

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting #1288 Monday, August 15, 2016
7:00 PM

Media Center
Wachusett Regional High School
1401 Main Street, Holden

Wachusett Regional School District Committee

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| Kenneth Mills, Chair | Linda Long-Bellil |
| Robert Imber, Vice-chair | Robert McCarthy |
| Scott Brown | Steve Porter |
| Michael Dennis | Barbara Renzoni |
| Harriet Fradellos | Asima Silva |
| Susan Hitchcock | Christina Smith |
| Matthew Lavoie | Megan Weeks |

Committee Members Absent:

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| Thomas Curran | Jon Edward Novak |
| Stacey Jackson | Michael Rivers |
| Sarah LaMountain | Charles Witkes |
| Lauren Maldonado | Adam Young |

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:

Alyssa Stark

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

Chair Mills called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Chair Mills announced the meeting was being recorded by HCTV.

I. Public Hearing

Margaret Watson, Holden Garden Club, addressed the School Committee.

II. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Mills reported that Superintendent McCall will meet the September 1st timeframe to submit his goals, per his contract.

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

No report was given.

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

Superintendent McCall reported that he will be meeting with building principals and Central Office administrators for a two day summer administrative retreat, August 16 and 17, 2016. The main focus of this retreat will be implementation of the 2016-2021 strategic plan and how the District strategic plan will drive development of District, Superintendent, principal and teachers goals.

Member Smith asked about ELL courses for teachers to be offered by the District. Deputy Superintendent Berlo approached the podium and explained that the District is offering two full teacher courses, one in the fall and the other in spring. DESE is offering a full teacher course to those teachers who were flagged by the state as being unable to register for a previously offered SEI course.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

Motion: To accept donations to Davis Hill Elementary School, Mayo Elementary School, and Mountview Middle School from Holden Garden Club.

(C. Smith)
(R. McCarthy)

Vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Michael Dennis
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Matthew Lavoie
Linda Long-Bellil
Robert McCarthy
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva

Christina Smith
Megan Weeks

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 sometime during the academic year.

VI. Secretary's Report

A. Approval of 1287th Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on July 11, 2016

Motion: To approve minutes of the regular meeting of the WRSDC held on July 11, 2016.

(R. McCarthy)
(C. Smith)

Vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Scott Brown
Michael Dennis
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Matthew Lavoie
Linda Long-Bellil
Robert McCarthy
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks

Opposed:
None

Abstained:

Robert Imber
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni

The minutes were approved 11-0-3.

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 this subcommittee will meet on September 8, 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)

Subcommittee Chair Imber reported this subcommittee had met immediately before this School Committee meeting. Subcommittee Chair Imber spoke about amended Policy 6438, Anti-Bullying Policy, being brought before the full Committee for a first reading.

Motion: To approve the first reading of Amended Policy 6438 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Anti-Bullying Policy**, waiving the reading.
(R. McCarthy)
(A. Silva)

There was discussion of the amended policy and questions were asked. Deputy Superintendent Berlo approached the podium and he explained that upon School Committee approval of the amended policy, the Bullying Intervention and Prevention Plan will be reviewed and edited in order to be in line with Amended Policy 6438, followed by implementation of the updated policy and plan. There was discussion about the range of consequences listed in the policy, with concern voiced because consequences were listed in order of most severe to least severe. Member Weeks, speaking as a member of the Education Subcommittee, spoke to the concern about the order of consequences, explaining the Education Subcommittee's intent to let all know that the District is serious about addressing bullying. Some additional discussion took place.

Vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Michael Dennis
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Matthew Lavoie

Robert McCarthy
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Linda Long-Bellil

The motion was approved 13-0-1.

- 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 August 8, 2016 meeting of the subcommittee, and noted the subcommittee will meet next on September 6, 2016.

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

Subcommittee Chair Brown reported the subcommittee is scheduled to meet on August 31, 2016 and that Attorney Joseph Bartulis has been invited to attend the meeting.

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

AAB Chair Renzoni reported on the August 8, 2016 meeting of the Audit Advisory Board.

- F. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review the School Calendar

Chair Mills read aloud the charge to this newly appointed subcommittee, announcing that Member Smith will serve as Chair. Subcommittee Chair Smith reported the first meeting of this subcommittee is scheduled for September 7, 2016.

- G. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee

Member McCarthy reported the ball fields and parking lots are being worked on. He also announced plans for an ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house on Saturday, October 15, 2016.

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 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

Member Smith extended her thanks to Paxton town officials and voters, as well as School Committee members for their efforts to work together and gain the support of the town of Paxton to pass the FY17 budget.

Member Porter spoke about an article he asked be shared with all School Committee members, explaining the importance of including the arts when considering and developing the FY18 budget.

XI. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

(R. McCarthy)

(S. Brown)

Vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills

Robert Imber

Scott Brown

Michael Dennis

Harriet Fradellos

Susan Hitchcock

Matthew Lavoie

Linda Long-Bellil

Robert McCarthy

Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Asima Silva
Christina Smith
Megan Weeks

Opposed:
None

The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

DM:rlp