

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Emergency Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

Curriculum Center
District Central Office
1745 Main Street, Jefferson

Committee Members Present:

Lance Harris, Chair	Matthew Lindberg (6:36 PM)
Scott Brown	James Mason
Lisa Call	Robert McCarthy
William Clute	Kenneth Mills
Thomas Curran (6:47 PM)	Robert Remillard
Matthew Ehrenworth	Erik Scheinfeldt
Stacey Jackson	Christina Smith
Julianne Kelley	Charles Witkes (6:40 PM)
Sarah LaMountain	

Committee Members Absent:

Robert Imber, Vice-chair	Tiffany Ralli
Deidre Kosky	Margaret Watson

Administration Present:

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

Others Present:

Joseph H. Baldiga, Esq., Mirick O'Connell Attorneys at Law

I. Call to Order

Chair Harris called the emergency meeting of the School Committee to order at 6:34 PM. Members were give hard copies of the revised agenda, which had been provided to members of the School Committee electronically in advance of the meeting (attachment 1).

II. Executive session for the purpose of discussion pending litigation, as the Chair deems that a discussion in open session would be detrimental to the District's interests, to reconvene in public session

Motion: To enter executive session for the purpose of discussion pending litigation, as the Chair deems that a discussion in open session would be detrimental to the District's interests, to reconvene in public session.

(S. Jackson)
(K. Mills)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Scott Brown
Lisa Call
William Clute
Matthew Ehrenworth
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

The School Committee entered executive session at 6:35 PM.

The School Committee reconvened in public session at 7:25 PM.

III. Appointment of Counsel to Represent the District in a Bankruptcy Proceeding

Motion: That the Wachusett Regional School District Committee approve continued authorization for District administration to consult with Mirick O'Connell Attorneys at Law as legal counsel for the bankruptcy proceedings related to Atlantic Express/R. L. McCarthy & Sons

(K. Mills)
(M. Ehrenworth)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Scott Brown
Lisa Call
William Clute
Thomas Curran

Matthew Ehrenworth
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

Motion passed unanimously.

7:28 PM Member Call left the meeting.

Chair Harris explained to the Committee the need to amend previously adopted School Committee votes.

Motion: To amend something previously adopted: To cancel all 2013-2014 contracts with Atlantic Express for school bus transportation and special education van transportation, which cancellation shall be effective December 31, 2013, to ensure the safety and transportation of the students of the Wachusett Regional School District, which cancellation shall be subject to any Order of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York, in the matter of Metro Affiliates, et al, Debtors, Chapter 11, Case No. 13-13591 (SHL) in which Atlantic Express and Robert L. McCarthy & Son, Inc. are Debtors; voted December 12, 2013.

(K. Mills)
(S. Jackson)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Scott Brown
William Clute
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard

Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To amend a previously adopted motion as follows: To authorize the Director of Business and Finance to cancel all 2013-2014 contracts with Atlantic Express for school bus transportation and special education van transportation, which cancellation shall be effective as of the date and time of the bankruptcy court rejection of such contracts.

(J. Mason)
(R. McCarthy)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Scott Brown
William Clute
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the amended motion: To authorize the Director of Business and Finance to cancel all 2013-2014 contracts with Atlantic Express for school bus transportation and special education van transportation, which cancellation shall be effective as of the date and time of the bankruptcy court rejection of such contracts.

(J. Mason)
(R. McCarthy)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Scott Brown
William Clute
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To amend something previously adopted: To approve the recommendation to award AA Transportation of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, the contract to provide school bus transportation to the Wachusett Regional School District for the remaining six months of school year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, for three years July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017, with an option for the District to extend the contract two additional years from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019, which contract will be subject to any Order of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York, in the matter of Metro Affiliates, et al, Debtors, Chapter 11, Case No. 13-13591 (SHL) in which Atlantic Express and Robert L. McCarthy & Son, Inc. are Debtors; voted December 12, 2013.

(M. Ehrenworth)

(J. Kelley)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Scott Brown
William Clute
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills

Robert Remillard
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To amend the previously adopted motion as follows: To authorize the Director of Business and Finance to award AA Transportation of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, the contract to provide school bus transportation to the Wachusett Regional School District for the remaining six months of school year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, for three years July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017, with an option for the District to extend the contract two additional years from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019.

(J. Kelley)
(M. Ehrenworth)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Scott Brown
William Clute
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the amended motion: To authorize the Director of Business and Finance to award AA Transportation of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, the contract to provide school bus transportation to the Wachusett Regional School District for the remaining six months of school year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014,

for three years July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017, with an option for the District to extend the contract two additional years form July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019.

(J. Kelley)

(M. Ehrenworth)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Scott Brown
William Clute
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
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James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

(M. Ehrenworth)

(J. Mason)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Scott Brown
William Clute
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard

Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance Harris
Chair

LH:rlp