

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting #1134 Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Cafeteria

Davis Hill Elementary School

Committee Members Present:

Margaret Watson, Chair	Duncan Leith
Cynthia Bazinet, Vice-chair	Judith Newton
Thomas Ackerman	John Nunnari
Robert Carter	Norman Plourde
Colleen Cipro	Michael Sherman
Steven Hammond	Joseph Sova
Robert Imber	Kathleen Sweeney
Mark James	Marcie Zaharee (7:02 PM)
Julianne Kelley	

Committee Members Absent:

Cynthia Ahearn	Melinda Coyle
Shirley Conrad	

Administration Present:

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Superintendent of Schools
Jack Locke, Deputy Superintendent
Darryll McCall, Interim Director of Operations
Peter Brennan, Business Manager
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Student Representatives Present:

Hillary Blakeney
Sean Lane
Stephen Palumbo

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

Chair Watson called the regular meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:01 PM.

Motion: To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of contract negotiations, to return to public session.

(D. Leith)
(M. James)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:

None

(The motion passed unanimously)

The School Committee adjourned to Executive Session at 7:03 PM.

The School Committee returned to public session at 7:33 PM.

I. Public Hearing

Chair Watson read the Guidelines for Public Hearing.

Elizabeth Brennan, Rutland, read a prepared statement (attachment 2).

II. Secretary's Report

A. Approval of 1133rd Regular Meeting Minutes of the WRSD
Committee held on September 10, 2007

The minutes of the regular meeting held September 10, 2007 were approved by consensus, with Member Nunnari abstaining.

B. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of the WRSD Committee held
on September 10, 2007

Chair Watson asked members to review the minutes and if no corrections of substance were noted, these minutes could be approved

in public session. If substantive corrections are noted, the minutes would be approved in executive session.

Motion: To approve the executive session minutes of the WRSD Committee held on September 10, 2007, not to be released.

(M. Sherman)

(J. Sova)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Judith Newton
John Nunnari

(The motion passed 15-0-2)

III. Treasurer's Report/Financial Statements

Chair Watson reminded the Committee that if there were questions regarding the Business Manager's report that Members should contact the Superintendent; if there were questions regarding the Treasurer's Report, Members should contact the Business/Finance Subcommittee Chair.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Watson reminded the Committee that Member Carter will be attending the MASC/MASS Joint Conference in November and will

serve as the official delegate for this school committee. Chair Watson called the Committee's attention to attachment 4A in the Superintendent's Report (Report of the Resolutions Committee). She asked that members review this report by the October 22, 2007 School Committee meeting at which time direction can be given to Member Carter as he prepares to represent Wachusett at the Joint Conference. When asked if a motion could be made at this meeting giving Member Carter direction, Chair Watson re-stated her desire that members re-read the resolutions and rationales and be prepared to act on October 22nd.

B. Student Representatives

High school student Sean Lane reported on the recent opening of the fields at the high school. He told of the excitement this brought to the student body and faculty. He also informed the Committee that as the high school project is progressing, morale at the high school is improving. Wachusett hosted a Student Council Conference at the high school on October 9, 2007. Over 700 student council representatives from all over the state attended this conference, which ran smoothly and a good day was had by all.

Steve Palombo reported that Homecoming is planned for the weekend of October 27th and since this is the first year in many that homecoming festivities can take place on the high school campus, there is much enthusiasm and excitement being generated.

C. Strategic Plan Steering Committee

Member Sherman gave a report on the final Steering Committee meeting which was held September 27, 2007. Chair Watson called the Committee's attention to the copy of the Strategic Plan that was included in the Superintendent's Report of October 4th. She asked Superintendent Pandiscio to speak to the implementation plan; he explained how he envisions this plan being carried out. Following a question and answer period, Chair Watson announced that the Strategic Plan Steering Committee had been discharged.

D. Management Subcommittee (M. Watson, Chair, D. Leith, Vice-chair, C. Ahearn, C. Bazinet, R. Carter, R. Imber, J. Nunnari, M. Sherman, J. Sova)

Chair Watson reported on the September 24th meeting to which Assistant Principal Drew Weymouth and student representatives were invited and attended. She told the Committee that the October 15th meeting of the Management Subcommittee will need to be re-scheduled as the Town of Sterling has called a Special Town Meeting. Chair Watson let members know that on the agenda of the next

Management Subcommittee meeting will be a review of last year's model used to evaluate the Superintendent. Any comments and/or reactions should be directed to Management Subcommittee members.

1. Amended Policy AP5241.11 **Policy Relating to Personnel Management Standards for Employment** – second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of Amended Policy AP5241.11 **Policy Relating to Personnel Management Standards for Employment**, waiving the reading.

(J. Nunnari)
(K. Sweeney)

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:

None

(The motion passed unanimously)

2. Amended Policy AP5273.3 **Policy Relating to Personnel Management Employee Travel for Workshops, Conferences, Visitations** - second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of Amended Policy AP5273.3 **Policy Relating to Personnel Management Employee Travel for Workshops, Conferences, Visitations**, waiving the reading.

(D. Leith)
(J. Sova)

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:

None

(The motion passed unanimously)

3. Amended Policy AP5274 **Policy Relating to Personnel Management** **Unrepresented Non-contract Employees Benefits**
- second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of Amended Policy AP5274 **Policy Relating to Personnel Management** **Unrepresented Non-contract Employees Benefits**, waiving the reading.

(M. James)

(K. Sweeney)

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton

John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:
None

(The motion passed unanimously)

E. Education Subcommittee (C. Bazinet, Chair, S. Hammond, Vice-chair,
C. Ahearn, J. Kelley, J. Nunnari, N. Plourde, K. Sweeney, M. Zaharee)

1. Amended Policy AP6400 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services
Behavior and Discipline** – second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of Amended Policy
AP6400 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Behavior and
Discipline** waiving the reading.

(S. Hammond)
(K. Sweeney)

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:
None

(The motion passed unanimously)

2. Amended Policy AP6433 *Policy Relating to Pupil Services*
Substance Abuse - second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of Amended Policy AP6433 *Policy Relating to Pupil Services* **Substance Abuse**, waiving the reading.

(J. Sova)

(K. Sweeney)

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:

None

(The motion passed unanimously)

3. Amended Policy AP6435 *Policy Relating to Pupil Services*
Weapons - second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of Amended Policy AP6435 *Policy Relating to Pupil Services* **Weapons**, waiving the reading.

(J. Nunnari)

(K. Sweeney)

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson

Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:
None

(The motion passed unanimously)

4. Amended Policy AP6436 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services**
Appreciation of Diversity - second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of Amended Policy AP6436 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services** **Appreciation of Diversity**, waiving the reading.

(J. Sova)
(S. Hammond)

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova

Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:
None

(The motion passed unanimously)

Education Subcommittee Chair Bazinet reported on the September meeting and announced the next subcommittee meeting has been posted for Tuesday, October 23, 2007.

F. Business/Finance Subcommittee (M. Sherman, Chair, S. Conrad, Vice-chair, T. Ackerman, M. Coyle, M. James, J. Newton, J. Sova)

1. Amended Policy AP7211 **Policy Relating to Support Operations Ridership** – second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of Amended Policy AP7211 **Policy Relating to Support Operations Ridership**, waiving the reading.

(M. Sherman)
(T. Ackerman)

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:
None

(The motion passed unanimously)

2. Amended Policy AP7222 **Policy Relating to Support Operations Contract Transportation Services** - second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of Amended Policy AP7222 **Policy Relating to Support Operations Contract Transportation Services**, waiving the reading.

(M. Sherman)
(D. Leith)

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:
None

(The motion passed unanimously)

3. Amended Policy AP4330 **Policy Relating to Budget/Finance Warrants** – first reading

Motion: To approve the first reading of Amended Policy AP4330 **Policy Relating to Budget/Finance Warrants**, waiving the reading.

(M. Sherman)
(J. Sova)

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson

Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:
None

(The motion passed unanimously)

4. Amended Policy AP7131 **Policy Relating to Support Operations Buildings and Grounds Management** – first reading

Motion: To approve the first reading of Amended Policy AP7131 **Policy Relating to Support Operations Buildings and Grounds Management**, waiving the reading.

(M. Sherman)
(T. Ackerman)

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova

Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:
None

(The motion passed unanimously)

5. Policy Deletion AP7125 **Policy Relating to Support Operations Using Utilities** – first reading

Motion: To approve the first reading of Policy Deletion AP7125 **Policy Relating to Support Operations Using Utilities**, waiving the reading.

(M. Sherman)
(T. Ackerman)

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:
None

(The motion passed unanimously)

6. Reassignment of P7240 **Policy Relating to Support Operations Transportation Safety and Security Procedures** to P6621 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Transportation Safety and Security Procedures**.

Motion: To approve the first reading to reassign P7240 **Policy Relating to Support Operations Transportation Safety and Security Procedures** to P6621 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Transportation Safety and Security Procedures**, waiving the reading.

(M. Sherman)

(K. Sweeney)

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:

None

(The motion passed unanimously)

Business/Finance Chair Sherman reported on the October 3, 2007 meeting. He informed the Committee that Superintendent Pandiscio and Business Manager Brennan will be working on a “guidebook” to act as a primer to help all understand the workings of this subcommittee/to give a common ground for all members. Superintendent Pandiscio and Business Manager Brennan are also drafting a calendar of events in preparation for the upcoming budget season.

- G. Community Outreach Subcommittee (K. Sweeney, Chair, N. Plourde, Vice-chair, C. Cipro, M. Coyle, J. Newton)

Community Outreach Chair Sweeney reported on the September 17th meeting, at which time the subcommittee reviewed the Strategic Plan

and made suggestions how the Strategic Plan could be shared with the Member Towns and the public. She also announced that the subcommittee meeting that had been posted for October 15th must be re-scheduled due to the Special Town Meeting in Sterling. She polled members asking if Monday, October 29th, would be a convenient date; she asked subcommittee members to let her know before the meeting gets posted.

H. Audit Advisory Board (Shirley Conrad, Chair, Judith Newton, Vice-chair, School Committee Representatives)

Audit Advisory Board Vice-chair Newton reported there has been no recent activity by this Board.

I. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review the Regional Agreement (J. Nunnari, Chair, M. Coyle, S. Hammond, R. Imber, N. Plourde)

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Chair Nunnari reported that public hearings have been held in Holden, Paxton and Princeton and will be held in Rutland and Sterling on October 11th and October 18th. It is anticipated that following these public hearings, the ad hoc subcommittee will meet in preparation for bringing their recommendations to the full School Committee.

J. Building Committees

1. High School

High School Building Committee Chair Leith reported that progress continues to be made at the high school. He was pleased to report that on Wednesday, October 4, 2007, the new field on the high school site was host to the girls' soccer game against Milford. He reported this game was very well attended and agreed with the student representatives that there is much enthusiasm on the high school campus. Unfortunately, he did report that a girls' soccer game scheduled this date had to be canceled because field lights were disassembled and not in working condition for game time. The concert scheduled for October 24th and 25th will be held in the auditorium, to the delight of all. Building Committee Chair Leith did want to publicly express his appreciation to Princeton resident Ed Carlson and Holden Recreation Director Denise Morano for the cooperation shown during this construction process with regard to athletic field use/needs. He reported on the status of the sale of the modulars. As follow up to a request made at the September 10th School Committee meeting, Member Leith did contact Holden Cable who has agreed to make another video tour of the high

school, but it was agreed that this new footage should not be shot for at least a couple of weeks, until the auditorium, fields (and other space) are “fully” operational.

At Building Committee Chair Leith’s request, the Superintendent made additional comments on progress being made. The Superintendent wanted to include the Town of Rutland in those to be thanked for showing the spirit of cooperation during this construction period, as athletes frequently used Memorial Field in Rutland for their games/events. He reported he met with representatives of Parker Charter School to review the move of the modulars.

8:34 PM Member Sova left the table.

K. School Council Reports

Central Tree Middle School (J. Nunnari), Chocksett Middle School (J. Sova), Davis Hill Elementary School (C. Bazinet), Dawson Elementary School (M. James), Glenwood Elementary School (J. Kelley), Houghton Elementary School (N. Plourde), Mayo Elementary School (S. Hammond), Mountview Middle School (M. Sherman), Naquag Elementary School (C. Cipro), Paxton Center School (C. Ahearn), Thomas Prince School (R Imber/K. Sweeney), Wachusett Regional High School (D. Leith), Special Education Parent Advisory Council (M. Zaharee)

The following school council liaisons reported on recent meetings:

Marcie Zaharee – Special Education Parent Advisory Council
(Member Zaharee referred to a prepared statement – attachment 3)

Colleen Cipro – Naquag Elementary School meeting, October 3, 2007

Duncan Leith, Wachusett Regional High School meeting, October 3, 2007

8:36 PM Member Sova returned to the table.

Michael Sherman, Mountview Middle School meeting, October 2, 2007

Kathleen Sweeney, Thomas Prince School meeting. Member Sweeney asked the status of the roof at Thomas Prince, which the Superintendent gave an update on.

8:40 PM Member Sweeney left the table.

Julianne Kelley, Glenwood Elementary School meeting, October 4, 2007. Member Kelley read a prepared statement (attachment 4).

8:42 PM Member Sweeney returned to the table.

Steven Hammond, Mayo Elementary School meeting, October 2, 2007.

Cynthia Bazinet, Davis Hill Elementary School meeting.

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

Member Carter sought clarification/input on three topics addressed in the October 4th Superintendent's Report:

1. Program at the Early Childhood Center. Superintendent Pandiscio reported not as much progress has been made to date as he had hoped for. He will update the School Committee further in his next Superintendent's Report.
2. Referencing Attachment 24 (Albert Ferron's 9/21/07 correspondence to Chair Watson), Member Carter asked the difference between International Baccalaureate offerings vs. Advanced Placement offerings. Superintendent Pandiscio gave an overview of both offerings, explaining that WRHS is well down the road with AP offerings.
3. Breakdown of student fees. The Superintendent gave a brief summary of fees collected, listing athletic fees (just over \$100,000/year), locker fees (approximately \$2,800/year) and parking fees (approximately \$15,000/year).

Member Plourde let the School Committee know he attended the ceremony on September 30, 2007, when the Millbury School Committee dedicated the Charles S. Capparelli Auditorium.

Member Plourde also gave a brief history of the flashing lights on Boutelle Road in Sterling. It is understood the lights will be repaired, but who will be financially responsible will be determined.

Member Sherman referenced Deputy Superintendent Locke's report in which Citrix "issues" were noted. The Superintendent gave an update on technology matters.

Member Ackerman commented on oil remediation at the Jefferson School, noting appreciation for Representative Lew Evangelidis' efforts in securing the \$150,000 grant.

Motion: To formally recognize the efforts of Representative Lewis Evangelidis in securing a \$150,000 grant to assist with oil remediation work to be done at the Jefferson School site and to express this appreciation in a written note of thanks from the School Committee.

(T. Ackerman)

(R. Imber)

The Superintendent reiterated the importance of the effort put forth by Representative Evangelidis and publicly stated that Representative Evangelidis was instrumental in the passage of this grant. Superintendent Pandiscio noted that Senators Brewer and Chandler were more involved in the passage of the bonding bill. Superintendent Pandiscio has written letters of thanks to the three senators and the three representatives who work for the residents of the Member Towns.

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:

None

(The motion passed unanimously)

9:00 Member Zaharee left the table.

Member Kelley asked if the fact that the Early Childhood Center is opened to typically developing students could be included in school newsletters. It was the consensus this could be helpful in increasing enrollment. Member Leith noted that he had been contacted by a

family interested in this program. He will direct that family to the Central Office.

9:03 PM Member Zaharee returned to the table.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

Motion: To authorize the appropriation of Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) funds in the amount of \$338,045 to the Town of Paxton for reimbursement for the renovation of Paxton Center School.

(C. Bazinet)

(M. James)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:

None

(The motion passed unanimously)

Motion: To authorize the appropriation of Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) funds in the amount of \$759,779 to the Town of Rutland for reimbursement for construction of the Rutland new middle school.

(J. Sova)

(J. Nunnari)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:
None

(The motion passed unanimously)

Motion: To accept the \$7,000 donation from the Margaret E. Sherman Trust to the Paxton Center School in payment of a grant for the purchase of geography and science technology textbooks for use in the Paxton Center School middle school classrooms.

(K. Sweeney)

(R. Imber)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Kathleen Sweeney

Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:
None

(The motion passed unanimously)

Chair Watson will write a letter of thanks to the Margaret E. Sherman Trust.

VI. Public Hearing

No one from the public wished to address the School Committee.

VII. Unfinished Business

Member Carter asked the status of what he remembered was a “report card committee.” Superintendent Pandiscio asked Deputy Superintendent Locke to give an update. Deputy Superintendent Locke reported this group met last year, but has not yet met this school year. The target is to have a draft ready for principal review at the January 2008 Cabinet meeting.

VIII. New Business

Motion: To refer the issue concerning backpacks, brought forward during this meeting’s first Public Hearing by Rutland resident Elizabeth Brennan, to the Education Subcommittee for review and consideration.

(J. Kelley)

(K. Sweeney)

The student representatives addressed this motion, from the perspective of a high school student.

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde

Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:
None

(The motion passed unanimously)

IX. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of contract negotiation, not to return to public session.

(M. James)
(D. Leith)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:
None

(The motion passed unanimously)

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools

TGP:rlp