

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Special Meeting #270, Monday, November 7, 2005
6:30 PM

Cafeteria

Davis Hill Elementary School, Holden

Committee Members Present:

Alice Livdahl, Chair	Mark James
Michael Sherman, Vice-chair	Kelly Maxwell
Cynthia Ahearn	Phillip Mighdoll
Cynthia Bazinet	Judith Newton
Elizabeth Brennan	John Nunnari
Charles Capparelli	Norman Plourde
Robert Carter	Kathleen Sweeney
Shirley Conrad	Tammy Tod
David Gibbs	Margaret Watson

Committee Members Absent:

Mary Catherine Maher	Cheryl Rauh
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Administration Present:

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
John R. Locke, Interim Director of Operations
Peter V. Brennan, Comptroller
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Others present, who desired to be recorded as present (attachment 1).

I. Call to Order

Chair Livdahl called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM. Chair Livdahl introduced Glenn Koocher, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

II. Budget Building Presentation by Glenn Koocher, Executive Director, Massachusetts Association of School Committees

Mr. Koocher gave a brief background of his expertise and his position as Executive Director of MASC. He handed out copies of the PowerPoint presentation he would be referring to during his presentation (attachment 2). Mr. Koocher also had distributed a copy of the Massachusetts Department of Education, Office of School Finance, Chapter **70 Foundation budget FY05, Final** and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue **NOTICE OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS Wachusett** (attachment 3).

Mr. Koocher covered many of the facets of the school budget process, he gave history of the No Child Left Behind legislation, he spoke about Chapter 70 Aid and how such funding is determined.

At 8:00 Mr. Koocher's presentation ended and he opened the floor to questions. Mr. Koocher shared his email address and invited those present to feel free to contact him via email or phone, both in his office and at his home. He also offered to share, electronically, any information he has available through MASC.

8:04 PM Member Carter left the table

8:07 PM Member Carter returned to the table.

Mr. Koocher noted that Needham public schools handle budget matters very well and suggested that the Needham public school website be looked at for ideas with regard to budgeting and the budget process.

8:30 PM Member Sherman left the table.

8:32 PM Member Sherman returned to the table.

Chair Livdahl thanked Mr. Koocher for his input.

8:36 PM Member Gibbs left the meeting.

Motion: to enter executive session to discuss strategies and negotiations with respect to collective bargaining, not to return to public session.

(R. Carter)

(M. James)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Alice Livdahl
Michael Sherman
Cynthia Ahearn
Cynthia Bazinet
Charles Capparelli
Robert Carter
Shirley Conrad
Mark James
Kelly Maxwell
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Kathleen Sweeney
Tammy Tod
Margaret Watson

Opposed:
Norman Plourde

Abstained:
Phillip Mighdoll

(Motion passed 15-1-1)

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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