

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING

Organizational Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

7:00 PM

Cafeteria

Davis Hill Elementary School

Committee Members Present:

Thomas Ackerman	Kelly Maxwell
Cynthia Ahearn	Judith Newton
John Bangrazi	John Nunnari
Cynthia Bazinet	Edward Pescaro
Robert Carter	Norman Plourde
Shirley Conrad	Michael Sherman
Melinda Coyle	Kathleen Sweeney
David Gibbs	Tammy Tod
Steven Hammond	Margaret Watson
Mark James	

Committee Members Absent:

None

Administration Present:

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Superintendent of Schools
Jack Locke, Interim Director of Operations
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent
Tina Callahan, Administrative Assistant

Student Advisory Committee Representative:

Dave Mullaney

Others present, who desired to be recorded as present (see attached Attendance Sheet – attachment 1)

I. Call to Order

Superintendent Tom Pandiscio called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

The Superintendent recognized former School Committee Chair Alice Livdahl, thanked her for her efforts, noting that she had accomplished the

goals she had set at the organizational meeting of last year when she was elected Chair. Doctor Pandiscio presented Mrs. Livdahl with an engraved gavel as a token of thanks. A round of applause followed.

Doctor Pandiscio welcomed new School Committee members John Bangrazi of Princeton, Melinda Coyle of Paxton, Steven Hammond of Holden and Edward Pescaro of Rutland.

II. Election of Chairman

The Superintendent briefly explained the By-Laws and Regional Agreement in regard to the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair. The Superintendent advised that the election is conducted by paper ballot, which is to be signed by the Member and to be included in the public record. The Superintendent accepted the following nominations for Chair:

Motion: To nominate Michael Sherman as Chair, reading a prepared statement (attachment 1).

(R. Carter)
(S. Conrad)

Motion: To nominate Margaret Watson as Chair, reading a prepared statement (attachment 2).

(N. Plourde)
(D. Gibbs)

Motion: To close nominations

(M. James)
(J. Newton)

Vote:

In favor:

Thomas Ackerman
Cynthia Ahearn
John Bangrazi
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Shirley Conrad
Melinda Coyle
David Gibbs
Steven Hammond
Mark James
Kelly Maxwell
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Edward Pescaro

Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Kathleen Sweeney
Tammy Tod
Margaret Watson

Opposed:
None

(Motion passed unanimously)

Members were given the opportunity to speak to the nominations. Member Watson read a prepared statement (attachment 3). Members were given the opportunity to address questions to the candidates.

The ballots were distributed and collected (attachment 4). The results were as follows:

Thomas Ackerman	Michael Sherman
Cynthia Ahearn	Michael Sherman
John Bangrazi	Michael Sherman
Cynthia Bazinet	Margaret Watson
Robert Carter	Michael Sherman
Shirley Conrad	Michael Sherman
Melinda Coyle	Margaret Watson
David Gibbs	Margaret Watson
Steven Hammond	Margaret Watson
Mark James	Margaret Watson
Kelly Maxwell	Margaret Watson
Judith Newton	Michael Sherman
John Nunnari	Margaret Watson
Edward Pescaro	Margaret Watson
Norman Plourde	Margaret Watson
Michael Sherman	Michael Sherman
Kathleen Sweeney	Blank
Tammy Tod	Margaret Watson
Margaret Watson	Margaret Watson

The results of the vote were:

Michael Sherman: 7
Margaret Watson: 11

Member Watson took over as Chair of the School Committee.

III. Election of Vice-chair

Chair Watson accepted the following nominations for Vice-Chair:

Motion: To nominate Kathleen Sweeney as Vice-chair, by reading a prepared statement (attachment 5).

(C. Ahearn)
(M. Sherman)

Motion: To nominate Norman Plourde as Vice-chair, by reading a prepared statement (attachment 6).

(T. Tod)
(D. Gibbs)

Motion: To close nominations

(M. James)
(J. Newton)

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Thomas Ackerman
Cynthia Ahearn
John Bangrazi
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Shirley Conrad
Melinda Coyle
David Gibbs
Steven Hammond
Mark James
Kelly Maxwell
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Edward Pescaro
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Kathleen Sweeney
Tammy Tod

Opposed:

None

(Motion passed unanimously)

Members were given the opportunity to speak to the nominations. Members were given the opportunity to address questions to the candidates.

The ballots were distributed and collected (attachment 7). The results were as follows:

Thomas Ackerman	Kathleen Sweeney
Cynthia Ahearn	Kathleen Sweeney
John Bangrazi	Kathleen Sweeney
Cynthia Bazinet	Norman Plourde
Robert Carter	Kathleen Sweeney
Shirley Conrad	Kathleen Sweeney
Melinda Coyle	Kathleen Sweeney
David Gibbs	Norman Plourde
Steven Hammond	Norman Plourde
Mark James	Norman Plourde
Kelly Maxwell	Norman Plourde
Judith Newton	Kathleen Sweeney
John Nunnari	Norman Plourde
Edward Pescaro	Kathleen Sweeney
Norman Plourde	Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman	Kathleen Sweeney
Kathleen Sweeney	Blank
Tammy Tod	Norman Plourde
Margaret Watson	Norman Plourde

The results of the vote were:

Norman Plourde:	9
Kathleen Sweeney:	9

One blank ballot

As the vote resulted in a tie, clean ballots were re-distributed and collected (attachment 8). The results were as follows:

Thomas Ackerman	Kathleen Sweeney
Cynthia Ahearn	Kathleen Sweeney
John Bangrazi	Kathleen Sweeney
Cynthia Bazinet	Norman Plourde
Robert Carter	Kathleen Sweeney
Shirley Conrad	Kathleen Sweeney
Melinda Coyle	Kathleen Sweeney
David Gibbs	Norman Plourde
Steven Hammond	Norman Plourde
Mark James	Norman Plourde

Kelly Maxwell	Norman Plourde
Judith Newton	Kathleen Sweeney
John Nunnari	Norman Plourde
Edward Pescaro	Kathleen Sweeney
Norman Plourde	Kathleen Sweeney
Michael Sherman	Kathleen Sweeney
Kathleen Sweeney	Kathleen Sweeney
Tammy Tod	Norman Plourde
Margaret Watson	Norman Plourde

The results of the vote were:

Norman Plourde: 8
Kathleen Sweeney: 11

Member Kathleen Sweeney will serve as Vice-chair of the School Committee.

IV. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

(D. Gibbs)
(M. James)

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Kathleen Sweeney
Thomas Ackerman
Cynthia Ahearn
John Bangrazi
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Shirley Conrad
Melinda Coyle
David Gibbs
Steven Hammond
Mark James
Kelly Maxwell
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Edward Pescaro
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Tammy Tod

Opposed:
None

(Motion passed unanimously)

Chair Watson called for a five minute recess before convening the regular School Committee meeting. The organizational meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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