

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Monday, June 12, 2017

Executive Session

Media Center
Wachusett Regional High School
1401 Main Street, Holden

Wachusett Regional School District Committee

Kenneth Mills, Chair	Linda Long-Bellil
Christina Smith, Vice-chair	Lauren Maldonado
Scott Brown	Robert McCarthy
Thomas Curran	Benjamin Mitchel
Michael Dennis	Asima Silva
Harriet Fradellos	Robin Van Liew
Susan Hitchcock	Megan Weeks
Robert Imber	Charles Witkes
Sarah LaMountain	Adam Young (8:51 PM)
Matthew Lavoie	

Committee Members Absent:

Stephen Godbout	Michael Rivers
Jon Edward Novak	

Committee Members Participating Remotely:

None

Administration Present:

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

Municipal Representative Present:

None

Chair Mills called the executive session to order at 8:26 PM. Chair Mills turned the meeting over to Legal Affairs Subcommittee Chair Hitchcock.

8:27 PM Member Fradellos joined the meeting.

8:27 PM Member LaMountain joined the meeting.

At Legal Affairs Subcommittee Chair Hitchcock's request, Legal Affairs Vice-chair Brown spoke about District-offered health insurance, giving a brief history of the PEC (Public Employee Committee) and the PEC Agreement. Member Brown reported that the PEC has requested the PEC Agreement be a three year agreement, and the District has offered a two year agreement. Referring to a draft Memorandum of Agreement, which members were provided with, Member Brown reviewed the proposed edits and amendments to the PEC Agreement, noting the current PEC Agreement will expire June 30, 2017 (attachment 1). Member Brown explained that 51% of PEC members need to support the proposed new PEC Agreement in order for it to be approved by the PEC. Member Brown reported the WREA is scheduled to vote on the PEC Agreement on June 15, 2017. The School Committee will be asked to take action to support the proposed PEC Agreement. At Member Lavoie's request for an outline of proposed changes to the PEC Agreement, Director of Human Resources Carlson approached the podium and explained health insurance plan design changes (i.e. increases in co-pays), changes to the Health Reimbursement Account, noting minimal use of this reimbursement option the last two years, continuation of the Insurance Buyout option. Director Carlson noted the contribution strategies would remain the same (78/22, with 50/50 split for PPO Plan). Most members had questions about the PEC Agreement and the District's health insurance benefits.

8:51 PM Member Young joined the meeting.

More discussion took place, with most members continuing to participate in the discussions, and with questions being asked and answered.

Chair Mills cautioned those present that discussions in executive session are to be kept confidential.

Motion: To adjourn to executive, to return to public session

(S. LaMountain)
(R. McCarthy)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Christina Smith
Scott Brown
Michael Dennis
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Robert Imber
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Opposed:

Thomas Curran

The motion was approved 18-1.

The executive session adjourned at 9:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

DM:rlp