

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Executive Session

Monday, August 20, 2012

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Committee Members Present:

Duncan Leith, Chair	Robert Pelczarski
Colleen Cipro, Vice-chair	Norman Plourde
William Clute	Erik Scheinfeldt
Steven Hammond	Michelle Sciabarrasi
Stacey Jackson	Athas Tsongalis
James Mason	Margaret Watson
Kenneth Mills	

Committee Members Absent:

Cynthia Bazinet	Deidre Kosky
Lance Harris	Sarah LaMountain
Robert Imber	Robert Remillard
Julianne Kelley	

Administration Present:

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Superintendent of Schools
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Chair Leith called the executive session of the School Committee to order at 10:06 PM.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on July 23, 2012

Motion: To approve and release the minutes of the executive session of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on July 23, 2012.

(N. Plourde)
(S. Hammond)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Steven Hammond
Stacey Jackson
James Mason

Kenneth Mills
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Erik Scheinfeldt
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Athas Tsongalis

Motion passed 12-0-1.

Approval of 1221st Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on July 23, 2012

At Member Mills' recommendation, the July 23, 2012 regular meeting minutes will be corrected to include the following expanded language on page 3, under New Business: Chair Leith read aloud the public statement the School Committee had approved in executive session (attachment 3). *Chair Leith reported the School Committee had voted in executive session to terminate Business Manager Peter Brennan for non-performance of duties and job abandonment, effective immediately, July 23, 2012.*

Motion: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the School Committee held July 23, 2012, as corrected.

(M. Watson)

(N. Plourde)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Steven Hammond
Stacey Jackson
James Mason
Kenneth Mills
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Erik Scheinfeldt
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Athas Tsongalis

Motion passed 12-0-1.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on August 6, 2012

The minutes of the August 6, 2012 executive session will be corrected to reflect that Members Imber, Jackson, and Kelley asked for clarification, for the record, about what can and cannot be discussed in executive session.

Motion: To approve and release the minutes of the executive session of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on August 6, 2012, as corrected.

(M. Sciabarrasi)

(S. Hammond)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Stacey Jackson
James Mason
Kenneth Mills
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Erik Scheinfeldt
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

William Clute
Athas Tsongalis

Motion passed 11-0-2.

Superintendent Pandiscio reported on recent meetings with Benefit Development Group about employee health insurance. He explained that BCBS of Massachusetts is very interested in working with WRSD and has put together some very favorable health insurance numbers beginning FY14. Superintendent Pandiscio explained that the District must notify the GIC (Group Insurance Commission) no later than October 1, 2012 if the Wachusett Regional School District is not going to continue to provide employee health insurance through the GIC. If the District is going to meet this October 1st deadline, it is imperative that negotiations with the WREA be concluded within a very short timeframe (by the end of September). If WREA

negotiations are concluded and the teachers' union supports moving away from GIC health insurance, the District will notify the GIC of the District's intent to withdraw from the GIC at this end of the current contract. The Superintendent assured the Committee he will keep them apprised as these negotiations move forward.

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

(J. Mason)

(N. Plourde)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Steven Hammond
Stacey Jackson
James Mason
Kenneth Mills
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Erik Scheinfeldt
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Athas Tsongalis
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

None

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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