

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Executive Session

Monday, December 10, 2012

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Committee Members Present:

Duncan Leith, Chair	James Mason
Colleen Cipro, Vice-chair	Kenneth Mills
Cynthia Bazinet	Robert Pelczarski
William Clute	Norman Plourde
Steven Hammond	Robert Remillard
Robert Imber	Erik Scheinfeldt
Stacey Jackson	Michelle Sciabarrasi
Julianne Kelley	Margaret Watson
Deidre Kosky	

Committee Members Absent:

Lance Harris	Athas Tsongalis
Sarah LaMountain	

Administration Present:

Susan Sullivan, Director of Human Resources
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Chair Leith called the executive session of the School Committee to order at 8:09 PM. In Superintendent Pandiscio's absence, Chair Leith invited Director of Human Services Sullivan to update the School Committee on WREA contract negotiations. Director Sullivan distributed a confidential memorandum from Superintendent Pandiscio to the School Committee (attachment 1). Director Sullivan reminded the School Committee that a School Committee vote had been taken, in executive session on September 10, 2012, in support of the District withdrawing from the GIC, and on negotiations with the teachers' union. Director Sullivan read aloud the bullets in the confidential memorandum of December 10, 2012, speaking to each item and explaining the intent. Following Director Sullivan's explanation, Chair Leith announced he would abstain from voting to ratify the WREA contract due to the fact he is covered under a health insurance policy held by his wife, a retired Wachusett Regional School District employee.

Motion: To approve and endorse the proposed contract language revisions outlined in Superintendent Pandiscio's memorandum to the School Committee dated December 10, 2012, and to ratify the contract between the WREA (Wachusett Regional Education Association, Inc.) and the Wachusett Regional School District September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2015.

(C. Bazinet)
(E. Scheinfeldt)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Colleen Cipro
Cynthia Bazinet
William Clute
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
James Mason
Kenneth Mills
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Robert Remillard
Erik Scheinfeldt
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Duncan Leith

Motion passed 16-0-1.

Director Sullivan updated the School Committee on the status of negotiations with other bargaining units.

8:30 PM Municipal Representative Robert Lavigne joined the meeting.

Director Sullivan will meet with Mr. Lavigne at the conclusion of the executive session to share her negotiations update with him.

Motion: To endorse the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee – Superintendent Search to enter into a contract for superintendent search consulting services with the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, pending contract negotiations.

(S. Hammond)
(R. Pelczarski)

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Chair Hammond spoke to the motion, gave a report on subcommittee meetings that have taken place to date, and answered questions posed by School Committee members.

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Colleen Cipro
Cynthia Bazinet
William Clute
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
James Mason
Kenneth Mills
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Robert Remillard
Erik Scheinfeldt
Michelle Sciabarrasi

Opposed:

Margaret Watson

Motion passed 16 - 1.

Member Pelczarski thanked Mr. Lavigne for attending the meeting.

Motion: To adjourn executive session, not to return to public session.

(N. Plourde)

(R. Pelczarski)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Colleen Cipro
Cynthia Bazinet
William Clute
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
James Mason
Kenneth Mills
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Robert Remillard
Erik Scheinfeldt
Michelle Sciabarrasi

Margaret Watson

Opposed:
None

Motion passed unanimously.

The executive session adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Duncan Leith, Chair
Wachusett Regional School District Committee

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