

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting #1289 Monday, September 12, 2016
7:00 PM

Media Center
Wachusett Regional High School
1401 Main Street, Holden

Wachusett Regional School District Committee

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

Committee Members Absent:

Robert Imber, Vice-chair	Asima Silva
Stacey Jackson	Megan Weeks
Sarah LaMountain	

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	Chloe Tolderlund
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Invited Guest:

Glenn Koocher, Executive Director, Massachusetts Association of School Committees

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

Heidi Lahey, WREA President, read a statement (attachment 2).

7:05 PM Member Dennis joined the meeting.

II. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Mills reported the meeting agenda would be taken slightly out of order, explaining Mr. Koocher's presentation would start the meeting, then the Student Representatives would have the opportunity to make a report, after which Superintendent McCall would make his presentation on the 2016-2021 Strategic Plan, followed by the Committee being asked to formally endorse the 2016-2021 Strategic Plan.

Chair Mills invited MASC Executive Director Glenn Koocher to the podium. Mr. Koocher provided members with three handouts (Quick Guide to Remote Participation at School Committee Meetings, Open Meeting Law Guide March 18, 2015, and MASC PowerPoint Open Meeting Law) attachments 3, 4, 5). Mr. Koocher walked the Committee through the various details and specifics of the OML. At the conclusion of Mr. Koocher's presentation, School Committee members were given the opportunity to ask questions. At the end of the Q&A session, Chair Mills thanked Mr. Koocher for his presentation and Mr. Koocher left the meeting.

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

No report was given.

II. Chair's Opening Remarks (continued)

At Chair Mills' invitation, Superintendent McCall approached the podium. Members were provided with a hard copy of *A Strategic Plan 2016 -2021* (attachment 6). Superintendent McCall spoke about the recently finalized strategic plan and he extended thanks to members of the Strategic Plan Steering Committee, members of the public who completed the survey, and those who attended one of the several focus groups hosted by representatives of MARS (Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools). Superintendent McCall made a PowerPoint presentation and he spoke about the strategic plan (attachment 7). At the conclusion of Superintendent McCall's presentation, Chair Mills explained the School Committee will be asked to endorse the 2016-2021 Strategic Plan. Chair Mills also explained how the strategic plan will be used to drive the development of District goals and the Superintendent's goals, drafts of each to be reviewed at the October 17, 2016 School Committee meeting and then voted on at the November 2016 School Committee meeting.

Motion: To endorse the WRSD 2016-2021 Strategic Plan.

(R. McCarthy)

(S. Hitchcock)

Members were given the opportunity to speak to the motion and ask questions about the strategic plan. At the conclusion of discussion, Chair Mills re-read the motion.

Vote:

In favor:

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

Opposed:

None

The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

Superintendent McCall spoke about the start of the school year, reporting on the timing of some of the special education vans, something that is being worked on. Superintendent McCall reported Deputy Superintendent Berlo has been meeting with principals to assist with building stronger data teams. Superintendent McCall reported on the August meeting of the Holden Pupil Population Study Task Force, speaking about information shared by Pam Harding, Director of Planning and Development for the Town of Holden, and explaining he will be working with Holden town officials on a "population" or a "growth" study.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

There were no actions requiring School Committee action.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Presentation by Administrator of Special Education

Superintendent McCall reported Administrator of Special Education Kim Merrick will make a presentation about the District's Special Education programs at the October 17, 2016 regular School Committee meeting.

VI. Secretary's Report

A. Approval of 1288th Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on August 15, 2016

Motion: To approve minutes of the regular meeting of the WRSDC held on August 15, 2016.

(R. McCarthy)
(S. Hitchcock)

Vote:

In favor:

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

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Thomas Curran
Lauren Maldonado
Jon Edward Novak
Michael Rivers
Charles Witkes
Adam Young

The minutes were approved 11-0-6.

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 met September 8, 2016 and an update concerning Superintendent McCall's contract will be provided to the full School Committee in executive session this meeting, to return to public session.

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 Vice-chair Smith reported this subcommittee had met immediately before this School Committee meeting.

Motion: To approve the second reading of Amended Policy 6438 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Anti-Bullying Policy**, waiving the reading.

(T. Curran)

(A. Young)

Vote:

In favor:

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

Opposed:

None

The motion was unanimously approved.

- 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 September 6, 2016 meeting of this subcommittee.

Motion: To approve the first reading of Amended Policy 4211 **Policy Relating to Budget/Finance Town Assessment Payments**, waiving the reading.

(H. Fradellos)

(S. Hitchcock)

Vote:

In favor:

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

Opposed:

None

The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Subcommittee Chair Brown reported on the August 31, 2016 meeting of this subcommittee and that the subcommittee will meet next on September 28, 2016.

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

AAB Chair Renzoni reported the meeting scheduled for September 15, 2016 would be canceled due to lack of quorum.

F. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review the School Calendar

Subcommittee Chair Smith reported on the first meeting of this subcommittee held on September 7, 2016 and told that the next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2016 and the public is welcome to attend.

G. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee

Member McCarthy reported the Building Committee would meet on September 13, 2016 and that the ribbon-cutting ceremony/open house is planned for 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)

Member Fradellos – Paxton Center School

Member Young – SEPAC - a six week *Build Your SPED Toolbox Seminar* is being offered beginning September 20, 2016 and, to date, there are 39 attendees registered.

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. Executive Session to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel (Darryll McCall, Superintendent of Schools), to return to public session.

Motion: To enter executive session to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel (Darryll McCall, Superintendent of Schools), to return to public session.

(R. McCarthy)
(S. Brown)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

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

Opposed:

None

The motion was unanimously approved.

The School Committee entered executive session at 8:33 PM.

The School Committee returned to public session at 8:51 PM.

XII. Discussion of 2017-2018 contract options for Superintendent of Schools Darryll McCall

Chair Mills read aloud Article One – Employment, Section 1-1 Appointment of Superintendent McCall’s current contract.

Motion: To support notifying Darryll McCall of the School Committee’s intent to extend his contract for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

(R. McCarthy)
(T. Curran)

Vote:

In favor:

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

Opposed:
None

The motion was unanimously approved.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

(R. McCarthy)
(C. Witkes)

Vote:

In favor:

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

Opposed:
None

The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

DM:rlp