

**WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

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

Organizational Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, May 28, 2002

7:00 PM

Media Center  
Wachusett Regional High School

*Committee Members Present:*

Donald Benson	Natalie Mello
David Fedeli	John Nunnari
Jeffrey Gibbs	John Rokicki
Jane James	Kathleen Singh
Duncan Leith	Tammy Tod
Alice Livdahl	Edwin Twarog
Peter MacDonald (7:03 PM)	Margaret Watson
Kelly Maxwell	Patricia Young

*Committee Members Absent:*

Carol Esperti	David Lowenthal
Kimberly Ferguson	Julie Scott

*Administration Present:*

Alfred D. Tutela, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Susan Sullivan, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

*Others present:*

Linda Lehans, *The Landmark*  
Stacey M. Grossi, *Worcester Telegram & Gazette*  
Christine Nelson, *Sterling Meetinghouse News*  
Joseph Sullivan, Chair, Holden Selectboard  
Joseph Giotta, Holden Finance Committee  
Larry Floryan, Holden  
Maureen Floryan, Holden  
David Gibbs, Sterling  
Norman Plourde, Sterling  
Melinda Johnson, Paxton

Mark James, Holden  
Jason Newton, Holden  
Jeffrey Wentzell, Paxton  
Kate White, Holden  
Debbie Demantas, Holden  
Tracey Strandguard, Holden  
Mary Connors-Whamond, Holden  
Kimberly Whamond, Holden  
Jinna Tibbetts, Holden  
Martha Casey, Holden

I. Call to Order

Superintendent Alfred D. Tutela called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM  
The Superintendent introduced new Members Patricia Young and David Fedeli from Sterling.

II. Election of Chairman

The Superintendent reviewed the By-Laws and Regional Agreement in regard to the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair. The Superintendent accepted the following nominations for Chairman:

John Rokicki by Duncan Leith  
Kathleen Singh by Edwin Twarog

Motion: To close nominations

(J. Nunnari)  
(N. Mello)

Vote:

In Favor:

Donald Benson  
David Fedeli  
Jeffrey Gibbs  
Jane James  
Duncan Leith  
Alice Livdahl  
Peter MacDonald  
Kelly Maxwell  
Natalie Mello  
John Nunnari  
John Rokicki

Kathleen Singh  
Tammy Tod  
Edwin Twarog  
Margaret Watson  
Patricia Young

Opposed:  
None

(Motion passed unanimously)

Each candidate made a statement. Several members asked the candidates questions. The ballots were distributed and collected (attachment 1). The results were as follows:

Donald Benson	John Rokicki
David Fedeli	Kathleen Singh
Jeffrey Gibbs	John Rokicki
Jane James	John Rokicki
Duncan Leith	John Rokicki
Alice Livdahl	John Rokicki
Peter MacDonald	Kathleen Singh
Kelly Maxwell	No Vote
Natalie Mello	John Rokicki
John Nunnari	John Rokicki
John Rokicki	John Rokicki
Kathleen Singh	Kathleen Singh
Tammy Tod	John Rokicki
Edwin Twarog	Kathleen Singh
Margaret Watson	John Rokicki
Patricia Young	John Rokicki

The results of the vote were:

John Rokicki	11
Kathleen Singh	4
Abstain	1

John Rokicki took over as chairman of the School Committee.

### III. Election of Vice Chairman

Chairman Rokicki accepted the following nominations for Vice-Chairman:

Duncan Leith by Natalie Mello  
Kathleen Singh by Tammy Tod

Motion: To close the nominations.

(J. Nunnari)  
(P. MacDonald)

Vote:

In Favor:

Donald Benson  
David Fedeli  
Jeffrey Gibbs  
Jane James  
Duncan Leith  
Alice Livdahl  
Peter MacDonald  
Kelly Maxwell  
Natalie Mello  
John Nunnari  
John Rokicki  
Kathleen Singh  
Tammy Tod  
Edwin Twarog  
Margaret Watson  
Patricia Young

Opposed:

None

(Motion passed unanimously)

Several members asked the candidates questions. The ballots were distributed and collected (attachment 2). The results were as follows:

Donald Benson  
David Fedeli  
Jeffrey Gibbs  
Jane James

Duncan Leith  
Kathleen Singh  
Duncan Leith  
Duncan Leith

Duncan Leith  
Alice Livdahl  
Peter MacDonald  
Kelly Maxwell  
Natalie Mello  
John Nunnari  
John Rokicki  
Kathleen Singh  
Tammy Tod  
Edwin Twarog  
Margaret Watson  
Patricia Young

Duncan Leith  
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Duncan Leith  
Kathleen Singh

The results of the vote were:

Duncan Leith	10
Kathleen Singh	6

#### IV. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

(J. Gibbs)  
(J. James)

Vote:

In Favor:

Donald Benson  
David Fedeli  
Jeffrey Gibbs  
Jane James  
Duncan Leith  
Alice Livdahl  
Peter MacDonald  
Kelly Maxwell  
Natalie Mello  
John Nunnari  
John Rokicki  
Kathleen Singh  
Tammy Tod  
Edwin Twarog  
Margaret Watson  
Patricia Young

Opposed:  
None

(Motion passed unanimously)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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

ADT:ss

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