(J. Kelley)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Amended Policy – 6531.1 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Social Media** – first reading

Education Subcommittee Chair Imber read aloud amended policy 6531.1.

7:46 PM Member Kosky returned to the table.

7:46 PM Student Representative Birnbaum left the table.

Motion: To approve the first reading of AP6531.1 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Social Media.**

(M. Ehrenworth)

(S. Brown)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Draft Policy – 6531.2 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)** – first reading

Education Subcommittee Chair Imber read aloud draft policy 6531.2.

7:49 PM Student Representative Birnbaum returned to the table.

Motion: To approve the first reading of DP6531.2 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)**.

(S. Jackson)

(S. Brown)

Much discussion ensued, particularly about 4G access, wifi, filtering, protection, etc. Bullet #5 under Guidelines on page 1 of the draft policy was discussed at length. Amendments to policy language were suggested. Following the extended discussion about the draft policy, it was agreed the policy should be referred back to the Education Subcommittee.

Motion: To remand DP6531.2 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)** back to the Education Subcommittee for review, with input from District Counsel.

(K. Mills)

(C. Witkes)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Robert Imber
Christina Smith

The motion passed 17-0-2.

Chair Harris asked that comments or edits members have about the draft policy be sent to him.

- E. Business/Finance Subcommittee (E. Scheinfeldt, Chair, W. Clute, Vice-chair, J. Kelley, S. LaMountain, R. McCarthy, B. Renzoni, C. Smith, C. Witkes)

The Business/Finance Subcommittee is a standing subcommittee that continues to operate until the School Committee Chair names the next Business/Finance Subcommittee. Business/Finance Subcommittee Chair Scheinfeldt reported on the May 1, 2014 meeting of the subcommittee, to which the public had been invited to give an opportunity to learn about the FY15 budget.

8:08 PM Member Smith left the meeting.

1. Draft Policy – 4660 **Policy Relating to Budget/Finance Budgeting Excess & Deficiency (E&D)** – first reading

Business/Finance Chair Scheinfeldt read aloud the draft policy. At Subcommittee Chair Scheinfeldt's request, Director of Business and Finance Scanlon spoke to the draft policy.

Motion: To approve the first reading of DP4660 **Policy Relating to Business/Finance Excess & Deficiency (E&D)**.

(J. Kelley)

(M. Ehrenworth)

8:12 PM Member Smith returned to the table.

There was some discussion about the draft policy.

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt

Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

F. Legal Affairs Subcommittee

Member Mills reported that following consideration the past year by the Legal Affairs Subcommittee, the subcommittee recommends that before policies are brought to the full School Committee for first and second readings before being adopted or amended, the policies in question should be reviewed first by District Counsel.

1. Amended Policy – 3911 **Policy Relating to Education Standardized Testing** – second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of AP3911 **Policy Relating to Education Standardized Testing**, waiving the reading.
(M. Ehrenworth)
(S. Brown)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

8:25 PM Member Kosky left the meeting.

2. Amended Policy – 5235 **Policy Relating to Personnel Management Sexual Harassment** – first reading

Subcommittee Chair Mills read aloud amended policy 5235.

8:27 PM Superintendent McCall left the table.

8:28 PM Member Brown left the table.

8:29 PM Superintendent McCall returned to the table.

8:30 PM Member Brown returned to the table.

8:30 PM Member Dennis left the table.

Subcommittee Chair Mills spoke to the amended policy.

8:33 PM Member Dennis returned to the table.

Motion: Under VI. **State and Federal Remedies** of the amended policy, add contact information for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination.

(B. Renzoni)

(T. Curran)

Vote:

In favor:

Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
Robert Imber
Matthew Ehrenworth

Abstained:
Lance Harris

The motion passed 15-2-1.

Motion: To approve the first reading of AP5235 **Policy Relating to Personnel Management Sexual Harassment**, as amended.
(K. Mills)
(J. Kelley)

Vote:
In favor:
Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

G. Facilities and Security Subcommittee

1. Draft Policy – 4110.1 **Policy Relating to Budget/Finance Capital Budget** – second reading

Director Scanlon spoke briefly about the draft policy. Director Scanlon mentioned amending the draft policy by changing the

requirement for written estimates from three to two. It was the consensus of those present to not amend the draft policy at this time. Director Scanlon also commented that the Town of Holden has approved the conversion to gas at Dawson Elementary School.

Motion: To approve the second reading of DP4110.1 **Policy Relating to Budget/Finance Capital Budget**, waiving the reading.
(M. Ehrenworth)
(E. Scheinfeldt)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

H. Audit Advisory Board (J. Kelley, Chair)

AAB Chair Kelley reported RFPs for auditing services have gone out, and the Audit Advisory Board will meet on June 19, 2014 to review submissions.

I. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review Evaluation and Hiring Policy

Chair Harris reported Member Mills will chair this ad hoc subcommittee. Chair Harris is in the process of naming the membership.

J. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee (M. Watson)

Superintendent McCall updated the Committee on progress of this building project.

2. Green Repair School Building Committee

Final audit reports and documentation are expected from MSBA. Following signing by the towns and the District, the towns will submit final paperwork to MSBA for closeout.

K. School Council Reports:

Central Tree Middle School, Chocksett Middle School, Davis Hill Elementary School, Dawson Elementary School, Glenwood Elementary School, Houghton Elementary School, Mayo Elementary School, Mountview Middle School, Naquag Elementary School, Paxton Center School, Thomas Prince School, Wachusett Regional High School, Special Education Parent Advisory Council, Early Childhood Center

Member Jackson reported on the May 20, 2014 *Wind Beneath Their Wings* ceremony, sponsored by SEPAC and held at Davis Hill Elementary School

8:45 PM Member Scheinfeldt left the table.

Member Curran – Mountview Middle School

V. Superintendent's Report

8:46 PM Member Scheinfeldt returned to the table.

A. Discussion of Report

For planning purposes, Chair Harris polled members for topics they wish to raise.

Superintendent McCall spoke to the recent incident at Central Tree Middle School and much discussion ensued.

Motion: That the Facilities & Security Subcommittee draft a behavior

and threat assessment policy.

(K. Mills)
(C. Witkes)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Members Mills and Curran had questions about the math curriculum, and it was suggested that a presentation to the School Committee about the math curriculum, perhaps inviting the Math Leadership Team to attend a School Committee meeting to discuss.

Member Dennis had questions about the Town of Rutland's recent action at the Annual Town Meeting with regard to the WRSD FY15 budget. Member Kelley explained action taken at that Town Meeting. General budget discussion ensued, including Chair Harris sharing his inclination to wait until June 30th to discuss the budget further, waiting until state budget numbers are finalized. Both Superintendent McCall and Director Scanlon spoke about a 1/12th budget, which will most likely be necessary. There was discussion about and varying opinions shared about obtaining a legal opinion about action taken at the Rutland Town Meeting.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

1. Motion: To authorize the Wachusett Regional School District Treasurer, acting under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 71, Section 16(g) as amended by Chapter 134 of the Acts of 1972, to solicit proposals for borrowing funds in anticipation of revenue, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 17, with the approval of the School Committee.

(R. Imber)
(B. Renzoni)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Motion: To authorize the Director of Business and Finance to transfer \$525,408 to the Operations & Maintenance appropriation from the Special Education Tuition appropriation.

(R. McCarthy)
(E. Scheinfeldt)

Chair Harris explained that a vote in favor by a majority of those present is required to pass this motion.

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Motion: To authorize the Director of Business and Finance to transfer \$48,706 to the Transportation appropriation from the Other Operating Cost appropriation.

(R. McCarthy)

(K. Mills)

Chair Harris explained that a vote in favor by a majority of those present is required to pass this motion.

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley

Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Motion: To award a base bid contract to Rockwell Roofing of Leominster, MA in the amount of \$182,000.00 for the roofing and soffit project at the Early Childhood Center (ECC), based on the results of the public bid opening held 5/15/14, and to fund the project for up to \$150,000 from the FY14 general operating budget with the balance being paid out of the ECC Tuition revolving fund.

(K. Mills)
(R. McCarthy)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Motion: To authorize expending funds received under the DESE Foundation Reserve Program.

(E. Scheinfeldt)
(S. Brown)

Superintendent McCall is recommending using these funds towards the purchase of new math curriculum materials.

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

6. 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.

(M. Ehrenworth)
(R. McCarthy)

Members were provided with copies of two **DRAFT** letters to Roger Hatch of DESE (attachments 7 & 8). Superintendent McCall spoke to both possibilities – school choice limited to students enter kindergarten or grade 2 looking to school choice to

Thomas Prince School, or that the District not participate in school choice at all for the 2014-2015 school year. Discussion ensued. Following discussion, it was decided that Superintendent McCall would notify DESE that Wachusett Regional School District would participate in school choice for the 2014-2015 school year on a limited basis, based on seat availability.

Recommendation was made to amend the draft letter to Roger Hatch of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to reflect that the Wachusett Regional School District will participate in school choice for the 2014-2015 school year, on a limited basis based on seat availability.

Chair Harris explained that since the two **DRAFT** letters to DESE were not a part of the motion on the floor, the letters cannot be amended on the floor. More discussion about school choice took place. Chair Harris re-read the motion on the floor.

Vote:

In favor:

Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

Sarah LaMountain
Erik Scheinfeldt

Abstained:

Lance Harris

The motion passed 15-2-1.

7. Motion: To authorize the cost of registration for Superintendent of Schools Darryll McCall to participate in the

Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents *New Superintendents Induction Program*, and to approve travel related expenses.

(R. Imber)
(B. Renzoni)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Motion: To approve the Superintendent's Vacation Carry-Over

(K. Mills)
(J. Kelley)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley

Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

9. Motion: To approve the 2014-2015 School Committee Meeting Schedule
- (K. Mills)
(J. Kelley)

Chair Harris explained the reasoning behind some of the meeting dates not falling on the second and/or fourth Monday of the month.

9:58 PM Municipal Representative Robert Lavigne joined the meeting.

Vote:
In favor:
Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To extend the meeting for 30 minutes, until 10:30 PM.
(K. Mills)
(T. Curran)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Public Hearing

It was brought to the Committee's attention that members of the public wished to address the Committee during the second public hearing. Chair Harris was inclined to deny this request, but explained the Committee can overrule the Chair.

Motion: To overrule the Chair and allow members of the public to address the School Committee during the second public hearing.

(C. Witkes)
(M. Ehrenworth)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith

The motion passed 13-5.

Chair Harris read aloud the Guidelines for Public Hearing.

Regina Lucas, Rutland, addressed the School Committee.

Robin Milaszewski, Rutland, read a prepared statement (attachment 9),

Louis Cornacchioli, Rutland, addressed the School Committee.

VII. Unfinished Business

Motion: To take off the table the proposal to amend the original motion to accept the Agreement of the FLLAC Educational Collaborative by adding “for FY15, with notice of intent to discontinue contract effective June 30, 2015” after “To accept the Agreement of the FLLAC Educational Collaborative”

(K. Mills)

(S. Brown)

Chair Harris explained the need to take a motion off the table in order for the Committee to act on the motion.

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber

Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To accept the Agreement of the FLLAC Educational Collaborative for
FY15, with notice of intent to discontinue contract effective June 30, 2015
(K. Mills)
(S. Brown)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement with the FLLAC Educational Collaborative on behalf of WRSDC.

(K. Mills)
(B. Renzoni)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

Abstained:
Julianne Kelley

The motion passed 17-0-1.

VIII. New Business

Member Kelley asked that the Education Subcommittee review data mining issues/student privacy concerns for computer programming teachers are using in classrooms. Member Kelley will share a recently published article with the Education Subcommittee for consideration.

Motion: To extend the meeting for 30 minutes, until 11:00 PM.

(R. McCarthy)
(K. Mills)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Robert Imber
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

Scott Brown
Sarah LaMountain
Brian Ruttle

Abstained:

Lance Harris
Matthew Ehrenworth

The motion passed 13-3-2.

Member Dennis requested District mission, goals, and plans be on a future School Committee meeting agenda.

Member Mills suggested the Community Outreach Subcommittee be reactivated.

- IX. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, as the Chair deems that a discussion in open session would be detrimental to the District's interests, not to reconvene in public session.

Executive Session to discuss strategy for contract negotiations with union personnel (SEIU Local 888 – ABA Program Assistants and AFSCME Council 93 Local 2885 – Custodial Employees), as the Chair deems that a discussion in open session would be detrimental to the District's interests, not to reconvene in public session.

Motion: To enter executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, as the Chair deems that a discussion in open session would be detrimental to the District's interests, and to discuss strategy for contract negotiations with union personnel (SEIU Local 888 – ABA Program

Assistants and AFSCME Council 93 Local 2885 – Custodial Employees), as the Chair deems that a discussion in open session would be detrimental to the District’s interests, not to reconvene in public session.

(E. Scheinfeldt)
(K. Mills)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Brian Ruttle
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 10:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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