

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Executive Session

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

Chair Harris called the executive session of the School Committee to order at 6:35 PM. At Chair Harris' request, Director of Business and Finance Joseph Scanlon explained the need to re-vote the authorization to enter into a contract with AA Transportation of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, action that will be taken in public session.

6:36 PM Member Lindberg joined the meeting.

Members were provided with a Timeline for Atlantic Express Bankruptcy (attachment 1). Director Scanlon gave a brief overview of the timeline.

6:40 PM Member Witkes joined the meeting.

Chair Harris introduced Attorney Joseph Baldiga of the firm Mirick O'Connell. Attorney Baldiga addressed the Committee, giving a general overview of bankruptcy proceedings and then speaking specifically about the Atlantic Express bankruptcy filing. School Committee members asked questions of Attorney Baldiga.

6:47 PM Member Curran joined the meeting.

Members were provided with a copy of the Notice of Presentment of Stipulation and Agreed Order Rejecting Executory Contracts with Wachusett Regional School District (attachment 2). Attorney Baldiga explained the details of the stipulation. Attorney Baldiga stressed that any outstanding Atlantic Express/McCarthy Bus invoices do need to be paid within fifteen days. Attorney Baldiga advised the Committee to file a Rejection Claim (referenced on page 4 of the Stipulation document). Attorney Baldiga's opinion is that there is a high degree (98%) of likelihood that approval of the proposed stipulation by the bankruptcy judge on December 19, 2103 will go through, although he did state he cannot give a 100% guarantee of such.

Motion: To return to public session.

(M. Ehrenworth)

Motion died due to lack of second.

Discussion around the table continued.

7:19 PM Member Lindberg left the meeting.

Discussion continued.

Motion: To adjourn executive session and return to public session.

(J. Mason)

(M. Ehrenworth)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

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

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Matthew Ehrenworth

Motion passed 15-0-1.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance Harris
Chair

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