

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING

Minutes

Regular Meeting #1214 Monday, February 27, 2012

Media Center
Wachusett Regional High School

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Carmelo Bazzano	Michelle Sciabarrasi
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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

Student Representatives Present:

Jonathan Latino	Tyler Gibbs
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Others present, who desired to be recorded as present (see attached Attendance Sheet – (attachment 1).

Chair Leith called the regular meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:02 PM.

I. Public Hearing

No members of the public wished to address the Committee.

II. Secretary's Report

A. Approval of 1213th Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on February 13, 2012

Motion: To approve the minutes of the regular School Committee meeting held February 13, 2012.

(J. Sova)
(S. Hammond)

The minutes of the regular School Committee meeting held February 13, 2012 were approved, by consensus, with Members Bazinet, Clute, Mason and Tsongalis abstaining.

III. Treasurer's Report/Financial Statements

Chair Leith reminded the Committee that if there were questions regarding the Business Manager'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.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Leith welcomed Houghton Elementary School principal Anthony Cipro. Mr. Cipro, along with Houghton Elementary School music teacher Jessica Wilke, addressed the School Committee, giving the history of the origin of "arts integration" at the Sterling elementary school and how the schools' related arts departments work together to "integrate" the arts for their students. Members were given a copy of the Houghton Elementary School Mission Statement and an Arts Integration brochure (attachments 2 & 3). Following the presentation, members asked questions and concluded by giving Principal Cipro and Ms. Wilke a round of applause.

Chair Leith announced that at his invitation five members of the School Committee have agreed to serve on a Revenue Sharing Task Force:

Holden – Stacey Jackson
Paxton – Robert Pelczarski
Princeton – Robert Imber
Rutland – Julianne Kelley
Sterling – Joseph Sova

Chair Leith noted that to date none of the Member Towns have submitted names of town officials to serve on this proposed task force, but he is hopeful the towns will do so.

Chair Leith reported the four standing subcommittees assembled before this School Committee meeting to meet with Superintendent Pandiscio and begin the annual evaluation process for the Superintendent of Schools.

B. Student Representatives (Tyler Gibbs, Jonathan Latino)

Tyler Gibbs invited members to pick up the latest issue of *The Echo*, available at the library desk countertop. He told of the various winter sports teams' playoff games to be played. Tyler also reported that he and Jonathan Latino attended a recent Model U. N. conference, and he kindly shared that Jonathan Latino received first place as "best delegate."

Jonathan Latino reported that Wachusett will be hosting the Middle School Model U. N. conference the first weekend in March.

Member Hammond took this opportunity to encourage School Committee members to attend this year's high school science fair, to be held February 28th, 3:00 – 9:00 PM, in the high school cafeteria.

C. Management Subcommittee (D. Leith, Chair, J. Sova, Vice-chair, C. Bazinet, C. Cipro, S. Hammond, R. Imber, J. Kelley, N. Plourde, M. Watson)

The Management Subcommittee met at 6:00 PM this date to begin the Superintendent's evaluation process.

D. Education Subcommittee (S. Hammond, Chair, S. Jackson, Vice-chair, C. Bazinet, L. Harris, R. Imber, R. Pelczarski, N. Plourde, D. Torres-Gale, M. Watson)

Subcommittee Chair Hammond reported the Education Subcommittee met at 6:00 PM this date to begin the Superintendent's evaluation process. This subcommittee will meet again in the near future to address policy matters.

1. Draft Policy – DP6613.2 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Athletic Concussion Policy** – second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of DP6613.2 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Athletic Concussion Policy**, waiving the reading.

(L. Harris)
(C. Bazinet)

Vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Joseph Sova
Cynthia Bazinet
Colleen Cipro
William Clute

Steven Hammond
Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
James Mason
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Robert Remillard
Dawn Torres-Gale
Athas Tsongalis
Margaret Watson

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

- E. Business/Finance Subcommittee (J. Sova, Chair, R. Remillard, Vice-chair, C. Cipro, W. Clute, D. Leith, M. Sciabarrasi, D. Torres-Gale, A. Tsongalis)

Business/Finance Subcommittee Chair Sova reported the Business/Finance Subcommittee met at 6:00 PM this date to begin the Superintendent's evaluation process.

1. WRSD Educational Foundation Trust

Vice-chair Sova reported that members of the WEFT Board of Trustees have concluded their outreach efforts of attending a number of PTO/PTA/SIMCO meetings at the various schools. The Board of Trustees expects to meet in March to work on planning a fundraising event.

- F. Community Outreach Subcommittee (M. Sciabarrasi, Chair, A. Tsongalis, Vice-chair, C. Bazzano, L. Harris, J. Mason, R. Pelczarski, M. Watson)

Community Outreach Vice-chair Tsongalis reported the Community Outreach Subcommittee met at 6:00 PM this date to begin the Superintendent's evaluation process.

1. Amended Policy – AP8211 ***Policy Relating to Communication/Public Relations Organization and Function of School Councils*** – second reading

Subcommittee Member Pelczarski explained the rationale behind the subcommittee's recommendation to delete policy language dealing with annual school surveys.

Motion: To approve the second reading of AP8211 **Policy Relating to Communication/Public Relations Organization and Function of School Councils**, waiving the reading.

(L. Harris)

(J. Mason)

Vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Joseph Sova
Cynthia Bazinet
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Steven Hammond
Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
James Mason
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Robert Remillard
Athas Tsongalis
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

Dawn Torres-Gale

The motion passed 17-1.

G. Audit Advisory Board (J. Sova, Chair, J. Mason)

AAB Chair Sova explained that later in this meeting the Committee will be asked to take action on the appointment of District auditors.

H. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Develop a Social Media Policy (S. Hammond, J. Kelley, Student Representatives Tyler Gibbs and Jonathan Latino, and other non-School Committee members)

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Chair Hammond reported this subcommittee met on February 14th and will meet again, for what is expected to be the final meeting, on February 28, 2012.

I. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee (M. Watson)

Member Watson reported to date ten designers have submitted proposals for the Mountview project, following the February 15, 2012 walk through at Mountview Middle School. This building committee will meet next on February 28, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Holden Municipal Light Department.

2. Green Repair School Building Committee (D. Leith)

Chair Leith asked Superintendent Pandiscio for his “best guess” when Thomas Prince School students might be back to their school. Superintendent Pandiscio is hoping to have a period of time at the end of the school year when all TPS students are back under the same roof, but that possibility is not certain at this time. At a member’s request, Superintendent Pandiscio will see that the TPS PCB link on the District website is updated.

J. School Council Reports:

Central Tree Middle School (C. Cipro), Chocksett Middle School (J. Sova), Davis Hill Elementary School (S. Jackson), Dawson Elementary School (C. Bazzano), Glenwood Elementary School (A. Tsongalis), Houghton Elementary School (N. Plourde), Mayo Elementary School (M. Watson), Mountview Middle School (S. Hammond), Naquag Elementary School (J. Kelley), Paxton Center School (W. Clute), Thomas Prince School (R. Imber/M. Sciabarrasi), Wachusett Regional High School (C. Bazinet/M. Sciabarrasi), Special Education Parent Advisory Council (S. Jackson), Early Childhood Center (S. Jackson)

Member Jackson – SEPAC workshop – March 1, 2012 – Introduction to Neuropsychological Testing

Member Jackson reported to the School Committee that Superintendent Pandiscio has been selected as one of this year’s recipients of the Federation for Children with Special Needs Community Partnership Award. The award ceremony will take place Saturday, March 10th. Since Superintendent Pandiscio will be attending an out-of state conference, Member Jackson will accept this award on the Superintendent’s behalf. The Committee gave Tom Pandiscio a hearty round of applause.

Member Sova – Chocksett Middle School SIMCO meeting

Member Watson – Mayo Elementary School SIMCO meeting

Member Pelczarski reported that Superintendent Pandiscio will be meeting with Paxton parents Thursday, March 29th, at 5:00 PM to discuss and review the FY13 budget and to answer questions the parents might have. The meeting will be held in the PCS library.

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

There was some discussion about the proposed revenue sharing model.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

1. Motion: In accordance with M.G.L Chapter 70b, Section 2, for the Mountview School Building Project, I hereby recommend the appointment of Paul Challenger, Chair of the Mountview School Building Committee, to the Mountview School Massachusetts School Building Authority Designer Selection Panel, for the purpose of selecting a Designer.

(M. Watson)
(C. Bazinet)

Vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Joseph Sova
Cynthia Bazinet
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Steven Hammond
Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
James Mason
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Robert Remillard
Dawn Torres-Gale
Athas Tsongalis
Margaret Watson

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Motion: Approval of the recommendation of the Audit Advisory Board to award Powers & Sullivan of Wakefield, Massachusetts the contract to provide auditing services to the Wachusett Regional School District for a three year period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015, with an option for the District to extend the contract one additional year from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016
(J. Sova)
(S. Hammond)

Audit Advisory Board Chair Sova spoke to the motion and explained the process the AAB had followed before coming to this recommendation.

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Joseph Sova
Cynthia Bazinet
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Steven Hammond
Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
James Mason
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Robert Remillard
Dawn Torres-Gale
Athas Tsongalis
Margaret Watson

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Motion: To direct the Superintendent to relieve the Director of Human Resources of the responsibility of tracking the coverage that the District has in *The Landmark* and the *Worcester Telegram* in the Report to the Superintendent

(N. Plourde)
(J. Sova)

Vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Joseph Sova
Cynthia Bazinet
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Steven Hammond
Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
James Mason
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Robert Remillard
Dawn Torres-Gale
Athas Tsongalis
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Public Hearing

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

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business brought before the School Committee.

VIII. New Business

Member Remillard read aloud a prepared statement (attachment 4).

IX. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

(J. Sova)
(R. Pelczarski)

Vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Joseph Sova
Cynthia Bazinet
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Steven Hammond
Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Deidre Kosky
James Mason
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Robert Remillard
Dawn Torres-Gale
Athas Tsongalis
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

None

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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