

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Special Meeting #265, Wednesday, July 20, 2005
6:30 PM

Library
Central Tree Middle School

Committee Members Present:

Alice Livdahl, Chair	Kelly Maxwell
Michael Sherman, Vice-chair	Phillip Mighdoll
Cynthia Ahearn	Judith Newton
Charles Capparelli	John Nunnari
Robert Carter	Norman Plourde
Shirley Conrad	Cheryl Rauh
David Gibbs	Kathleen Sweeney
Mark James	Tammy Tod
Mary Catherine Maher	

Committee Members Absent:

Cynthia Bazinet	Margaret Watson
Elizabeth Brennan	

Others Present:

Thomas Pandiscio, Superintendent-Elect

Chair Livdahl called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Motion: Chair Livdahl to convene a Special School Committee Meeting on August 3, 2005 at 6:30 PM in order to discuss the FY06 budget.

(P. Mighdoll)
(M. Sherman)

Member Gibbs offered a friendly amendment to change the date of the meeting to August 1, 2005, which was accepted by the maker of the motion and second.

During the ensuing discussion, Members circulated a petition to request the Special Meeting in accordance with School Committee Bylaws (attachment 1).

Roll Call Vote:

In favor:

Alice Livdahl
Michael Sherman
Cynthia Ahearn
Charles Capparelli
Robert Carter
Shirley Conrad
David Gibbs
Mark James
Kelly Maxwell
Phillip Mighdoll
Judith Newton
Norman Plourde
Cheryl Rauh
Kathleen Sweeney
Tammy Tod

Opposed:

John Nunnari

Abstained:

Mary Catherine Maher

(Motion passed 15-1-1)

Motion: To enter Executive Session to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel.

(M. Sherman)

(R. Carter)

Roll Call Vote:

In favor:

Alice Livdahl
Michael Sherman
Cynthia Ahearn
Charles Capparelli
Robert Carter
Shirley Conrad
David Gibbs
Mark James
Mary Catherine Maher

Kelly Maxwell
Phillip Mighdoll
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Cheryl Rauh
Kathleen Sweeney
Tammy Tod

Opposed:
None

(Motion passed unanimously)

Return to public session at 6:50 PM.

Dr. Pandiscio addressed the School Committee on the following points:

- In 2-2.1 “Termination,” Dr. Pandiscio asked to change the requirement for written notice of intent to resign from 120 days to 90 days.
- In 3.1 “Salary Considerations,” expressing a desire for simplicity in the contract language, Dr. Pandiscio asked the School Committee to consider combining the compensation figures for base salary and the stipend for collective bargaining negotiation duties. And, if a single compensation amount were agreeable to the School Committee, he would accept language that would enable a reduction in salary, should both parties agree that he would no longer perform negotiation duties.
- In 5.1 “Reimbursement for Expenses,” first sentence, Dr. Pandiscio asked that the School Committee replace the word “authorized” with “approved.” And, in the second sentence, strike the word “ground.”
- In 4-2.1 “Other Leaves,” Dr. Pandiscio brought to the School Committee’s attention that as a current employee of the District, he has accrued 195 sick days. In consideration of this fact, he requested that his new contract begin with 90 days of sick leave accrued.
- Upon query from Member Plourde, Dr. Pandiscio stated that he would not seek reimbursement for in-District travel while serving as Superintendent.

Member Carter left the table at 6:55 PM.

Motion: To re-enter Executive Session to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiation with non-union personnel.

(M. Sherman)
(P. Mighdoll)

Roll Call Vote:

In favor:

Alice Livdahl
Michael Sherman
Cynthia Ahearn
Charles Capparelli
Shirley Conrad
David Gibbs
Mark James
Mary Catherine Maher
Kelly Maxwell
Phillip Mighdoll
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Cheryl Rauh
Kathleen Sweeney
Tammy Tod

Opposed:

None

(Motion passed 16-0)

Member Carter returned to the table at 7:00 PM

The School Committee adjourned at 9:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Livdahl, Chair
Wachusett Regional School Committee