

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING

Minutes

Regular Meeting #1216 Monday, March 26, 2012

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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	Michelle Sciabarrasi
Robert Imber	Dawn Torres-Gale
Stacey Jackson	Margaret Watson

Committee Members Absent:

Carmelo Bazzano	Athas Tsongalis
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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

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 7:52 PM. Chair Leith explained the agenda of the regular meeting had been amended, moving action required on the adoption of the *FY13 Appropriation* to IV.A

I. Public Hearing

No members of the public wished to address the Committee.

II. Secretary's Report

A. Approval of 1215th Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on March 12, 2012

Member Watson noted a spelling error.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the regular School Committee meeting held March 12, 2012, as corrected.

(J. Sova)
(S. Hammond)

The minutes of the regular School Committee meeting held March 12, 2012 were approved, by consensus, with Members Bazinet and Harris 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. Superintendent's Report

A. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

1. Adoption of the *FY13 Appropriation* in the amount of \$79,284,670 and assessments to the Member Towns of:

Holden:	\$22,113,763
Paxton:	\$5,334,993
Princeton:	\$4,986,315
Rutland:	\$9,003,796
Sterling:	\$10,055,381

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(M. Sciabarrasi)
(C. Cipro)

At Member Pelczarski's inquiry, Superintendent Pandiscio explained how \$1 million had been cut from the \$80.3 million budget figure discussed at the February 4, 2012 Annual School Committee Retreat. The reduction is the result of deducting (1) an instructional support salary line item; (2)

taking the full reduction of anticipated retirees; (3) and taking out all the increases due to an inflationary factor ranging from 1.5% to 3.5%.

Vice-chair Sova thanked the parents and staff who addressed the Committee during the Budget Hearing.

Motion: To amend the motion on the floor as follows:

To adopt the *FY13 Appropriation* in the amount of \$80,319,396 and assessments to the Member Towns of:

Holden:	\$22,560,163
Paxton:	\$5,434,867
Princeton:	\$5,059,772
Rutland:	\$9,241,553
Sterling:	\$10,232,620

(J. Sova)
(S. Hammond)

8:00 PM Student Representative Jonathan Latino left the meeting.

Members of the Committee were given the opportunity to speak to the motion on the floor, with the majority of members contributing to the discussion. Member Plourde read a prepared statement (attachment 2). Chair Leith explained that the Committee would need to take a roll call vote to accept the amended language, and would then have to vote to adopt the FY13 appropriation. He again explained that a 2/3 vote in favor (14 affirmative votes) will be required to adopt the appropriation.

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(J. Sova)
(S. Hammond)

Roll call vote to amend motion:

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
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

Dawn Torres-Gale

The motion passed 17-1.

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Margaret Watson

Opposed:
Dawn Torres-Gale

The motion passed 17-1.

V. Committee Reports

A. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Leith reported he has completed data compilation for the Superintendent's evaluation and has distributed the information to the four subcommittee chairs. Chair Leith asked the chairs of the four subcommittees to prepare their subcommittees' evaluation narratives and to have the subcommittee act on approving the subcommittees' evaluation narratives by April 9, 2012. He will then write the full Committee evaluation narrative in preparation for full School Committee approval of the Superintendent's evaluation at the April 23, 2012 School Committee meeting.

B. Student Representatives (Tyler Gibbs, Jonathan Latino)

Student Representatives Gibbs and Latino were not at the table.

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

Chair Leith reported the Management Subcommittee has not met since the last School Committee meeting, but he will be posting a meeting so the Management Subcommittee can review its Superintendent's evaluation narrative.

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 on the March 19th meeting of the Education Subcommittee and told the next meeting has been posted for Monday, April 2nd.

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

Subcommittee Chair Sova reported the Business/Finance Subcommittee has not met since the last School Committee meeting,

but he will be posting a meeting so the Business/Finance Subcommittee can review its Superintendent's evaluation narrative.

1. WRSD Educational Foundation Trust

Vice-chair Sova reported the WEFT Board of Trustees met on March 20th. WEFT is going to hold off on fundraising efforts at this time.

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

Community Outreach Chair Sciabarrasi reported this subcommittee did not meet on March 26th, as had been planned. Subcommittee Chair Sciabarrasi reported she will be posting a meeting of the Community Outreach Subcommittee so the subcommittee can review its Superintendent's evaluation narrative.

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

AAB Chair Sova reported the Audit Advisory Board has not met since the last School Committee meeting.

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 a DRAFT social media policy will be brought before the full School Committee at the April 9, 2012 meeting.

I. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee (M. Watson)

Member Watson reported this building committee has not met since the last School Committee meeting. She reported that the Designer Selection Panel will meet at the MSBA offices in Boston on Tuesday, March 27th.

8:49 PM Vice-chair Sova left the table.

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

Chair Leith reported the Green Repair projects are moving along smoothly. The Green Repair School Building Committee has not met since the last School Committee meeting.

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 – Early Childhood Center SIMCO meeting

Member Jackson – SEPAC

8:52 PM Vice-chair Sova returned to the table.

Member Watson – Mayo Elementary School

Member Hammond – Mountview Middle School

Member Plourde –Houghton Elementary School

Member Sciabarrasi – Wachusett Regional High School

VI. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

There was no discussion about information contained in the Superintendent's Report.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

Motion: To approve the sale of a \$2,600,000 0.70 percent General Obligation Revenue Anticipation Note (the "Note") of the District dated March 29, 2012, and payable May 4, 2012, to Eastern Bank at par and accrued interest, if any, plus a premium of \$5.05.

Further voted that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Note, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated March 14, 2012, and a final

Official Statement dated March 21, 2012, each in such form as may be approved by the District Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved, and adopted.

Further voted that the District Treasurer and the Chair of the Committee be, and here are, authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the District, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Note for the benefit of the holders of the Note from time to time.

Further voted that we authorize and direct the District Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures in such form as the District Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Notes.

Further voted that the Chair of the Committee, the District Secretary and the District Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

(J. Sova)

(J. Mason)

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
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Robert Pelczarski
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Robert Remillard
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Margaret Watson

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Public Hearing

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

VIII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business brought before the School Committee.

IX. New Business

There was no new business brought before the School Committee.

X. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

(J. Sova)
(S. Jackson)

Vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Joseph Sova
Cynthia Bazinet
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
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Margaret Watson

Opposed:
None

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

TGP:rlp