

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING

Minutes

Regular Meeting #1106, Wednesday, March 1, 2006

Executive Session

Cafeteria

Davis Hill Elementary School

Committee Members Present:

Alice Livdahl, Chair	Mary Catherine Maher
Thomas Ackerman	Kelly Maxwell
Cynthia Ahearn	Judith Newton
Cynthia Bazinet	John Nunnari
Elizabeth Brennan	Norman Plourde
Robert Carter	Kathleen Sweeney
Shirley Conrad	Tammy Tod
David Gibbs	Margaret Watson
Mark James	

Committee Members Absent:

Charles Capparelli	Michael Sherman, Vice-chair
Phillip Mighdoll	

Others Present:

Kenneth O'Brien, Municipal Representative

Administration Present:

John Locke, Director of Operations
Susan Sullivan, Director of Administrative Services
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Chair Livdahl called the executive session to order at 10:01 PM.

Motion: To extend the School Committee meeting by 15 minutes.

(M. James)

(J. Nunnari)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Alice Livdahl
Thomas Ackerman
Cynthia Ahearn
Cynthia Bazinet
Elizabeth Brennan

Robert Carter
Shirley Conrad
David Gibbs
Mark James
Mary Catherine Maher
Kelly Maxwell
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Kathleen Sweeney
Tammy Tod
Margaret Watson

Kenneth O'Brien

Opposed:
None

(Motion passed unanimously)

Director of Administrative Services Sullivan reported that the vote by the custodial union overwhelming rejected the contract proposal. Further negotiation sessions will need to be scheduled.

Director of Administrative Services Sullivan reported on the status of the nurses negotiations. It is possible that contract will be ready for School Committee ratification very soon.

Director of Administrative Services Sullivan reported on the status of clerical negotiations. Details of possible mediation are not yet available.

Director of Operations Locke highlighted and summarized WREA negotiations to date. Director Locke reported that negotiation meetings have been cordial. WREA has submitted a proposed salary schedule, which has not yet been addressed. School Committee Member Ahearn, who has been sitting in on the WREA negotiations, agreed with Director Locke's report of status. Member Plourde questioned who makes up the WREA negotiating team. Member Plourde stated he would like to have a copy of teams and the ground rules that have been set. Member Plourde questioned which articles in the WREA contract are up for negotiation and would like to have a list provided, when available. Director of Administrative Services Sullivan reported, on behalf of the Superintendent, that the Superintendent's goal is to get rid of WREA inconsistencies that are throughout the District.

Motion: To extend the School Committee meeting until 10:30 PM.

(D. Gibbs)
(M. James)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Alice Livdahl
Thomas Ackerman
Cynthia Ahearn
Cynthia Bazinet
Elizabeth Brennan
Robert Carter
Shirley Conrad
David Gibbs
Mark James
Mary Catherine Maher
Kelly Maxwell
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Kathleen Sweeney
Tammy Tod
Margaret Watson

Kenneth O'Brien

Opposed:

None

(Motion passed unanimously)

Member Plourde referred to a copy of the WREA contract, which he had at the table. Members who were not provided a copy of binder containing all union contracts were asked to show their hands, so that such binders could be prepared for them. Those who raised their hands were Members Tod, Maher, Sweeney, Conrad, Newton, Ackerman, Carter, Maxwell, Ahearn. Municipal Representative O'Brien also indicated he would appreciate a copy being prepared for him. Municipal Representative O'Brien asked the question of how legal expenses for negotiations are handled.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes of the WRSD Committee held on February 13, 2006, not to be released.

Motion: Approval of Executive Session Minutes of the WRSD Committee held on February 13, 2006, not to be released.

(R. Carter)
(M. James)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Alice Livdahl
Thomas Ackerman
Cynthia Ahearn
Cynthia Bazinet
Elizabeth Brennan
Robert Carter
Mark James
Mary Catherine Maher
Kelly Maxwell
Judith Newton
Norman Plourde
Kathleen Sweeney
Margaret Watson

Kenneth O'Brien

Opposed:
None

Abstained:
Shirley Conrad
David Gibbs
John Nunnari
Tammy Tod

(Motion passed 14-0-4)

Approval of Executive Session Minutes of the WRSD Committee held on July 27, 2005. Correction was made on page 3, changing the vote of the makers of the motion (M. James and D. Gibbs) to in favor of the motion. Note was made that the last sentence in the minutes notes that "Tally sheets of individual votes have been misplaced for this meeting." rendering the minutes "flawed."

Motion: Approval of Executive Session Minutes of the WRSD Committee held on July 27, 2005, as amended and in flawed state.

(M. James)
(K. Maxwell)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Alice Livdahl
Cynthia Ahearn
Cynthia Bazinet
Elizabeth Brennan
Robert Carter
Shirley Conrad

David Gibbs
Mark James
Mary Catherine Maher
Kelly Maxwell
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Kathleen Sweeney
Tammy Tod

Opposed:
None

Abstained:
Thomas Ackerman
Margaret Watson

Kenneth O'Brien

(Motion passed 15-2)

Motion: To adjourn.

(M. Maher)
(K. Sweeney)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Alice Livdahl
Thomas Ackerman
Cynthia Ahearn
Cynthia Bazinet
Elizabeth Brennan
Robert Carter
Shirley Conrad
David Gibbs
Mark James
Mary Catherine Maher
Kelly Maxwell
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Kathleen Sweeney
Tammy Tod
Margaret Watson

Kenneth O'Brien

Opposed:
None

(Motion passed unanimously)

The executive session adjourned at 10:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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