

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Executive Session

Monday, November 23, 2009

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Wachusett Regional High School

Committee Members Present:

Margaret Watson, Chair	Robert Imber
John Nunnari	Stacey Jackson
Cynthia Bazinet	Julianne Kelley
Robert Carter	Robert Pelczarski
Colleen Cipro	Norman Plourde
William Clute	Michelle Sciabarrasi
Kristine Goodwin	Joseph Sova
Steven Hammond	Dawn Torres-Gale

Committee Members Absent:

Sherry Conrad	Michael Pantos
Duncan Leith	Kori Stuart

Administration Present:

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Superintendent of Schools
Susan Sullivan, Director of Human Resources
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Chair Watson called the executive session of the School Committee to order at 9:02 PM and turned the meeting over to Superintendent Pandiscio. Superintendent Pandiscio announced that the District's bargaining units had taken a vote earlier in the day and the result was unanimous support of the District entering into an agreement with GIC (Group Insurance Commission) to provide employee health insurance coverage beginning July 1, 2010. Superintendent Pandiscio provided members with a copy of M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 19, acceptance of which the School Committee would be voting on at this meeting (attachment 1). Superintendent Pandiscio explained the process, noting that if the School Committee votes to enter into this agreement, the Memorandum of Agreement between WRSD and GIC must be signed and delivered to Boston by December 1, 2009. Superintendent Pandiscio distributed copies of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement (attachment 2). The Superintendent reviewed and explained the MOA for the Committee, noting minor corrections that will be made before the final document is signed by all parties.

Motion: The Wachusett Regional District School Committee accepts M.G.L. c.32B, §19 (as amended) for the purpose of transferring all subscribers for whom

the Wachusett Regional School District provides health insurance to the Group Insurance Commission pursuant to M.G.L. c32B, §19(e).

and further, authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to: notice forthwith the initial meeting of a Public Employee Committee for the purposes of M.G.L. c.32B, §19(e); bargain with such Public Employee Committee for the purposes of M.G.L. c.32B, §19(e); enter into an agreement with such Public Employee Committee for the purposes of M.G.L. c.32B, §19(e); and take all such other steps as are reasonably related to the transfer of all subscribers to the Group Insurance Commission.

(J. Nunnari)
(J. Sova)

Questions were asked and answered about the motion on the floor.

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
John Nunnari
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Kristine Goodwin
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Joseph Sova
Dawn Torres-Gale

Opposed:

None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

Motion: To adjourn.

(J. Nunnari)
(J. Sova)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
John Nunnari
Cynthia Bazinet

Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Kristine Goodwin
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Joseph Sova
Dawn Torres-Gale

Opposed:
None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

The executive session adjourned at 9:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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