

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Special Meeting #290 Saturday, February 4, 2012

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*Committee Members Present:*

Duncan Leith, Chair	Julianne Kelley
Joseph Sova, Vice-chair	James Mason
Cynthia Bazinet	Robert Pelczarski
Carmelo Bazzano	Norman Plourde
Colleen Cipro	Robert Remillard
Steven Hammond	Michelle Sciabarrasi
Lance Harris	Dawn Torres-Gale
Robert Imber	Athas Tsongalis
Stacey Jackson	Margaret Watson

*Committee Members Absent:*

William Clute

*Administration Present:*

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Superintendent of Schools  
Peter Brennan, Business Manager  
Kelley Gangi, Director of Curriculum  
Darryll McCall, Director of Operations  
Susan Sullivan, Director of Human Resources  
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Chair Leith called the special meeting of the School Committee to order at 9:06 AM and then turned the meeting over to Superintendent Pandiscio. Members were provided a copy of the meeting agenda and copies of budget preparation materials (attachments 1 & 2).

Superintendent Pandiscio began the meeting showing the first several slides of a PowerPoint presentation (attachment 3). There was much dialogue around the first two slides, AIM<sub>21</sub> 5 year budgets, followed by a textbook demonstration given by Director of Curriculum Kelley Gangi.

10:05 AM Member Cipro left the table.

Director Gangi's demonstration included a McGraw-Hill algebra textbook on an iPad and a Wachusett developed "Innovated Learning Tools" textbook on an iPad.

10:08 AM Member Cipro returned to the table.

At the conclusion of Director Gangi's demonstration, Superintendent Pandiscio continued with the PointPoint presentation, next focusing on per pupil spending.

10:49 AM Member Imber left the table

10:50 AM Member Tsongalis left the table.

10:50 AM Member Harris left the meeting.

Lengthy discussion about per pupil spending ensued.

10:52 AM Member Imber returned to the table.

10:55 AM Member Tsongalis returned to the table

11:06 AM Member Pelczarski left the meeting.

Superintendent Pandiscio asked members to look at the "Expenditures" spreadsheet, included in the meeting materials, which was the Adopted FY12 Appropriation and the Projected FY13 Appropriation. The information was reviewed in detail.

11:15 AM Member Mason left the table.

Superintendent Pandiscio the called members' attention to the two "Revenue" sheets distributed at the start of the meeting (attachments 4 & 5). Superintendent Pandiscio reviewed in detail the two sheets, walking members through the information included on the spreadsheets.

11:18 AM Member Mason returned to the table.

Superintendent Pandiscio called members' attention to the last six slides of the PowerPoint presentation, "Options for Mitigating FY13 Shortfall." Superintendent Pandiscio freely admitted that the data used to create these slides is his/District administration's take on the data, which was obtained from the Department of Revenue website. There was some discussion about the information contained in these slides.

Motion: To adjourn.

(R. Imber)  
(C. Bazinet)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Duncan Leith  
Joseph Sova  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Carmelo Bazzano  
Colleen Cipro  
Steven Hammond

Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
James Mason  
Norman Plourde  
Robert Remillard  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Dawn Torres-Gale  
Athas Tsongalis  
Margaret Watson

*Opposed:*  
None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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