

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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Minutes

Regular Meeting #1192 Monday, December 13, 2010

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Wachusett Regional High School

Committee Members Present:

Duncan Leith, Chair	Robert Imber
Cynthia Bazinet	Stacey Jackson
Robert Carter	Robert Pelczarski
Colleen Cipro	Norman Plourde
William Clute	Robert Remillard
Shirley Conrad	Michelle Sciabarrasi
Kristine Goodwin	Joseph Sova
Steven Hammond	Athas Tsongalis
Lance Harris	Margaret Watson

Committee Members Absent:

Julianne Kelley	Dawn Torres-Gale
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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:

Katie Carlson
Katie Sands

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 7:05 PM.

I. Public Hearing

Holden resident Renee Dozois addressed the School Committee and provided a handout *Building a Framework for Learning/Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps* (attachment 2)

II. Secretary's Report

- A. Approval of 1191st Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on November 22, 2010

Motion: To approve the minutes of the regular School Committee meeting held on November 22, 2010.

(M. Watson)
(R. Carter)

The minutes of the regular meeting of the School Committee held November 22, 2010 were approved, by consensus, with Members Sciabarrasi and Sova abstaining.

- B. Approval of Minutes of the Executive Session of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on November 22, 2010

Chair Leith asked members to review the minutes and if no corrections of substance were noted, these minutes could be approved in public session. If substantive corrections are noted, the minutes would be approved in executive session.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the executive session of the School Committee held November 22, 2010, to be released.

(S. Hammond)
(S. Conrad)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Cynthia Bazinet
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Sherry Conrad
Steven Hammond
Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Robert Remillard

Athas Tsongalis
Margaret Watson

Opposed:
None

Abstained:
Robert Carter
Kristine Goodwin
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Joseph Sova

Motion passed 14-0-4

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 introduced Wachusett Regional High School Principal William Beando. Principal Beando highlighted for the Committee the many exciting and positive activities and events taking place at Wachusett Regional High School. Following Principal Beando's address, members were given the opportunity to ask questions of the principal. At the conclusion of the Q & A session, Chair Leith thanked the principal for his presentation.

7:40 PM Principal Beando left the meeting.

B. Student Representatives (Brian Clement, Katie Carlson, Katie Sands)

Student Representative Katie Carlson spoke of a recent victorious swim meet Wachusett v Northbridge. Student Representative Katie Sands spoke of ongoing fundraisers.

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

Chair Leith reported the Management Subcommittee had not met since the last School Committee meeting. He expects to call a meeting of this subcommittee sometime in January,

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)

1. Draft Policy – DP6438 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Anti-Bullying Policy** – second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of draft policy 6438 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Anti-Bullying Policy**, waiving the reading.

(S. Hammond)
(C. Bazinet)

Vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Joseph Sova
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Shirley Conrad
Kristine Goodwin
Steven Hammond
Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Robert Remillard
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Athas Tsongalis
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Subcommittee Chair Hammond reported the Education Subcommittee will meet next on January 31st.

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

Subcommittee Chair Sova reported on the December 6th meeting which Treasurer Jim Dunbar attended. The subcommittee will be recommending a one year contract extension, to be addressed later in this meeting.

- F. Community Outreach Subcommittee (K. Goodwin, Chair, A. Tsongalis, Vice-chair, L. Harris, R. Pelczarski, M. Sciabarrasi, M. Watson)

Community Outreach Chair Goodwin reported on the meeting of this subcommittee that took place immediately before this School Committee meeting. Subcommittee Chair Goodwin reported the subcommittee will meet twice in January (January 10th and January 25th) at 6:00 PM.

- G. Audit Advisory Board (S. Conrad, J. Sova)

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

- H. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

- 1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review the Business Manager's Contract (C. Cipro, S. Conrad, D. Leith, M. Sciabarrasi, J. Sova)

Member Sova reported this ad hoc subcommittee had met with Business Manager Brennan on November 30th. The ad hoc subcommittee met in executive session immediately before this School Committee meeting. The full Committee will be kept apprised as this ad hoc subcommittee moves forward.

- I. Building Committee

- 1. Mountview Building Committee (M. Watson)

Member Watson reported the Mountview Building Committee will be meeting on December 16th.

- J. School Council Reports:

Central Tree Middle School (C. Cipro), Chocksett Middle School (J. Sova), Davis Hill Elementary School (S. Jackson), Dawson Elementary School (R. Carter), 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 (M. Sciabarrasi), Special Education Parent Advisory Council (S. Jackson), Early Childhood Center (S. Jackson)

Member Jackson – ECC will be hosting an open house on January 5, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

There was general discussion about topics addressed in the December 9th Superintendent's Report (NEASC progress report, curriculum coach position being funded by the PEP grant, information on MCAS results/per pupil expenditures).

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

Motion: To recommend to the School Committee that the contract with James Dunbar as Treasurer be extended for a period of one year; that a \$47.42 per month increase in compensation be granted; and that the performance of the Treasurer be determined to be satisfactory.

(J. Sova)

(S. Conrad)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Joseph Sova
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Shirley Conrad
Kristine Goodwin
Steven Hammond
Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde

Robert Remillard
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Athas Tsongalis
Margaret Watson

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the School Calendar for School Year 2011-2012,
as presented.

(C. Cipro)
(R. Pelczarski)

Comment was made that District Administration should consider
reducing the number of half days scheduled for professional
development when drafting the calendar for school year 2012-2013.

Vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Joseph Sova
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Shirley Conrad
Kristine Goodwin
Steven Hammond
Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Robert Remillard
Michelle Sciabarrasi
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 Committee.

VIII. New Business

Member Watson reminded the Committee that School Committee members should refrain from responding to emails they receive from the Superintendent and/or the School Committee Chair. Chair Leith agreed with this reminder and stressed that members of the School Committee should not respond to any such emails, in light of open meeting regulations.

IX. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

(A. Tsongalis)

(R. Carter)

Vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Joseph Sova
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Shirley Conrad
Kristine Goodwin
Steven Hammond
Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Robert Remillard
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Athas Tsongalis
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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