

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting #1261 Tuesday, October 28, 2014  
7:00 PM

Media Center  
Wachusett Regional High School  
1401 Main Street, Holden

*Committee Members Present:*

Lance Harris, Chair	Kenneth Mills
Scott Brown	Steve Porter
Thomas Curran (7:07 PM)	Robert Remillard
Michael Dennis	Barbara Renzoni
Timothy Ethier	Brian Ruttle (7:05 PM)
Harriet Fradellos (7:10 PM)	Christina Smith
Sarah LaMountain	Charles Witkes
Robert McCarthy	

*Committee Members Absent:*

Robert Imber, Vice-chair	Julianne Kelley
Matthew Ehrenworth	Deidre Kosky
Susan Hitchcock	Erik Scheinfeldt
Stacey Jackson	

*Committee Members Participating Remotely:*

None

*Administration Present:*

Darryll McCall, Superintendent of Schools  
Joseph Scanlon, Director of Business and Finance  
Jeff Carlson, Director of Human Resources  
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

*Student Representatives Present:*

Liam Fritsche

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

Chair Harris called the regular meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:02 PM.

I. Public Hearing

No members of the public wished to address the School Committee.

II. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Harris sadly announced that Sterling Town Administrator Jeff Ritter had passed away this date and Chair Harris publically extended condolences to the family of Mr. Ritter. A moment of silence was observed.

III. Student Representatives' Reports (Linnea Budd, Liam Fritsche)

Student Representative Fritsche asked if there was any update on the use of WRHS to host meetings of Model U. N. Superintendent McCall reported he had spoken with Principal Beando, and it was agreed that when the school is open, Model U. N. would be welcome to use space to host a meeting. Superintendent McCall suggested Model U. N. Advisor, Mr. Jourdain, speak with Principal Beando about this matter. Student Representative Fritsche reported that the first quarter will end this week, and he also gave an update on the Mock Trial program.

IV. Superintendent's Report

7:05 PM Member Ruttle joined the meeting.

A. Discussion of Report

Superintendent McCall reported on the ALICE presentation that was made at the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Facilities & Security Subcommittee.

7:07 PM Member Curran joined the meeting.

Member Mills suggested that a presentation be made to the School Committee to address town demographics, town populations, school enrollment numbers, class size, school choice, recommending that this is something that should be brought before the School Committee in advance of "budget season."

Member Ethier commented on the condition of the Jefferson School building, commenting that the JEFFERSON SCHOOL lettering is missing a letter. Superintendent McCall reported this maintenance issue is being addressed and should be fix in the near future. Superintendent McCall also reported that a sign, identifying the Early Childhood Center, has been donated by the ECC parent group and should be in place in the front of the Jefferson School building in the near future.

7:10 PM Member Fradellos joined the meeting.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

There were no recommendations requiring action by the School Committee.

V. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business brought before the School Committee.

VI. Secretary's Report

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting 1260<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on October 14, 2014

Motion: To approve minutes of regular meeting #1260 of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on October 14, 2014

(R. McCarthy)

(T. Ethier)

The minutes were approved, with Members Curran, Dennis, and Ruttle abstaining.

VII. Treasurer's Report/Financial Statements

Chair Harris 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 (L. Harris, Chair, R. Imber, Vice-chair, K. Mills, Barbara Renzoni, E. Scheinfeldt)

Chair Harris reported the Management Subcommittee met on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, and at that meeting it was agreed that the four other subcommittees would be asked to develop one or two District goals, to help direct the Superintendent's goals.

- B. Education Subcommittee (R. Imber, Chair, C. Smith, Vice-chair, T. Ethier, R. Remillard)

This subcommittee has not met since the last School Committee meeting, and in Subcommittee Chair Imber's absence, no report was made.

- C. Business/Finance Subcommittee (B. Renzoni, Chair, M. Dennis, Vice-chair, S. Jackson, B. Ruttle, C. Witkes)

Subcommittee Chair Renzoni reported on the October 20, 2014 meeting of this subcommittee, and also reported the subcommittee will meet on November 3, 2014 and will address agenda items evaluations of the Director of Business and Finance and the District Treasurer, and to develop two District goals for Management Subcommittee consideration.

- D. Legal Affairs Subcommittee (K. Mills, Chair, S. Brown, Vice-chair, M. Ehrenworth, S. Hitchcock, J. Kelley)

Subcommittee Chair Mills reported the next meeting of the subcommittee will be Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 AM, in the WRHS Media Center, to be followed by an interest-based bargaining training session for members of the Legal Affairs subcommittee, District administration, and representatives from the bargaining units. The Legal Affairs will also meet on November 19, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

- E. Facilities & Security Subcommittee (E. Scheinfeldt, Chair, R. McCarthy, Vice-chair, T. Curran, S. LaMountain, S. Porter)

Subcommittee Vice-chair McCarthy reported the subcommittee had met just before this meeting, to address the need to develop goals as directed by the Management Subcommittee. He also briefly reported on the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of this subcommittee

- F. Audit Advisory Board (J. Kelley, Chair)

In AAB Chair Kelley's absence, no report was made.

- G. Collaborative Budget Task Force (S. Jackson, Chair, R. Imber, S. Hitchcock, J. Keley, B. Renzoni)

In Task Force Chair Jackson's absence, no report was made.

- H. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review Evaluation and Hiring Policy (K. Mill, Chair, R. Remillard, Vice-chair, S. Brown, M. Ehrenworth, C. Smith)

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Chair Mills reported this subcommittee will meet next on December 4, 2014.

- I. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee

The Mountview Building Committee has not met since the last School Committee meeting.

2. Green Repair School Building Committee

Chair Harris reported he will disband the Green Repair School Building Committee once he confirms all Green Repair funding has been received.

J. School Council Reports:

Central Tree Middle School (TBD), Chocksett Middle School (S. LaMountain), Davis Hill Elementary School (C. Smith), Dawson Elementary School (D. Kosky), Glenwood Elementary School (TBD), Houghton Elementary School (TBD), Mayo Elementary School (T. Curran), Mountview Middle School (S. Brown), Naquag Elementary School (M. Ehrenworth), Paxton Center School (TBD), Thomas Prince School (R. Imber/B. Ruttle), Wachusett Regional High School (E. Scheinfeldt), Special Education Parent Advisory Council (S. Jackson), Early Childhood Center (TBD)

Member Smith – Davis Hill Elementary School

IX. Public Hearing

No members of the public wished to address the School Committee.

X. New Business

XI. Executive Session to discuss strategy for contract negotiations with union personnel, as the Chair deems that a discussion in open session may be detrimental to the District's bargaining position, not to reconvene in open session.

(R. McCarthy)  
(T. Ethier)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Lance Harris  
Scott Brown  
Thomas Curran  
Michael Dennis  
Timothy Ethier  
Harriet Fradellos  
Sarah LaMountain  
Robert McCarthy  
Kenneth Mills  
Steve Porter  
Robert Remillard  
Barbara Renzoni  
Brian Ruttle  
Christina Smith  
Charles Witkes

*Opposed:*

None

The motion passed unanimously.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:24 PM, not to return to public session.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

DM:rlp