

**WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

**HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING**

Organizational Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, May 25, 2005

7:00 PM

Media Center  
Wachusett Regional High School

*Committee Members Present:*

Cynthia Ahearn	Kelly Maxwell
Cynthia Bazinet	Phillip Mighdoll
Elizabeth Brennan	Judith Newton
Charles Capparelli	John Nunnari
Robert Carter	Norman Plourde
David Gibbs	Cheryl Rauh
Mark James	Michael Sherman
John Kane	Kathleen Sweeney
Alice Livdahl	Margaret Watson
Mary Catherine Maher	

*Committee Members Absent:*

Shirley Conrad

*Administration Present:*

Paul K. Soojian, Deputy Superintendent and Director of Operations  
Steven Penka, Director of Administrative Services  
Susan H. Sullivan, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

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

I. Call to Order

Deputy Superintendent Paul Soojian called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and advised the Committee that the Superintendent was ill and would not be able to attend the meeting.

The Deputy Superintendent formally welcomed new Member Shirley Conrad from Sterling.

## II. Election of Chairman

The Deputy Superintendent reviewed the By-Laws and Regional Agreement in regard to the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair. The Deputy Superintendent advised that the election is conducted by paper ballot, which is to be signed by the Member and to be included in the public record. The Deputy Superintendent accepted the following nominations for Chair:

Motion: To nominate John Nunnari as Chair, reading a prepared statement (attachment 2).

(J. Kane)  
(D. Gibbs)

Motion: To nominate Alice Livdahl as Chair, reading a prepared statement (attachment 3).

(M. Sherman)  
(J. Newton)

Motion: To close nominations

(C. Capparelli)  
(K. Maxwell)

Vote:

In Favor:

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

Kathleen Sweeney  
Margaret Watson

Opposed:  
None

(Motion passed unanimously)

The ballots were distributed and collected (attachment 4). The results were as follows:

Cynthia Ahearn	Alice Livdahl
Cynthia Bazinet	John Nunnari
Elizabeth Brennan	Alice Livdahl
Charles Capparelli	Alice Livdahl
Robert Carter	Alice Livdahl
David Gibbs	John Nunnari
Mark James	John Nunnari
John Kane	John Nunnari
Alice Livdahl	Alice Livdahl
Mary Catherine Maher	Alice Livdahl
Kelly Maxwell	Alice Livdahl
Phillip Mighdoll	Alice Livdahl
Judith Newton	Alice Livdahl
John Nunnari	John Nunnari
Norman Plourde	Alice Livdahl
Cheryl Rauh	Alice Livdahl
Michael Sherman	Alice Livdahl
Kathleen Sweeney	Alice Livdahl
Margaret Watson	John Nunnari

The results of the vote were:

John Nunnari	6
Alice Livdahl	13

Member Alice Livdahl took over as Chair of the School Committee and outlined her goals for the upcoming year:

- ♣ Implement the Inspector General's recommendations
- ♣ Adopt the FY06 budget as soon as possible
- ♣ Appoint an Interim Superintendent, effective September 30, 2005
- ♣ Appoint a Superintendent, effective July 1, 2006

- ♣ Negotiate a teachers' contract, which expires in August 2006
- ♣ Help to facilitate the completion of the high school for opening in September 2006
- ♣ Develop a strategic plan for the FY07 budget

Chair Livdahl distributed forms for Members to request membership on subcommittees (attachment 5).

### III. Election of Vice-chair

Chair Alice Livdahl accepted the following nominations for Vice-Chair:

Motion: To nominate Michael Sherman as Vice-chair, by reading a prepared statement (attachment 6).

(E. Brennan)  
(K. Sweeney)

Motion: To nominate Mark James as Vice-chair, by reading a prepared statement (attachment 7).

(M. Watson)  
(J. Kane)

Motion: To close nominations

(M. James)  
(N. Plourde)

Vote:

In Favor:

Cynthia Ahearn  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Elizabeth Brennan  
Charles Capparelli  
Robert Carter  
David Gibbs  
Mark James  
John Kane  
Alice Livdahl  
Mary Catherine Maher  
Kelly Maxwell  
Phillip Mighdoll  
Judith Newton  
John Nunnari

Norman Plourde  
Cheryl Rauh  
Michael Sherman  
Kathleen Sweeney  
Margaret Watson

Opposed:  
None

(Motion passed unanimously)

The ballots were distributed and collected (attachment 8). The results were as follows:

Cynthia Ahearn	Michael Sherman
Cynthia Bazinet	Mark James
Elizabeth Brennan	Michael Sherman
Charles Capparelli	Michael Sherman
Robert Carter	Michael Sherman
David Gibbs	Mark James
Mark James	Mark James
John Kane	Mark James
Alice Livdahl	Michael Sherman
Mary Catherine Maher	Michael Sherman
Kelly Maxwell	Michael Sherman
Phillip Mighdoll	Michael Sherman
Judith Newton	Mark James
John Nunnari	Mark James
Norman Plourde	Michael Sherman
Cheryl Rauh	Michael Sherman
Michael Sherman	Michael Sherman
Kathleen Sweeney	Michael Sherman
Margaret Watson	Mark James

The results of the vote were:

Mark James	7
Michael Sherman	12

Member Michael Sherman will serve as Vice-chair of the School Committee.

#### IV. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

(D. Gibbs)  
(C. Capparelli)

Vote:

In Favor:

Cynthia Ahearn  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Elizabeth Brennan  
Charles Capparelli  
Robert Carter  
David Gibbs  
Mark James  
John Kane  
Alice Livdahl  
Mary Catherine Maher  
Kelly Maxwell  
Phillip Mighdoll  
Judith Newton  
John Nunnari  
Norman Plourde  
Cheryl Rauh  
Michael Sherman  
Kathleen Sweeney  
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

None

(Motion passed unanimously)

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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