

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Executive Session

Monday, September 14, 2009

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Wachusett Regional High School

Committee Members Present:

Margaret Watson, Chair	Steven Hammond
John Nunnari, Vice-chair	Robert Imber
Cynthia Bazinet	Stacey Jackson
Robert Carter	Julianne Kelley
Colleen Cipro	Duncan Leith
William Clute	Norman Plourde
Sherry Conrad	Joseph Sova
Kristine Goodwin	Dawn Torres-Gale

Committee Members Absent:

Michael Pantos	Michelle Sciabarrasi
Robert Pelczarski	Kori Stuart

Administration Present:

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

Chair Watson called the executive session of the School Committee to order at 9:15 PM and turned the meeting over to Superintendent Pandiscio. Superintendent Pandiscio distributed a November 28, 2005 letter from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Professional Licensure (attachment 1). He explained to the Committee the lawsuit that has recently been filed by a District employee against the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Wachusett Regional School Committee. Superintendent Pandiscio explained that the individual had been employed by the District in the early 1990s, then left District employ, to return again as a District employee. During the lapse in employment, licensing requirements of speech therapists were amended, adding the requirement that speech therapists be licensed by the DOE, as well as by the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. Since this individual does not maintain a Board licensure, she cannot be employed as a speech therapist. Superintendent Pandiscio further explained that the District has met with this individual, on several occasions, and has offered to provide assistance for her to enter a program in order to become Board licensed. Defense of this lawsuit would typically be covered by the District's liability insurance carrier, but the insurance carrier at the time of the allegation is no longer in business.

Motion: To adjourn executive session.

(R. Carter)

(R. Imber)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson

John Nunnari

Cynthia Bazinet

Robert Carter

Colleen Cipro

William Clute

Shirley Conrad

Kristine Goodwin

Steven Hammond

Robert Imber

Stacey Jackson

Julianne Kelley

Duncan Leith

Norman Plourde

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Opposed:

None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

The executive session adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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