

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Special Meeting #280 Saturday, February 2, 2008

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Wachusett Regional High School

Committee Members Present:

Margaret Watson, Chair	Julianne Kelley
Thomas Ackerman	Duncan Leith
Robert Carter	Judith Newton
Colleen Cipro	Norman Plourde
Shirley Conrad	Michael Sherman
Steven Hammond	Kathleen Sweeney
Mark James	

Committee Members Absent:

Cynthia Bazinet, Vice-chair	John Nunnari
Cynthia Ahearn	Joseph Sova
Melinda Coyle	Marcie Zaharee
Robert Imber	

Administration Present:

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

Chair Watson called the special meeting of the School Committee to order at 9:07 AM. Chair Watson turned the meeting over to Superintendent Pandiscio. Members were provided with the agenda and a packet of materials to review along with the discussion of the FY09 budget (attachment 1). Superintendent Pandiscio addressed the Committee, reviewing and explaining the various spreadsheets, and answering questions as they arose. There was discussion of the possible expansion of the Literacy Program; there was discussion of a possible “lab school”/pilot study offering a limited number of seats in a full day, tuitioned kindergarten class. The Superintendent asked the members which way they would lean: “heavy on personnel/short on things” vs “short on personnel/heavy on things.” Following this discussion, the Superintendent called the Committee’s attention to the salmon-colored “General Budget Choices” questionnaire and asked members to complete the questionnaire and turn it in before adjourning for the day (attachment 2).

Those members present were given their copy of the District Strategic Plan 2007 – 2010. The Strategic Plan, along with budget materials, will be mailed to School Committee members who were not in attendance at the Retreat.

Motion: To adjourn.

(D. Leith)
(M. James)

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Shirley Conrad
Steven Hammond
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Kathleen Sweeney

Opposed:

None

(Motion passed unanimously)

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

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

TGP:rlp