

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOLDEN * PAXTON * PRINCETON * RUTLAND * STERLING

Minutes

Regular Meeting Monday, March 13, 2006

Executive Session, Part 1

Cafeteria

Davis Hill Elementary School, Holden

Committee Members Present:

Alice Livdahl, Chair

Michael Sherman, Vice Chair

Thomas Ackerman

Cynthia Ahearn

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

Committee Members Absent:

Cynthia Bazinet

Charles Capparelli

Phillip Mighdoll

Others present:

Thomas Pandiscio, Superintendent

Kenneth O'Brien, Municipal Representative

Chair Alice Livdahl called the executive session to order at 10:00 PM.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the executive session held March 1, 2006, not to be released.

(E. Brennan)

(J. Nunnari)

Corrections were made adding Kenneth O'Brien's name to those in attendance, and as voting in favor of all motions taken, except the motion to approve minutes of July 27, 2005 from which his abstention should be noted. Corrections were accepted by the maker and seconder as friendly amendments.

Roll call vote

In favor:

Alice Livdahl
Thomas Ackerman
Cynthia Ahearn
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

Abstained:

Michael Sherman

(Motion passed 17-0-1)

Dr. Pandiscio reported that there had been progress in negotiations with the nurses and that arbitration had been postponed in the hope that an agreement could be reached within the next few weeks.

Dr. Pandiscio distributed a summary of collective bargaining proposals by the Wachusett Regional School District to the WREA, a copy of which is attached hereto (attachment 1). He discussed each proposed term. In particular, he discussed the effort to make teacher planning time comparable among the schools.

Motion: To extend the meeting for fifteen minutes.

(M. James)
(K. Maxwell)

Roll call vote

In favor:

Alice Livdahl
Michael Sherman
Thomas Ackerman

Cynthia Ahearn
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)

Discussion of the terms of in the handout continued.

Motion: To authorize the Superintendent to offer salary increases in the amount of 2% per year for each of the next three fiscal years.

(J. Nunnari)

(M. James)

Roll call vote

In favor:

Alice Livdahl
Michael Sherman
Thomas Ackerman
Cynthia Ahearn
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)

Motion: To extend the meeting for five minutes.

(S. Conrad)

(M. Sherman)

Roll call vote

In favor:

Alice Livdahl

Michael Sherman

Thomas Ackerman

Cynthia Ahearn

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

Kenneth O'Brien

Opposed:

Margaret Watson

(Motion passed 17-1)

Discussion of collective bargaining issues ended. Kenneth O'Brien left the meeting at 10:45 PM. Executive session continued.

Alice Livdahl, Acting Secretary