

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING

Minutes

Regular Meeting #1257 Monday, July 14, 2014
7:00 PM

Media Center
Wachusett Regional High School
1401 Main Street, Holden

Committee Members Present:

Lance Harris, Chair	Sarah LaMountain (7:26 PM)
Robert Imber, Vice-chair	Robert McCarthy
Scott Brown	Kenneth Mills
William Clute	Steve Porter
Timothy Ethier	Robert Remillard
Susan Hitchcock	Barbara Renzoni
Stacey Jackson	Erik Scheinfeldt
Julianne Kelley	Christina Smith
Deidre Kosky	Charles Witkes

Committee Members Absent:

Thomas Curran	Matthew Ehrenworth
Michael Dennis	Brian Ruttle

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:

Linnea Budd	Liam Fritsche
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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 7:00 PM. Chair Harris welcomed new School Committee Member Susan Hitchcock, who will be representing the Town of Sterling. Chair Harris asked if any members would object to a change in the order of the meeting agenda, moving Recommendations Requiring Actions by the School Committee to just after the Public Hearing. No members objected.

I. Public Hearing

Margaret Watson, Holden resident, read a prepared statement (attachment 2).

Chair Harris asked members if there would be any objection to a second address under Public Hearing, even though those wishing to address the School Committee had not signed up to speak. No members objected.

WREA Officers Heidi Lahey, Joseph Jourdain, Michael Lague, and Jennifer Reilly introduced themselves to the School Committee.

7:10 PM Member Smith left the table.

II. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

1. Motion: To adopt the amended FY15 Appropriation in the amount of \$81,179,598 and assessments, including debt service, to the Member Towns of:

Holden	\$21,931,966
Paxton	\$5,394,721
Princeton	\$4,383,051
Rutland	\$9,202,057
Sterling	<u>\$9,951,561</u>
Total	\$50,863,355

(R. Imber)
(S. Brown)

At Chair Harris' request, Director of Business and Finance Scanlon approached the podium and spoke to the motion, showing a PowerPoint presentation (attachment 3).

7:15 PM Member Smith returned to the table.

At the conclusion of Director Scanlon's address, Chair Harris explained that he would call upon members, in random order, if they wish to ask questions about the proposed amended FY15 Appropriation.

Member Mills
Member Clute
Member Jackson – pass
Vice-chair Imber
Member Brown

7:26 PM Member LaMountain joined the meeting.

Member Kosky – pass
Member Smith
Member Witkes

Member Remillard
Member Kelley

7:30 PM Member Kosky left the table.

Member Renzoni

7:31 PM Member Kosky returned to the table.

Member Scheinfeldt
Member Ethier
Member Porter – pass
Member McCarthy
Member Hitchcock – pass
Member LaMountain
Chair Harris

7:40 PM Member Kosky left the table.

Member Mills

7:42 PM Member Koskey returned to the table.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Chair Harris explained that fifteen votes in favor ($2/3^{\text{rd}}$ of the School Committee) are needed to pass the motion.

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
William Clute
Timothy Ethier
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Sarah Lamountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Motion: To approve amended "Other Operational Costs" appropriation of \$1,126,165

(R. McCarthy)
(S. Brown)

Vote:
In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
William Clute
Timothy Ethier
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Sarah Lamountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Motion: To authorize the Director of Business and Finance to transfer \$173,641.34 to the FY14 Salaries and Stipends appropriation from the FY14 Other Operating Costs appropriation

(B. Renzoni)
(R. McCarthy)

Vote:
In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
William Clute

Timothy Ethier
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Sarah Lamountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Motion: To authorize the Director of Business and Finance to transfer \$35,909.76 to the FY14 Instructional Supplies appropriation from the FY14 Transportation appropriation

(B. Renzoni)

(J. Kelley)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
William Clute
Timothy Ethier
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Sarah Lamountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Motion: To authorize the Director of Business and Finance to transfer \$159,053.02 to the FY14 Operations and Maintenance appropriation from the FY14 Insurance and Benefits appropriation

(B. Renzoni)

(J. Kelley)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
William Clute
Timothy Ethier
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Sarah Lamountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

III. Secretary's Report

- A. Approval of Special Meeting 306th Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on June 23, 2014

Motion: To approve minutes of Special Meeting #306 of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on June 23, 2014

(K. Mills)

(J. Kelley)

The minutes were approved, with Members Hitchcock, Kosky, LaMountain, Remillard, and Scheinfeldt abstaining.

- B. Approval of 1256th Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on June 23, 2014

Motion: To approve the 1256th Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on June 23, 2014

(K. Mills)

(R. McCarthy)

The minutes were approved, with Members Hitchcock, Kosky, LaMountain, Remillard, and Scheinfeldt abstaining.

- C. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on June 23, 2014.

Action deferred to executive session.

IV. 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.

V. Committee Reports

- A. Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair's opening remarks were made at the beginning of the meeting.

- B. Student Representatives (Linnea Budd, Liam Fritsche)

At Student Representative Fritsche's inquiry, Superintendent McCall spoke about the budget.

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

Chair Harris reported on the meeting of the Management Subcommittee held just before the regular School Committee meeting. Chair Harris explained the Management Subcommittee is recommending amending the School Committee By-Laws, Article 3, Section 5. This portion of the By-Laws addresses agendas of School Committee meetings. Chair Harris explained the By-Laws may be amended by a vote of the majority of the full School Committee at any regular or special meeting, provided the text of such amendment has been given to each member at least 14 days in advance of action by the full School Committee to amend the By-Laws. He further reported that a copy of the proposed amended language will be provided to all

members at least 14 days before the August 11, 2014 full School Committee meeting and action to approve the proposed amendment will be on the agenda of that meeting.

Chair Harris reported that the evaluation tool for the Superintendent of Schools will be distributed to School Committee members for their completion. Chair Harris asked that members submit their completed evaluation tools by Monday, July 28, 2014.

D. Education Subcommittee (R. Imber, Chair, T. Ethier, R. Remillard, C. Smith)

1. Amended Policy – 6531.1 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Social Media** – second reading

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

(R. Imber)
(S. Jackson)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
William Clute
Timothy Ethier
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Sarah Lamountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Susan Hitchcock

The motion passed 17-0-1.

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

Subcommittee Chair Renzoni reported on the two meetings of the subcommittee held since the last School Committee meeting.

- F. Legal Affairs Subcommittee (K. Mills, Chair, S. Brown, Vice-chair, W. Clute, M. Ehrenworth, J. Kelley)

Subcommittee Chair Mills expects to schedule a meeting of this subcommittee the first week in August.

- G. Facilities & Security Subcommittee (E. Scheinfeldt, Chair, T. Curran, S. LaMountain, R. McCarthy, S. Porter)

Subcommittee Chair Scheinfeldt reported this subcommittee will meet on Wednesday, July 16th, at 7:00 PM.

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

Motion: To approve the recommendation of the Audit Advisory Board to award a contract to Lynch, Malloy, Marini LLP of Norwell, MA to perform all required or advisable audit services to include Annual Financial Statements, Federal Awards Programs, End of Year Report, and Student Activities, for three (3) fiscal years covering FY 2014 in the total amount of \$37,500.00, FY 2015 in the total amount of \$39,000.00, and FY 2016 in the total amount of \$40,500.00, with an option to renew for two (2) additional fiscal years at the District's discretion for FY 2017 and FY 2018, at mutually agreed-upon fees and guidelines.

(J. Kelley)
(S. Jackson)

Audit Advisory Board Chair Kelley spoke to the motion.

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
William Clute
Timothy Ethier
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Sarah Lamountain
Robert McCarthy

Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

AAB Chair Kelley reported the Audit Advisory Board would be meeting with representatives of Lynch, Malloy, Marini LLP on July 15, 2014.

Chair Harris gave an update on the membership of the Audit Advisory Board, reporting there are two vacancies (Holden and Sterling). Holden and Sterling have been approached, seeking recommendation for possible candidates to fill these vacancies.

I. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review Evaluation and Hiring Policy (K. Mill, Chair, R. Remillard, Vice-chair, S. Brown, M. Ehrenworth, C. Smith)

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Chair Mills reported this subcommittee will meet next on Monday, August 4th, at 7:00, in the Curriculum Center at the District Central Office.

J. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee

Chair Harris reported the Facilities & Security Subcommittee will be asked for its recommendation of a School Committee member to serve on the Mountview Building Committee.

2. Green Repair School Building Committee

Chair Harris gave a brief update, reporting final paperwork has been signed on behalf of the District and the towns and have been submitted by the towns, and the towns are waiting for final payments.

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

There were no School Council reports.

VI. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

Chair Harris turned the meeting over to Superintendent McCall. Superintendent McCall spoke about school choice, explaining District administration utilized class size recommendations as listed in School Committee Policy 3510 when considering accepting new school choice students. Superintendent McCall explained that admission of siblings of current school choice students would push class size numbers over policy recommendation. Superintendent McCall gave examples of what admission of siblings of school choice students could do to class size numbers at Davis Hill Elementary School and Paxton Center School. Much discussion ensued, with many members of the School Committee participating.

VII. Public Hearing

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

VIII. Unfinished Business

Motion: To accept the 2014-2015 Wachusett Regional School District School Improvement Plans

Motion: To amend motion to accept School Improvement Plans with the exception of Davis Hill Elementary School

Chair Harris asked if any members of the Committee would object to deferring action on the two motions under Unfinished Business, and no members objected.

IX. New Business

Motion: To establish Revolving Account for Wachusett Regional High School Student Mock Trial Program

(E. Scheinfeldt)

(T. Ethier)

Member Scheinfeldt spoke about the motion and the establishment of a Mock Trial Program at Wachusett Regional High School. Member Scheinfeldt explained he plans to solicit donations to assist with getting the program started, and these donated funds would be deposited into a new Revolving Account. Discussion ensued, with members and Student Representative Budd participating.

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
William Clute
Timothy Ethier
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Sarah Lamountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

- X. Executive Session to discuss strategy for contract negotiations with union personnel (SEIU Local 888 – ABA Program Assistants), as the Chair deems that a discussion in open session would be detrimental to the District's interests, not to return to public session.

Executive session for the purpose of discussing a complaint against a public official, not to return to public session.

Motion: To enter executive session to discuss strategy for contract negotiations with union personnel (SEIU Local 888 – ABA Program Assistants), as the Chair deems that a discussion in open session would be detrimental to the District's interests, and for the purpose of discussing a complaint against a public official, not to return to public session.

(E. Scheinfeldt)
(K. Mills)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
William Clute
Timothy Ethier
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Sarah Lamountain
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Robert Remillard
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

DM:rlp