

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Executive Session II

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

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Wachusett Regional High School

*Committee Members Present:*

Duncan Leith, Chair	James Mason
Colleen Cipro, Vice-chair	Kenneth Mills
Cynthia Bazinet	Robert Pelczarski
Steven Hammond	Norman Plourde
Lance Harris	Robert Remillard
Robert Imber	Erik Scheinfeldt
Stacey Jackson	Michelle Sciabarrasi
Julianne Kelley	Margaret Watson
Deidre Kosky	Athas Tsongalis
Sarah LaMountain	

*Committee Members Absent:*

William Clute

*Administration Present:*

Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Chair Leith called Executive Session II of the School Committee to order at 9:50 PM, and he invited District Counsel Leo McCabe to the table. Attorney McCabe distributed the meeting agenda (attachment 1). Attorney McCabe read aloud the purpose of the meeting (*to go into Executive Session pursuant to General Laws Chapter 39, Section 21(a)(1) to discuss a complaint against a public official and possible discipline, not to return to public session, unless the public official elects to have the matter discussed in open session*). Attorney McCabe asked the member if that member wished the meeting held in open session, to which the member responded in the negative. Attorney McCabe distributed three Exhibits (attachments 2, 3, 4), and he explained that the three Exhibits will be incorporated and be a part of the meeting minutes. The member read a prepared statement (attachment 5). Discussion ensued.

Motion: To extend the meeting for 30 minutes, until 10:30 PM.

(A. Tsongalis)  
(J. Mason)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Duncan Leith

Colleen Cipro  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Steven Hammond  
Lance Harris  
Robert Imber  
Sarah LaMountain  
James Mason  
Kenneth Mills  
Norman Plourde  
Robert Remillard  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Erik Scheinfeldt  
Athas Tsongalis  
Margaret Watson

*Opposed:*

Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Deidre Kosky  
Robert Pelczarski

Motion passed 15-4.

Member Jackson read a prepared statement (attachment 6). When Member Jackson read her statement, Chair Leith stated that the School Committee has no jurisdiction in disciplining employees except for School Committee hires – the Superintendent of Schools, the Director of Business and Finance, and the Treasurer, and they must receive proper notification. Any discussion of other District employees is prohibited.

Much discussion continued, with many members of the School Committee participating in the discussions.

Motion: To extend the meeting for 30 minutes, until 11:00 PM.

(J. Mason)  
(A. Tsongalis)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Duncan Leith  
Colleen Cipro  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Steven Hammond  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Sarah LaMountain  
James Mason  
Kenneth Mills  
Michelle Sciabarrasi

Erik Scheinfeldt  
Athas Tsongalis  
Margaret Watson

*Opposed:*

Lance Harris  
Julianne Kelley  
Deidre Kosky  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Robert Remillard

Motion passed 13-6.

Motion: To take no action.

(E. Scheinfeldt)  
(R. Pelczarski)

Additional discussion took place. Member Jackson asked for an opinion about private information contained in the Exhibits being redacted when the minutes of Executive Session II are released. Discussion continued.

Motion: To move the question.

(E. Scheinfeldt)  
(R. Pelczarski)

Roll call vote to move the question:

*In favor:*

Duncan Leith  
Colleen Cipro  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Steven Hammond  
Lance Harris  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Deidre Kosky  
Sarah LaMountain  
James Mason  
Kenneth Mills  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Robert Remillard  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Erik Scheinfeldt  
Athas Tsongalis

*Opposed:*

Margaret Watson

*Abstained:*

Julianne Kelley

Motion passed 17-1-1.

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Lance Harris  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Deidre Kosky  
Sarah LaMountain  
James Mason  
Kenneth Mills  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Robert Remillard  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Erik Scheinfeldt

*Opposed:*

Duncan Leith  
Colleen Cipro  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Steven Hammond  
Athas Tsongalis  
Margaret Watson

*Abstained:*

Julianne Kelley

Motion passed 12-6-1.

Motion: To adjourn executive session, not to return to public session.

(A. Tsongalis)  
(R. Imber)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Duncan Leith  
Colleen Cipro  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Steven Hammond  
Lance Harris  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Deidre Kosky

Sarah LaMountain  
James Mason  
Kenneth Mills  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Robert Remillard  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Erik Scheinfeldt  
Athas Tsongalis  
Margaret Watson

*Opposed:*

None

*Abstained:*

Julianne Kelley

Motion passed 18-0-1.

The executive session adjourned at 10:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Duncan Leith, Chair  
Wachusett Regional School District Committee

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