

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Executive Session, Tuesday, March 25, 2003  
10:05 PM

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Wachusett Regional High School

*Committee Members Present:*

John Rokicki, Chairman	Alice Livdahl
Donald Benson	Peter MacDonald
Charles Capparelli	Kelly Maxwell
Clifford Connell	Natalie Mello
Carol Esperti	Julie Scott
Patricia Gates	Tammy Tod
Jeffrey Gibbs	Margaret Watson

*Committee Members Absent:*

Duncan Leith, Vice Chairman	Jane James
David Fedeli	John Nunnari
Kimberly Ferguson	Patricia Young

*Administration Present:*

Alfred D. Tutela, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Paul K. Soojian, Director of Operations  
Peter V. Brennan, Comptroller

Chairman John Rokicki called the executive session to order at 10:05 PM. Member Duncan Leith excused himself because his wife is a member of the bargaining unit. The Superintendent updated the Committee on the various items up for discussion with the Wachusett Regional Educators Association (WREA) in order to reduce the contract costs for FY04. They included:

- A freeze on all salary increases as well as steps and lanes
- A freeze on District health insurance benefit costs
- An increase in co-payments for health insurance
- An increase in employee contribution for health insurance

- High school teachers to teach or supervise thirty classes per week versus twenty-five

The Superintendent informed the Committee that, in light of Article 13-2, Section D (1.b), which allows for reductions in preparation time in a financial crisis for K-8 schools using elementary school models, that there may be a reduction in the number of periods in art, music, and physical education and at the middle school level, that foreign language may be eliminated.

Motion: To adjourn

(C. Esperti)  
(P. MacDonald)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

John Rokicki  
Donald Benson  
Charles Capparelli  
Clifford Connell  
Carol Esperti  
Patricia Gates  
Jeffrey Gibbs  
Alice Livdahl  
Peter MacDonald  
Kelly Maxwell  
Natalie Mello  
Julie Scott  
Tammy Tod  
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

None

(Motion passed unanimously)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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