

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING

Minutes

Special Meeting #264, Thursday, July 14, 2005  
6:30 PM

Cafeteria  
Davis Hill Elementary School

*Committee Members Present:*

Alice Livdahl, Chair	Mary Catherine Maher (7:19 PM)
Michael Sherman, Vice-chair	Kelly Maxwell
Cynthia Ahearn	Phillip Mighdoll
Cynthia Bazinet	Judith Newton
Elizabeth Brennan	John Nunnari
Charles Capparelli	Norman Plourde
Robert Carter	Tammy Tod (7:50 PM)
David Gibbs	Margaret Watson
Mark James	

*Committee Members Absent:*

Shirley Conrad  
Cheryl Rauh  
Kathleen Sweeney

*Administration Present:*

Alfred D. Tutela, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools  
John Locke, Interim Director of Operations  
Peter Brennan, Comptroller  
Rebecca Petersen, Interim Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

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

I. Call to Order

Chair Livdahl called the meeting to order at 6:47 PM.

II. Introductions

Chair Livdahl asked those Town representatives sitting at the table to introduce themselves.

Town of Holden: Paul Challenger, Finance Committee Representative  
Joseph Sullivan, Selectboard Representative  
Town of Paxton: Richard Fenton, Finance Committee Representative  
Frederick Goodrich, Selectboard Representative  
Town of Princeton: Sheila Dubman, Advisory Board Representative  
Joseph O'Brien, Selectboard Representative  
Town of Rutland: Barbara Sbrogna, Finance Committee Representative  
Town of Sterling: John Potter, Finance Committee Representative  
Richard Sheppard, Selectboard Representative  
School Committee: Alice Livdahl, Chair  
Michael Sherman, Chair, Business/Finance Subcmte.

### III. Meeting with Member Towns to Negotiate FY06 Appropriation

Chair Livdahl distributed copies of WRSD Member Town Assessments Adopted 6/27/05 (lilac paper) (attachment 2).

Chair Livdahl invited the Member Town representatives to speak to the Wachusett Regional School District FY06 appropriation.

In order to caucus in private, School Committee Members departed the cafeteria to meet in Room 235.

Motion: To reconsider the June 27, 2005 FY06 amended Appropriation.

(C. Capparelli)  
(E. Brennan)

#### Roll Call Vote:

In favor:

Alice Livdahl  
Michael Sherman  
Cynthia Ahearn  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Elizabeth Brennan  
Charles Capparelli  
Robert Carter  
David Gibbs  
Mark James  
Mary Catherine Maher

Kelly Maxwell  
Phillip Mighdoll  
Judith Newton  
John Nunnari  
Norman Plourde  
Tammy Tod  
Margaret Watson

Opposed:  
None

(Motion passed unanimously)

Motion: To adopt proposed amendment to the June 27, 2005 FY06 amended Appropriation.

(K. Maxwell)  
(M. Sherman)

Roll Call Vote:

In favor:

Alice Livdahl  
Michael Sherman  
Cynthia Ahearn  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Elizabeth Brennan  
Charles Capparelli  
Robert Carter  
David Gibbs  
Mark Jamea  
Mary Catherine Maher  
Kelly Maxwell  
Phillip Mighdoll  
Judith Newton  
John Nunnari  
Norman Plourde  
Tammy Tod  
Margaret Watson

Opposed:  
None

(Motion passed unanimously)

School Committee Members returned to the cafeteria to continue discussions with representatives from the Member Towns.

Member Gibbs left the meeting.

After discussion and debate, the School Committee recessed to caucus room 235.

Motion: To reconsider School Committee adoption of proposed FY06 amended Appropriation.

(C. Capparelli)  
(E. Brennan)

Roll Call Vote:

In favor:

Alice Livdahl  
Michael Sherman  
Cynthia Ahearn  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Elizabeth Brennan  
Robert Carter  
Mark James  
Kelly Maxwell  
Phillip Mighdoll  
Judith Newton  
John Nunnari  
Norman Plourde  
Tammy Tod

Opposed:

Charles Capparelli  
Mary Catherine Maher  
Margaret Watson

(Motion passed 13-3)

Motion: To reduce the use of E&D funds to \$200,000 of available certified balance.

(M. Watson)  
(M. James)

Roll Call Vote:

In favor:

Mark James  
Judith Newton  
John Nunnari  
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

Alice Livdahl  
Michael Sherman  
Cynthia Ahearn  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Elizabeth Brennan  
Charles Capparelli  
Robert Carter  
Mary Catherine Maher  
Kelly Maxwell  
Phillip Mighdoll  
Norman Plourde  
Tammy Tod

(Motion failed 4-12)

Motion: To affirm FY06 Appropriation as adopted July 14, 2005.

(J. Nunnari)

(C. Ahearn)

Roll Call Vote:

In favor:

Alice Livdahl  
Michael Sherman  
Cynthia Ahearn  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Elizabeth Brennan  
Charles Capparelli  
Robert Carter  
Mark James  
Mary Catherine Maher  
Kelly Maxwell  
Phillip Mighdoll  
Judith Newton  
John Nunnari  
Norman Plourde

Tammy Tod  
Margaret Watson

Opposed:  
None

(Motion passed unanimously)

School Committee Members returned to the cafeteria meeting space.

#### IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred D. Tutela, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

ADT:rlp/School Committee/Minutes