

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Monday, November 28, 2016

Executive Session I

Media Center
Wachusett Regional High School
1401 Main Street, Holden

Wachusett Regional School District Committee

Kenneth Mills, Chair	Lauren Maldonado
Robert Imber, Vice-chair	Robert McCarthy
Scott Brown	Jon Edward Novak
Thomas Curran	Steve Porter
Michael Dennis	Barbara Renzoni
Susan Hitchcock	Michael Rivers
Harriet Fradellos	Asima Silva
Stacey Jackson	Megan Weeks
Matthew Lavoie	Charles Witkes
Linda Long-Bellil	Adam Young

Committee Members Absent:

Sarah LaMountain	Christina Smith
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Committee Members Participating Remotely:

None

Administration Present:

Darryll McCall, Superintendent of Schools
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Others:

Attorney Joseph Bartulis
Richard and Susan Durland

Chair Mills called the executive session of the School Committee to order at 7:08 PM. Chair Mills read aloud the Guidelines for Public Hearing, Policy 8150 *Complaints from the Community*, and Policy 8151 *Complaints About District Personnel*. Chair Mills invited Mr. and Mrs. Durland to the podium. At the podium, Mr. Durland referenced the couple's initial letter of complaint, which had been shared with the School Committee by the Durlands, by email, on November 26, 2016 (attachment 1). Mr. Durland read a prepared statement (attachment 2). Mr. Durland's address concluded at 7:22 PM. Chair Mills gave School Committee members the opportunity to ask clarifying questions of Mr. and Mrs. Durland. Many members asked clarifying questions, which were answered by Superintendent McCall and Mr. Durland. Superintendent McCall outlined the timeline of events since the Durland's initial complaint was received. When asked, Superintendent McCall confirmed the coach being discussed was invited to this executive session, but

declined to attend. Several times, Chair Mills reminded members that questions should be limited to clarifying questions. Discussion continued, with many clarifying questions be asked and answered. At the conclusion of the Durland's address and question and answer period, Chair Mills thanked the Durlands for their attendance and reminded School Committee members that all matters discussed in executive session are to remain confidential. More questions were asked of the Superintendent. Mr. Durland expressed their appreciation for the time and attention given them by Superintendent McCall and Principal Beando. Superintendent McCall will keep the School Committee updated as this investigation moves forward.

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

(R. McCarthy)

(B. Renzoni)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Susan Hitchcock
Harriet Fradellos
Stacey Jackson
Sarah LaMountain
Matthew Lavoie
Linda Long-Bellil
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Robert McCarthy
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Opposed:

None

The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive session I adjourned at 7:47 PM and returned to open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools