

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING

Minutes

Regular Meeting #1220 Monday, June 11, 2012

Media Center  
Wachusett Regional High School

*Committee Members Present:*

Duncan Leith, Chair	Sarah LaMountain
Colleen Cipro, Vice-chair	James Mason
Cynthia Bazinet	Robert Pelczarski
Steven Hammond	Norman Plourde
Lance Harris	Robert Remillard
Stacey Jackson	Erik Scheinfeldt
Julianne Kelley	Margaret Watson
Deidre Kosky	

*Committee Members Absent:*

William Clute	Michelle Sciabarrasi
Robert Imber	Athas Tsongalis

*Administration Present:*

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Superintendent of Schools  
Peter Brennan, Business Manager  
Kelley Gangi, Director of Curriculum  
Darryll McCall, Director of Operations (8:21 PM)  
Susan Sullivan, Director of Human Resources  
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

*Student Representatives Present:*

None

*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 7:01 PM.  
Chair Leith read aloud the Guidelines for Public Hearing.

I. Public Hearing

Kelly Niermeyer, Holden, addressed the School Committee.

Kurt Niermeyer, Holden, addressed the School Committee.

II. Secretary's Report

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on May 23, 2012

Motion: To approve the minutes of the organizational meeting of the School Committee held May 23, 2012.

(C. Bazinet)  
(M. Watson)

The minutes of the organizational meeting of the School Committee held May 23, 2012 were approved, by consensus, with Members Jackson, Mason, Pelczarski and Remillard abstaining.

- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on May 23, 2012.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the executive session of the Wachusett Regional School Committee held May 23, 2012, not to be released.

(S. Hammond)  
(M. Watson)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Duncan Leith  
Colleen Cipro  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Steven Hammond  
Lance Harris  
Julianne Kelley  
Deidre Kosky  
Sarah LaMountain  
Norman Plourde  
Robert Remillard  
Erik Scheinfeldt  
Margaret Watson

*Opposed:*

None

*Abstained:*

Stacey Jackson  
James Mason  
Robert Pelczarski

Motion passed 12-0-3.

- C. Approval of the 1219<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on May 23, 2012

Motion: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the School Committee held May 23, 2012.

(S. Hammond)

(M. Watson)

The minutes of the regular meeting of the School Committee held May 23, 2012 were approved, by consensus, with Members Jackson, Mason, and 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. Chair Leith reminded members that the standing Business/Finance Subcommittee will continue to serve until the new subcommittees are appointed.

### IV. Committee Reports

#### A. Chair's Opening Remarks

*Legislative Aide Alex Rittershaus - Presentation of Citation from the State of Massachusetts to the Thomas Prince School Green Team*

Chair Leith welcomed Alex Rittershaus, TPS principal Mary Cringan, and Princeton parents Corey Burnham-Howard and Christine Rainville. On behalf of the state and Representative Kim Ferguson, Mr. Rittershaus presented a citation to the Thomas Prince School PTA Green Team, which resulted in a round of applause. Ms. Burnham-Howard accepted the citation on behalf of Princeton and took a moment to explain how the Green Team originated, what it has accomplished, and what it hopes to accomplish in the future. Chair Leith thanked Mr. Rittershaus, Principal Cringan, Ms. Burnham-Howard, and Ms. Rainville, they were given another round of applause, and then left the meeting.

Chair Leith reported on the June 9<sup>th</sup> WRHS graduation ceremony, which he attended. He reminded members of the upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> graduations, four (Holden, Paxton, Rutland, Sterling) will be held Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, and the Thomas Prince School ceremony will take place on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Leith reported that former Holden Selectboard member Joseph Sullivan has agreed to act as facilitator for the Revenue Sharing Task Force. Chair Leith is hoping the first meeting of this task force can be scheduled in the very near future.

Chair Leith congratulated both the WRHS girls' track team and the WRHS boys' track team on their successful spring seasons.

7:36 PM Member Harris left the table.

Chair Leith called the Committee's attention to the posting of a special School Committee meeting, Wednesday evening, June 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Media Center. This meeting has been scheduled for the evening following the scheduled Town of Paxton override vote, which will take place on June 26, 2012.

B. Student Representatives

There were no student representatives in attendance.

C. Management Subcommittee

The new Management Subcommittee has not yet been appointed.

D. Education Subcommittee

The new Education Subcommittee has not yet been appointed.

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

The Business/Finance Subcommittee has not met since the last School Committee meeting.

1. WRSD Educational Foundation Trust

No report was made.

F. Community Outreach Subcommittee

The new Community Outreach Subcommittee has not yet been appointed.

G. Audit Advisory Board (J. Mason)

No report was made.

7:39 PM Member Harris returned to the table.

H. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

I. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee (M. Watson)

Member Watson reported this building committee will be busy the next several months. The building committee will meet at 6:00 PM on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Mountview Building Committee members who are available will visit Sherwood Middle School in Shrewsbury (a Lameroux Pagano and Associates building project) the afternoon of June 12<sup>th</sup>, before the building committee meeting that evening.

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

A Green Repair School Building update was included in Business Manager Brennan's report.

J. 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

There were no School Council reports made.

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

At Member Jackson's inquiry, Director of Curriculum Gangi spoke about the ELL coach position, and explained that the salary for that position will be partially grant funded.

At Member Ploourde's inquiry, Director of Human Resources Sullivan spoke about implementation of new food service regulations.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

1. Motion: To accept the 2012-2013 Wachusett Regional School District School Improvement Plans, as summarized

(C. Bazinet)

(N. Plourde)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Duncan Leith

Colleen Cipro

Cynthia Bazinet  
Steven Hammond  
Lance Harris  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Deidre Kosky  
Sarah LaMountain  
James Mason  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Robert Remillard  
Erik Scheinfeldt  
Margaret Watson

*Opposed:*  
None

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Motion: To approve the FY13 Pre-Approved Vendor List  
(C. Bazinet)  
(M. Watson)

Vote:

*In favor:*  
Duncan Leith  
Colleen Cipro  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Steven Hammond  
Lance Harris  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Deidre Kosky  
Sarah LaMountain  
James Mason  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Robert Remillard  
Erik Scheinfeldt  
Margaret Watson

*Opposed:*  
None

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Motion: To appoint Superintendent Tom Pandiscio to represent Wachusett Regional School District on the FLLAC Education Collaborative Board of Directors

(C. Bazinet)  
(M. Watson)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Duncan Leith  
Colleen Cipro  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Steven Hammond  
Lance Harris  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Deidre Kosky  
Sarah LaMountain  
James Mason  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Robert Remillard  
Erik Scheinfeldt  
Margaret Watson

*Opposed:*

None

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Motion: To approve the 2012-2013 School Committee meeting schedule, as presented

(S. Hammond)  
(C. Bazinet)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Duncan Leith  
Colleen Cipro  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Steven Hammond  
Lance Harris  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Deidre Kosky  
Sarah LaMountain  
James Mason  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde

Robert Remillard  
Erik Scheinfeldt  
Margaret Watson

*Opposed:*  
None

Motion passed unanimously.

5. 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, and with the approval of the Chairman of the District Committee, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 17.

(J. Mason)  
(L. Harris)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Duncan Leith  
Colleen Cipro  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Steven Hammond  
Lance Harris  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Deidre Kosky  
Sarah LaMountain  
James Mason  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Robert Remillard  
Erik Scheinfeldt  
Margaret Watson

*Opposed:*  
None

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Public Hearing

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

VII. Unfinished Business



At Member Harris' inquiry, Business Manager Brennan explained why three individuals are included on the Pre-approved Vendor List, under Health/Dental Insurance.

At Member Cipro's inquiry, Superintendent Pandiscio explained the process followed when internal candidates express interest in teacher open positions.

Chair Leith publically thanked Carmelo Bazzano for his time as a Holden representative on the School Committee, and he wished Mr. Bazzano well.

VIII. New Business

There was no new business brought before the School Committee.

IX. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

(S. Hammond)  
(J. Kelley)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Duncan Leith  
Colleen Cipro  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Steven Hammond  
Lance Harris  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Deidre Kosky  
Sarah LaMountain  
James Mason  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Robert Remillard  
Erik Scheinfeldt  
Margaret Watson

*Opposed:*

None

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

TGP:rlp