

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Annual Budget Hearing

Monday, March 28, 2011
7:00 PM

Media Center
Wachusett Regional High School

Committee Members Present:

Duncan Leith, Chair	Stacey Jackson
Joseph Sova, Vice-chair	Julianne Kelley
Cynthia Bazinet	Robert Pelczarski
Robert Carter	Norman Plourde
Colleen Cipro (7:05 PM)	Robert Remillard
Shirley Conrad	Michelle Sciabarrasi
Steven Hammond	Dawn Torres-Gale
Lance Harris	Margaret Watson
Robert Imber	

Committee Members Absent:

William Clute	Athas Tsongalis
Kristine Goodwin	

Administration Present:

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

Student Representatives Present:

Brian Clement

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 FY12 Appropriation*

Chair Leith turned the meeting over to Superintendent Pandiscio. Superintendent Pandiscio explained the *Proposed FY12 Appropriation* members will be asked to vote on this evening has not changed significantly since the Annual School Committee Retreat in February. Superintendent Pandiscio reviewed the FY12 Budget Narrative and attachments (attachment 2).

7:05 PM Member Cipro joined the meeting.

Superintendent Pandiscio told the Committee that GIC health insurance numbers had trended the wrong way (District estimates were lower than actual GIC numbers), that staff will be level funded, with the exception of grant-funded positions being moved to the General Fund and the addition of full-day kindergarten teachers, which are self-supported through Revolving Accounts. In summary, he explained, the budget has been well controlled with the help of energy savings and savings in special education, and, beyond reducing programs and/or personnel, there is no place else to save. Superintendent Pandiscio reported on the meeting of the Regional Selectboard which he attended on March 24th, at which time four Member Towns supported the budget as presented.

Chair Leith advised the School Committee that they would be given the opportunity to ask questions about the *Proposed FY12 Appropriation* before taking a vote during the regular School Committee meeting which will take place upon adjournment of the Annual Budget Hearing.

III. Public Hearing

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

IV. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the Annual Budget Hearing.

(S. Conrad)
(M. Watson)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
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Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Shirley Conrad
Steven Hammond
Lance Harris
Robert Imber

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Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

The Annual Budget Hearing adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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