

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING

Minutes

Regular Meeting #1265 Monday, January 12, 2015
7:00 PM

Media Center
Wachusett Regional High School
1401 Main Street, Holden

Committee Members Present:

Lance Harris, Chair	Julianne Kelley
Robert Imber, Vice-chair	Sarah LaMountain
Scott Brown	Robert McCarthy
Michael Dennis	Kenneth Mills
Matthew Ehrenworth	Steve Porter
Timothy Ethier (9:19 PM)	Barbara Renzoni
Harriet Fradellos	Erik Scheinfeldt
Susan Hitchcock	Charles Witkes (9:20 PM)
Stacey Jackson	

Committee Members Absent:

Thomas Curran	Brian Ruttle
Deidre Kosky	Christina Smith
Robert Remillard	

Committee Members Participating Remotely:

None

Administration Present:

Darryll McCall, Superintendent of Schools
Joseph Scanlon, Director of Business and Finance
Jeff Carlson, Director of Human Resources
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Student Representatives Present:

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

Chair Harris called the regular meeting of the School Committee to order at 9:16 PM.

I. Public Hearing

Heidi Lahey, WREA President, read a prepared statement (attachment 2).

9:19 PM Member Ethier joined the meeting.

9:20 PM Member Witkes joined the meeting.

II. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Harris announced he would forego opening remarks.

III. Student Representatives Reports

Student Representative Fritsche asked for an update on the proposed 9C cuts. Superintendent McCall responded, referencing a legal opinion received about the proposed cuts, Attachment 4 of his Report.

9:24 PM Member LaMountain left the meeting.

Student Representative Budd reported high school students will be taking mid-terms the following week.

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

Superintendent McCall called members' attention to two attachments in his Report – Attachment 4, the legal opinion obtained about the proposed 9C cuts and also Attachment 8, the report and recommendations received from the New England Association of Schools & Colleges, following the March 2014 accreditation visit at WRHS. Member Mills commented that the fact that the high school is being put on “warning” is due to budget constraints, for which the School Committee is responsible.

Member Dennis asked for the time frame for the principal search process, and also asked that the process used to develop the Superintendent's goals be explained. Superintendent McCall reviewed his five goals and spoke to each.

Member Jackson reminded the Committee that while a process needs to be followed when searching for a new principal, the final decision rests with the Superintendent.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

Motion: To approve 2014-2015 Superintendent Goals

(K. Mills)

(R. McCarthy)

Vice-chair Imber noted that the Superintendent's goals lack a goal connected to education (materials and curriculum), which had been recommended by the Education Subcommittee..

9:50 PM Student Representative Fritsche left the meeting.

9:51 PM Member Kelley left the meeting.

Superintendent McCall addressed Vice-chair Imber's concerns about his goals and adding language specific to educational materials and curriculum.

Some discussion ensued.

Motion: To refer the 2014-2015 Superintendent's goals to the Management Subcommittee for review.

(M. Dennis)
(S. Hitchcock)

Vote:

In favor:

Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Michael Dennis
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Robert McCarthy
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

Kenneth Mills
Erik Scheinfeldt

Abstained:

Lance Harris
Matthew Ehrenworth

The motion passed 10-2-2.

Motion: To approve the appropriation of Massachusetts School Building Authority funds in the amount of \$2,109,832 to the Town of Holden for reimbursement for Mountview Middle School.

(R. Imber)
(R. McCarthy)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Michael Dennis

Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Stacey Jackson
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

9:55 Member Jackson left the table.

Motion: To approve the appropriation of Massachusetts School Building Authority funds in the amount of \$688,982 to the Town of Holden for reimbursement for Mayo Elementary School School.

(K. Mills)

(R. McCarthy)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the appropriation of Massachusetts School Building Authority funds in the amount of \$688,982 to the Town of Holden for reimbursement for Mayo Elementary School School.

(K. Mills)
(R. McCarthy)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the appropriation of Massachusetts School Building Authority funds in the amount of \$488,442 to the Town of Holden for reimbursement for Dawson Elementary School School.

(K. Mills)
(M. Dennis)

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni

Erik Scheinfeldt
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the appropriation of Massachusetts School Building Authority funds in the amount of \$693,572 to the Town of Holden for reimbursement for Mayo Elementary School School.

(R. McCarthy)
(S. Brown)

Vote:
In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the 2014 Annual Report.

(R. Imber)
(K. Mills)

Vote:
In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier

Harriet Fradellos
Susan Hitchcock
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt
Charles Witkes

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the establishment of a regional school transportation reimbursement fund according to Section 16C of Chapter 71 of the General Laws.
(R. Imber)
(K. Mills)

Vice-chair Imber asked for the rationale behind this motion, which Superintendent McCall explained.

9:58 PM Member Jackson returned to the table.

Discussion ensued.

9:59 PM Member Witkes left the meeting.

Vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Michael Dennis
Matthew Ehrenworth
Timothy Ethier
Harriet Fradellos
Stacey Jackson
Susan Hitchcock
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Steve Porter
Barbara Renzoni
Erik Scheinfeldt

Opposed:
None

The motion passed unanimously.

At 10:00 PM no motion to extend the meeting was made.

Motion: To transfer \$92,413 from the Special Education Tuition appropriation to the Instructional Supplies, Equipment and Technology appropriation for Special Education Contracted Services accounts.

Deferred

Motion: To transfer \$167,290 from the Special Education Tuition appropriation to the Transportation appropriation for the Special Education Van Transportation account.

Deferred

V. Unfinished Business

Deferred

VI. Secretary's Report

A. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting 1263rd of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on November 24, 2014

Deferred

VII. Treasurer's Report/Financial Statements

Deferred

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Management Subcommittee (L. Harris, Chair, R. Imber, Vice-chair, K. Mills, Barbara Renzoni, E. Scheinfeldt)

Deferred

B. Education Subcommittee (R. Imber, Chair, C. Smith, Vice-chair, T. Ethier, H. Fradellos, R. Remillard)

Deferred

C. Business/Finance Subcommittee (B. Renzoni, Chair, M. Dennis, Vice-chair, S. Jackson, B. Ruttle, C. Witkes)

Deferred

- D. Legal Affairs Subcommittee (K. Mills, Chair, S. Brown, Vice-chair, M. Ehrenworth, S. Hitchcock, J. Kelley)
 - 1. Amended Policy – 3321 **Policy Relating to Education Field Trips**– second reading

Deferred
 - 2. Amended Policy – 3321.1 **Policy Relating to Education Field Trips Involving Late Night or Overnight Travel** – second reading

Deferred

- E. Facilities & Security Subcommittee (E. Scheinfeldt, Chair, R. McCarthy, Vice-chair, T. Curran, S. LaMountain, S. Porter)

Deferred

- F. Audit Advisory Board (J. Kelley, Chair)

Deferred

- G. Collaborative Budget Task Force (S. Jackson, Chair, R. Imber, S. Hitchcock, J. Keley, B. Renzoni)

Deferred

- H. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees
 - 1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review Evaluation and Hiring Policy (K. Mill, Chair, R. Remillard, Vice-chair, S. Brown, M. Ehrenworth, C. Smith)
 - 1. Draft Policy – 5222 **Policy Relating to Personnel Management Evaluation of Principals** – second reading

Deferred
 - 2. Amended Policy – 5221 **Policy Relating to Personnel Management Promotion, Recruitment, and Selection**–second reading

Deferred

- I. Building Committees
 - 1. Mountview Building Committee

Deferred

J. School Council Reports:

Central Tree Middle School (TBD), Chocksett Middle School (S. LaMountain), Davis Hill Elementary School (C. Smith), Dawson Elementary School (D. Kosky), Glenwood Elementary School (TBD), Houghton Elementary School (TBD), Mayo Elementary School (T. Curran), Mountview Middle School (S. Brown), Naquag Elementary School (M. Ehrenworth), Paxton Center School (TBD), Thomas Prince School (R. Imber/B. Ruttle), Wachusett Regional High School (E. Scheinfeldt), Special Education Parent Advisory Council (S. Jackson), Early Childhood Center (TBD)

Deferred

IX. Public Hearing

Deferred

X. New Business

Deferred

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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