

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting #1286 Monday, June 27, 2016
7:00 PM

Media Center
Wachusett Regional High School
1401 Main Street, Holden

Wachusett Regional School District Committee

Kenneth Mills, Chair	Jon Edward Novak
Scott Brown	Steve Porter
Thomas Curran	Barbara Renzoni
Michael Dennis	Asima Silva
Matthew Lavoie	Christina Smith
Linda Long-Bellil	Megan Weeks
Lauren Maldonado (7:05 PM)	Charles Witkes
Robert McCarthy	Adam Young

Committee Members Absent:

Robert Imber, Vice-chair	Stacey Jackson
Harriet Fradellos	Sarah LaMountain
Susan Hitchcock	Michael Rivers

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

Student Representatives Present:

Chloe Tolderlund

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

Chair Mills called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Chair Mills announced the meeting was being recorded by HCTV.

I. Public Hearing

No members of the public wished to address the Committee.

II. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Mills welcomed Student Representative Chloe Tolderlund to the table.

Chair Mills reminded members there would be an executive session at the conclusion of the regular meeting, and he explained for the new members the purpose of “the red folder” and reminded all that executive session discussions are to be kept confidential until the topic of the executive session is concluded. He further explained that all materials copied on red paper for an executive session are to be turned in to the secretary at the conclusion of the executive session.

Chair Mills spoke about the Open Meeting Law, and mentioned possibly scheduling a OML presentation/briefing for members, by MASC Executive Director Glenn Koocher, at an upcoming School Committee meeting.

III. Student Representatives’ Reports (Alyssa Stark, Chloe Tolderlund)

No report was made.

IV. Superintendent’s Report

A. Discussion of Report

Chair Mills asked members who might be interested in attending the November 2016 MASS/MASC Joint Conference to advise, so that early registration discount can be taken advantage of. Member Novak reported he had attended last year’s conference and he found it very beneficial.

Chair Mills asked if any members are interested in manning a table at the August 2016 Holden Days event to please advise.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

1. To accept the 2016-2017 Wachusett Regional School District School Improvement Plans

(L. Long-Bellil)

(T. Curran)

There was some discussion about the 2016-2017 School Improvement Plans.

Vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Lavoie

Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks
Charles Witkes
Adam Young

Opposed:

None

The motion was unanimously approved.

2. To authorize the Director of Business and Finance to transfer \$118,891.36 to the Other Operating costs appropriation from the Benefits & Insurance appropriation

(T. Curran)

(C. Witkes)

Vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Lavoie
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks
Charles Witkes
Adam Young

Opposed:

None

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. To authorize the listed FY17 Revolving Funds in accordance with

M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sect. 53E ½, to be expensed under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools (or designee), to be credited with receipts from acknowledged revenue sources, to be expended for their respective stated purposes, and not to exceed the authorized amounts.

Name of Fund	Legal Citation	Authorized
Adult Education	M.G.L. Ch. 71 Sect. 71E	\$10,000
Applied Arts	M.G.L. Ch. 71 Sect. 71C	\$75,000
Athletics	M.G.L. Ch. 71 Sect. 47	\$500,000
Building Use	M.G.L. Ch. 40, Sect 3, Ch.	\$80,000
Cafeteria	(548 of Acts of 1948) [3]	\$2,000,000
Circuit Breaker	M.G.L. Ch. 71B, C.M.R.	\$2,700,000
Drivers Education	M.G.L. Ch. 71 Sect. 71C	\$80,000
ECC Tuition	M.G.L. Chapter 71: Sect.	\$170,000
Extended Day	M.G.L. Ch. 71 Sect. 71F	\$20,000
Gifts & Grants	M.G.L. Ch. 71 Sect. 47	\$50,000
Insurance Reimbursement	M.G.L. Ch. 71 Sect. 47	\$40,000
Kindergarten	M.G.L. Ch. 71 Sect. 71F	\$750,000
Locker Fees	M.G.L. Ch. 71 Sect. 47	\$25,000
Lost Books Damaged	M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section	\$15,000
Parking Fees	M.G.L. Ch. 71 Sect. 47	\$60,000
Performing Arts	M.G.L. Ch. 71 Sect. 71C	\$30,000
Program Initiatives	M.G.L. Ch. 71 Sect. 71C	\$120,000
School Choice	M.G.L. Ch. 76 Sect. 12B(O)	\$1,400,000
Summer School	M.G.L. Ch. 71 Sect. 71C	\$15,000

(R. McCarthy)

(T. Curran)

Vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
 Scott Brown
 Thomas Curran
 Michael Dennis
 Matthew Lavoie
 Linda Long-Bellil
 Lauren Maldonado
 Robert McCarthy
 Jon Edward Novak
 Steve Porter
 Barbara Renzoni
 Asima Silva
 Christina Smith
 Megan Weeks
 Charles Witkes
 Adam Young

Opposed:

None

The motion was unanimously approved.

4. To authorize the listed FY17 Student Activity Funds by location in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 71 Sect. 47, to be Funds collected for student activities belonging to the students and not to the district or school control, to be credited with receipts from acknowledged revenue sources, to be expended for their respective stated purposes, and not to exceed the authorized amounts.

Student Activity Fund	Authorized
Wachusett Reg. High School	\$650,000
Dawson Elementary	\$15,000
Mountview MS	\$280,000
Mayo Elementary	\$30,000
Davis Hill Elementary	\$125,000
Paxton Center School	\$125,000
Thomas Prince School	\$125,000
Naquag Elementary	\$30,000
Central Tree MS	\$100,000
Glenwood Elementary	\$75,000
Chocksett MS	\$75,000
Houghton Elementary	\$15,000
Early Childhood Ctr.	\$15,000

(R. McCarthy)

(T. Curran)

5. To Discharge the Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review the Regional Agreement

(M. Weeks)

(T. Curran)

Vote:*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills
 Scott Brown
 Thomas Curran
 Michael Dennis
 Matthew Lavoie
 Linda Long-Bellil
 Lauren Maldonado
 Robert McCarthy
 Jon Edward Novak
 Steve Porter
 Barbara Renzoni
 Asima Silva
 Christina Smith
 Megan Weeks

Charles Witkes
Adam Young

Opposed:
None

The motion was unanimously approved.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Presentation by Administrator of Special Education

Chair Mills explained this presentation will be scheduled for a future meeting.

VI. Secretary's Report

A. Approval of Organizational Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on May 23, 2016

Motion: To approve minutes of the organizational meeting of the WRSDC held on May 23, 2016.

(R. McCarthy)
(S. Brown)

Vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Lavoie
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks
Charles Witkes
Adam Young

Opposed:
None

Abstained:
Asima Silva

The minutes were approved 15-0-1.

- B. Approval of 1285th Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on May 23, 2016

Motion: To approve minutes of the regular meeting of the WRSDC held on May 23, 2016.

(R. McCarthy)
(S. Brown)

Vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Lavoie
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks
Charles Witkes
Adam Young

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Asima Silva

The minutes were approved 15-0-1.

- C. Approval of the 315th Special Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on June 15, 2016

Motion: To approve minutes of the special meeting of the WRSDC held on June 15, 2016.

(R. McCarthy)
(A. Young)

Vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills

Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Lavoie
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks
Charles Witkes
Adam Young

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Asima Silva

The minutes were approved 15-0-1.

- D. Approval of the 316th Special Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on June 22, 2016

Motion: To approve minutes of the special meeting of the WRSDC held on June 22, 2016.

(T. Curran)
(R. McCarthy)

Vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Thomas Curran
Matthew Lavoie
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Scott Brown
Michael Dennis
Adam Young

The minutes were approved 13-0-3.

VII. Treasurer's Report/Financial Statements

Chair Mills 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.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Management Subcommittee (K. Mills, Chair, R. Imber, Vice-chair, S. Brown, B. Renzoni)

Chair Mills reported on the June 20, 2016 meeting of this subcommittee. Chair Mills also gave a brief update on the status of the strategic plan and the timeline for full School Committee review and approval. This subcommittee is scheduled to meet next on July 7, 2016.

B. Education Subcommittee (R. Imber, Chair, C. Smith, Vice-chair, S. LaMountain, M. Lavoie, L. Maldonado, S. Porter, M. Rivers, A. Silva, M. Weeks)

In Chair Imber's absence, Vice-chair Smith reported the Education Subcommittee had met just before this School Committee meeting, and the next meeting has been scheduled for June 30, 2016. She reported the subcommittee continues to address Amended Policy 6438, the Anti-Bullying Policy, which the subcommittee is hoping to bring before the full School Committee at the July 11, 2016 meeting.

C. Business/Finance Subcommittee (B. Renzoni, Chair, R. McCarthy, Vice-chair, M. Dennis, L. Long-Bellil, E. Novak, C. Witkes, A Young)

Subcommittee Chair Renzoni reported on the June 13, 2016 meeting of this subcommittee and told that the next meeting is scheduled for July 5, 2016.

D. Legal Affairs Subcommittee (S. Brown, Chair, T. Curran, H. Fradellos, S. Hitchcock, S. Jackson)

Subcommittee Chair Brown reported the first meeting of this subcommittee is scheduled for July 13, 2016.

E. Audit Advisory Board (B. Renzoni, C. Witkes, Vice-chair)

AAB Chair Renzoni reported the Audit Advisory Board has not met since the last School Committee meeting.

F. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review the Regional Agreement (S. Hitchcock, Chair, R. Imber, K. Mills, B. Renzoni, C. Witkes)

The duties of this ad hoc subcommittee have concluded and the subcommittee has been discharged.

G. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee

Member McCarthy reported the Building Committee has not met since the last School Committee meeting.

H. School Council Reports:

Central Tree Middle School (E. Novak), Chocksett Middle School, Davis Hill Elementary School (A. Silva), Dawson Elementary School (A. Young), Glenwood Elementary School (M. Lavoie), Houghton Elementary School (M. Rivers), Mayo Elementary School (T. Curran), Mountview Middle School (S. Brown), Naquag Elementary School (C. Witkes), Paxton Center School (H. Fradellos), Thomas Prince School (M. Weeks), Wachusett Regional High School (S. LaMountain), Special Education Parent Advisory Council (S. Jackson), Early Childhood Center (L. Maldonado)

Chair Mills thanked members for their willingness to represent the School Committee on School Councils. He mentioned the need for a liaison to serve on the Chocksett Middle School SIMCO.

IX. Public Hearing

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

X. New Business

There was no new business brought before the School Committee.

XI. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn to executive session to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel (Darryll McCall, Superintendent of Schools), not to return to public session.

(R. McCarthy)
(S. Brown)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Matthew Lavoie
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks
Charles Witkes
Adam Young

Opposed:

None

The motion was unanimously approved

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

DM:rlp