

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Executive Session

Thursday, August 9, 2012

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Wachusett Regional High School

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Cynthia Bazinet	Athas Tsongalis
William Clute	

Administration Present:

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Superintendent of Schools
Kelley Gangi, Director of Curriculum
Susan Sullivan, Director of Human Resources
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Chair Leith called the executive session of the School Committee to order at 9:13 PM and turned the meeting over to Superintendent Pandiscio. Superintendent Pandiscio reported on meetings he has had with the WREA to discuss employee health insurance and to begin setting the stage for negotiations. He also reported on meetings he has had with Benefit Development Group (BDG) about employee health insurance and that Blue Cross Blue Shield would like to work with the District to offer health insurance.

Superintendent Pandiscio explained that if the District decides not to renew its contract with the GIC, notification must be submitted to the GIC by October 1, 2012.

Superintendent Pandiscio pointed out that much attention must be paid to what will be offered to employees for health insurance in the near future, and that much will need to be accomplished between now and the October 1st GIC deadline. There was some discussion about employee health insurance.

The matter of increasing schedules for high school English teachers discussed briefly. It was acknowledged that the WREA may very likely file a grievance, change of working conditions based on past practice. The Superintendent has discussed this change with the

WREA and he expects if grieved the matter should be settled by a no cost solution. He will keep the Committee apprised if a grievance is filed.

Member Jackson asked Superintendent Pandiscio his status with the District. Superintendent Pandiscio promised a definitive answer within a week. Chair Leith will include an executive session on the agenda for the August 20, 2012 School Committee meeting.

Motion: To adjourn the executive session, not to return to public session.

(R. Imber)

(M. Watson)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
Sarah LaMountain
James Mason
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Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Leith took the opportunity to remind members that demeaning comments between members will not be tolerated.

The executive session adjourned at 9:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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