

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING

Minutes

Regular Meeting #1291 Monday, November 28, 2016
7:00 PM

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
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:

Chloe Tolderlund

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 live-streaming on the internet but was not being shown live on television.

I. Public Hearing

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

II. Executive Session

Motion: To enter executive session to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual, to return to public session.

(R. McCarthy)

(T. Curran)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

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

Opposed:

None

The motion was unanimously approved.

The School Committee adjourned to executive session at 7:05 PM.

The School Committee returned to open session at 7:50 PM, after a three minute recess.

Chair Mills spoke briefly about the recent election, noting the defeat of the charter school question, which set a positive tone. With no objection from the Committee, Chair Mills altered the agenda to allow Student Representative Tolderlund to give her report.

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

Student Representative Chloe Tolderlund reported she and Alyssa Stark had met with WRHS Principal Beando and had some discussion about no-test days. Further discussion of this topic will take place.

IV. Chair's Opening Remarks

Spring 2016 MCAS Test Results – Presentation by Robert Berlo, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Chair Mills invited Deputy Superintendent Berlo to the podium. Deputy Superintendent Berlo addressed the Committee, reporting on the 2016 spring MCAS results. Deputy Superintendent Berlo showed a PowerPoint, speaking to each slide (attachment 2). At the conclusion of the presentation, members were given the opportunity to ask questions of Deputy Superintendent Berlo, with many members asking questions.

8:28 PM Member Young left the table.

8:31 PM Member Young returned to the table.

Discussion continued.

9:00 PM Student Representative Tolderlund left the meeting.

9:01 PM Superintendent McCall left the table.

The review and discussion of Deputy Superintendent Berlo's presentation concluded.

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

Chair Mills deferred discussion of the Superintendent's Report until Superintendent McCall returns to the table.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

VI. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business brought before the Committee.

VII. Secretary's Report

A. Approval of 1290th Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on October 17, 2016

Motion: To approve minutes of the regular meeting of the WRSDC held on October 17, 2016.

(R. McCarthy)
(S. Jackson)

Vote:

In favor:

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

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Michael Dennis
Jon Edward Novak

The minutes were approved 18-0-2.

- B. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on October 17, 2016

Motion: To approve minutes of the executive session of the WRSDC held on October 17, 2016, to be released.

(R. McCarthy)
(S. Jackson)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Matthew Lavoie

Linda Long-Bellil
Robert McCarthy
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Michael Rivers
Asima Silva
Megan Weeks
Adam Young

Opposed:
None

Abstained:
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Harriet Fradellos
Lauren Maldonado
Jon Edward Novak
Charles Witkes

The minutes were approved 14-0-6.

9:05 PM Superintendent McCall returned to the table.

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

Superintendent McCall reported he has received confirmation that the Massachusetts DESE has approved the District's request for a waiver from computer-based testing for grade 4 MCAS testing in the spring of 2017.

Superintendent McCall reported on the October 15, 2016 grand opening at Mountview Middle School, praising the building and thanking all who worked on the building project, including the Mountview Building Committee.

Superintendent McCall reported he is assisting the Town of Holden with connecting with organizations able to conduct demographic and population studies, noting he has already heard back from NESDEC and will be in touch with Holden Town Manager Jacquie Kelly to discuss. Some discussion ensued, with Member Curran asking the expected timeline for the study and discussions with Town Manager Kelly. Chair Mills noted that Member Curran is a member of Holden's Education Options Review Committee. Member Curran reported this committee has met twice and will meet next on December 14, 2016. Superintendent McCall has been invited to attend the December 14th meeting to give the committee a report on funding.

Member Jackson asked Director Scanlon if the District is able to operate without a RAN, to which Director Scanlon responded yes.

9:09 PM Member Maldonado left the table.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

Motion: To authorize Superintendent Darryll McCall to enter into Lease Agreements with Member Towns Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling for the ten (10) year term July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2026, and to sign School Lease Agreements between the Wachusett Regional School District and each Member Town

(R. McCarthy)

(B. Renzoni)

Vote:

In favor:

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

Opposed:

None

The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion: To approve the 2016-2017 Strategic Action Plan

(R. McCarthy)

(T. Curran)

There was discussion of the 2016-2017 Strategic Action Plan, which will act as the District's and the Superintendent's goals. Upon Member Hitchcock's request for an explanation about curriculum alignment, Deputy Superintendent Berlo approached the podium to speak about curriculum alignment. Following discussion, Chair Mills reminded members they would be voting on approval of the 2016-2017 Strategic Action Plan.

Vote:

In favor:

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

Opposed:

None

The motion was unanimously approved.

9:12 PM Member Maldonado returned to the table.

Motion: To re-authorize the listed FY17 Revolving Funds in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sect. 53E½, to be expensed under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools (or designee), to be credited with receipts from acknowledged revenue sources, to be expended for their respective stated purposes, and not to exceed the authorized amounts.

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Legal Citation</u>	<u>Previously Authorized Amount</u>	<u>Re-Authorized Amount</u>
Athletics	M.G.L. Ch. 71 Sect. 47	\$500,000	\$525,000
Drivers Education	M.G.L. Ch. 71 Sect. 71C	\$80,000	\$90,000
Extended Day	M.G.L. Ch. 71 Sect. 71F	\$20,000	\$45,000
Gifts & Grants	M.G.L. Ch. 71 Sect. 47	\$50,000	\$90,000
Parking Fees	M.G.L. Ch. 71 Sect. 47	\$60,000	\$85,000

(R. McCarthy)
(A. Young)

Member Dennis asked the basis for the motion. Director Scanlon approached the podium and explained the auditors recommended the dollar amounts be increased and re-authorized to be more in line with actual activity in the listed accounts.

Vote:

In favor:

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

Opposed:

None

The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion: To award the 2017-2018 heating fuel contract to Petroleum Traders of Fort Wayne, IN at a firm fixed price of \$1.8390/gl. per the French River Educational Center (FREC) collaborative purchasing bid on 10/20/16.

(L. Long-Bellil)

(S. Jackson)

Vote:

In favor:

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

Opposed:

None

The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion: To approve expenses incurred in connection with Member Stacey Jackson's attendance at November 2016 MASC/MASS Joint Conference in Hyannis, Massachusetts

(R. McCarthy)

(S. Brown)

Vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Matthew Lavoie
Linda Long-Bellil
Robert McCarthy

Lauren Maldonado
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Michael Rivers
Asima Silva
Megan Weeks
Charles Witkes
Adam Young

Opposed:
None

Abstained:
Stacey Jackson

The motion was approved 19-0-1.

VIII. 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.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Management Subcommittee (K. Mills, Chair, R. Imber, Vice-chair, S. Brown, B. Renzoni)

Chair Mills reported the Management Subcommittee will meet next on December 7, 2016.

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 Chair Imber reported this subcommittee had met immediately before this School Committee meeting. He reported the subcommittee will continue development of a student residency policy.

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 November 14, 2016 meeting of this subcommittee.

Motion: To approve the second reading of Amended Policy 4110.1 **Policy Relating to Budget/Finance Capital Budget**, waiving the reading.

(J. E. Novak)
(L. Long-Bellil)

Vote:

In favor:

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

Opposed:

None

The motion was unanimously approved.'

Motion: To approve the first reading of Amended Policy 4721 **Policy**
Relating to Budget/Finance Student Activity Funds, waiving the reading.

(J. E. Novak)
(S. Jackson)

Vote:

In favor:

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

Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Jon Edward Novak
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Michael Rivers
Asima Silva
Megan Weeks
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 initial negotiation meetings with some of the eight bargaining units are underway. The Legal Affairs Subcommittee is scheduled to meet next on November 30, 2016.

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

AAB Chair Renzoni reported membership on the Audit Advisory Board is lacking representatives from Princeton and Rutland. The AAB has not met since the last School Committee meeting.

- F. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review the School Calendar

Subcommittee Vice-chair Lavoie reported on the November 15, 2016 meeting of this subcommittee and the subcommittee will meet next on December 1, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

- G. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee

Member McCarthy reported the next Building Committee meeting is scheduled for December 13, 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 Silva – Davis Hill Elementary School

Member Lavoie – Glenwood Elementary School

Member Curran – Mayo Elementary School

Member Young – Dawson Elementary School

Member Weeks – Thomas Prince School

Member Novak – Central Tree Middle School

Member Jackson – SEPAC

Member Witkes – Naquag Elementary School

Chair Mills reminded members Chocksett Middle School is still in need of a School Committee liaison and asked interested members to speak with him.

X. Public Hearing

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

XI. New Business

1. Conditions of School Playgrounds

Superintendent McCall reported that mulch has been delivered and spread at school playgrounds.

At Member Novak's request, Superintendent McCall gave an update on wifi in the District schools. He reported that installation at the high school has been completed. He also reported he has been having meetings with WRHS administration about a 1:1 technology initiative at the high school. Wifi installation at the elementary schools is being scheduled.

Member Silva reported she has made presentation on Islamaphobia at many of the District schools and would like to make such a presentation at a School Committee meeting.

- XII. 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)

(B. Renzoni)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

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

Opposed:

None

The motion was unanimously approved.

9:34 PM Superintendent McCall left the table.

The School Committee adjourned to executive session at 9:34 PM.

The School Committee returned to open session at 10:45 PM.

10:45 PM Superintendent McCall returned to the table.

- XIII. Motion: To accept and approve the contract presented between the Wachusett Regional School District School Committee and Darryll McCall, including the

revised job description, for the position of Superintendent of Schools for the period covering July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020, and to execute said employment agreement.

(R. Imber)

(R. McCarthy)

Motion: To refer the Employment Agreement between the Wachusett Regional School District and Dr. Darryll McCall Superintendent of Schools back to the Management Subcommittee.

(J. E. Novak)

(C. Witkes)

Vote:

In favor:

Matthew Lavoie

Jon Edward Novak

Asima Silva

Opposed:

Robert Imber

Scott Brown

Thomas Curran

Michael Dennis

Harriet Fradellos

Susan Hitchcock

Stacey Jackson

Linda Long-Bellil

Lauren Maldonado

Robert McCarthy

Steve Porter

Barbara Renzoni

Michael Rivers

Megan Weeks

Charles Witkes

Adam Young

Abstained:

Kenneth Mills

The motion failed 3-16-1.

Discussion continued, with members seeking clarification on how Superintendent McCall's performance evaluation will be tied back to the Strategic Plan.

Roll call vote on main motion:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills

Robert Imber

Scott Brown

Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Matthew Lavoie
Linda Long-Bellil
Lauren Maldonado
Robert McCarthy
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Michael Rivers
Asima Silva
Megan Weeks
Charles Witkes
Adam Young

Opposed:

Jon Edward Novak

The motion was approved 19-1.

XIV. Motion: To adjourn.

(S. Brown)
(R. McCarthy)

Vote:

In favor:

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

Opposed:
None

The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

DM:rlp