

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING

Minutes

Annual Budget Hearing

Monday, March 26, 2012

7:00 PM

Media Center

Wachusett Regional High School

Committee Members Present:

Duncan Leith, Chair

Joseph Sova, Vice-chair

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

Michelle Sciabarrasi (7:03 PM)

Dawn Torres-Gale

Margaret Watson

Committee Members Absent:

Carmelo Bazzano

Athas Tsongalis

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

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

I. Call to Order

Chair Leith called the Annual Budget Hearing to order at 7:02 PM.

II. Presentation of the *Proposed FY13 Appropriation*

7:03 PM Member Sciabarrasi joined the meeting.

Chair Leith turned the meeting over to Superintendent Pandiscio. Superintendent Pandiscio showed a PowerPoint presentation, speaking to and explaining the information on the slides (attachment 2). The Superintendent concluded his presentation at 7:28 PM.

Chair Leith advised the School Committee that they would be given the opportunity to ask questions about the *Proposed FY13 Appropriation* before taking a vote during the regular School Committee meeting which will take place upon adjournment of the Annual Budget Hearing. He explained that a 2/3 affirmative vote (14 in favor) of the School Committee is needed to pass the appropriation.

III. Public Hearing

Karyn Jordan, Sterling resident, read a prepared statement (attachment 3).

Sarah Lefebvre, Paxton resident and WRHS teacher, addressed the School Committee.

Maureen Floryan, Holden resident, read a prepared statement (attachment 4).

Tony Cipro, Houghton Elementary School principal, addressed the School Committee.

Margaret Morgan, Chocksett Middle School principal, addressed the School Committee.

Beth Donaghy, Jefferson resident, read a prepared statement (attachment 5).

Rutland school principals Dixie Herbst (Naquag Elementary School) and Nancy Fournier (Central Tree Middle School) addressed the School Committee, joined at the podium by Anthony Gasbarro (Glenwood Elementary School).

Marci Driscoll, Holden resident and WRSD Occupational Therapist, addressed the School Committee.

Chair Leith thanked the audience for taking the time to attend this meeting and he also thanked those who addressed the School Committee. Chair Leith took the opportunity to encourage parents and staff to attend a joint budget meeting Tuesday evening, April 3, 2012, 7:00 PM at the Holden Senior Center, and to also attend their town's Annual Meetings in May.

IV. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the Annual Budget Hearing.

(J. Sova)

(S. Hammond)

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
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Dawn Torres-Gale
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

The Annual Budget Hearing adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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