

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Special Meeting #275, Tuesday, May 16, 2006

**Executive Session**

Cafeteria

Davis Hill Elementary School

*Committee Members Present:*

Michael Sherman, Vice-Chair	Mark James
Thomas Ackerman	Kelly Maxwell
Robert Carter	Judith Newton
Shirley Conrad (7:06 PM)	John Nunnari
Melinda Coyle	Norman Plourde
David Gibbs	Tammy Tod
Steven Hammond	Margaret Watson

*Committee Members Absent:*

Cynthia Ahearn	Edward Pescaro
John Bangrazi	Kathleen Sweeney
Cynthia Bazinet	

*Administration Present:*

Thomas Pandiscio, Superintendent of Schools

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Vice-Chair Sherman.

II. Motion: To enter into executive session to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel, not to return to public session.

(M. James)  
(J. Nunnari)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Michael Sherman  
Thomas Ackerman  
Robert Carter  
Melinda Coyle  
David Gibbs  
Steven Hammond

Mark James  
Kelly Maxwell  
Judith Newton  
John Nunnari  
Norman Plourde  
Tammy Tod  
Margaret Watson

Opposed:  
None

(Motion passed unanimously)

Member Conrad arrived at 7:06 PM.

Superintendent Dr. Thomas Pandiscio delivered proposed contract language to the Committee. Members were then afforded the opportunity to address questions to Dr. Pandiscio regarding the terms and rationale for specific elements of his proposal.

Dr. Pandiscio left the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Motion: The Committee intends to elect a negotiation team consisting of one representative from each Member Town and legal counsel for the purposes of negotiating the Superintendent contract.

(M. James)  
(D. Gibbs)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Michael Sherman  
Thomas Ackerman  
Robert Carter  
Melinda Coyle  
David Gibbs  
Steven Hammond  
Mark James  
Kelly Maxwell  
Judith Newton  
John Nunnari  
Norman Plourde  
Tammy Tod  
Margaret Watson

Opposed:  
None

(Motion passed unanimously)

On a point of inquiry, Vice-Chair Sherman indicated the motion to commit contract negotiations to a subcommittee would be added to the agenda of the next regular School Committee meeting, scheduled for May 24, 2006.

In order to craft a resolution summarizing the Committee's direction for the benefit of the anticipated negotiating team, informal discussion continued on Dr. Pandiscio's proposal and other elements of his employment contract.

Member Newton left the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Vice-chair Sherman indicated an executive session would be added to the end of the May 24<sup>th</sup> School Committee agenda for the purposes of continuing preparations for negotiations with nonunion personnel.

III. Motion: To adjourn.

(R. Carter)  
(M. James)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Michael Sherman  
Thomas Ackerman  
Robert Carter  
Melinda Coyle  
David Gibbs  
Steven Hammond  
Mark James  
Kelly Maxwell  
John Nunnari  
Norman Plourde  
Tammy Tod  
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

None

(Motion passed unanimously)

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael Sherman  
Vice-chair

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