

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting #1232 Monday, February 25, 2013

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Wachusett Regional High School

Committee Members Present:

Duncan Leith, Chair	Julianne Kelley
Colleen Cipro, Vice-chair	Sarah LaMountain
Cynthia Bazinet	Kenneth Mills
William Clute	Robert Pelczarski
Lance Harris	Norman Plourde
Steven Hammond	Robert Remillard
Robert Imber	Michelle Sciabarrasi
Stacey Jackson	Margaret Watson

Committee Members Absent:

Deidre Kosky	Erik Scheinfeldt
James Mason	Athas Tsongalis

Administration Present:

Anthony Gasbarro, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Kelley Gangi, Director of Curriculum
Darryll McCall, Director of Operations
Joseph Scanlon, Director of Business and Finance
Susan Sullivan, Director of Human Resources
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Student Representatives Present:

Emily Lindberg	Emily Tomczyk
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Others present, who desired to be recorded as present (see attached Attendance Sheet – (attachment 1).

Chair Leith called the meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:12 PM. Chair Leith asked those present to observe a moment of silence in honor of former Holden Town Manager Nancy Galkowski.

I. Public Hearing

Chair Leith read aloud the Guidelines for Public Hearing.

John Rokicki, Rutland, addressed the School Committee.

Don DiPietro, Rutland, addressed the School Committee.

At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, Chair Leith asked members if they would not object to Mountview Building Committee Chair Paul Challenger making his presentation to the School Committee at this point in the agenda. No members objected to this change.

Chair Leith welcomed Paul Challenger and David White and invited them to the podium. Mr. Challenger made a PowerPoint presentation (attachment 2). Mr. Challenger and Mr. White both spoke about the Mountview Middle School project, explaining what steps have been taken to date, what steps need to be taken in the future, and the hoped for timeline for this project. School Committee members were given the opportunity to ask questions about this project. At the conclusion of the presentation and the question and answer session, Chair Leith thanked Mr. Challenger and Mr. White for their efforts and for their presentation and the gentlemen left the meeting.

II. Secretary's Report

8:12 AM Member Kelley left the table.

- A. Approval of 1231st Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on February 12, 2013

Motion: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the School Committee held on February 12, 2013

(S. Hammond)
(M. Watson)

The minutes of the regular meeting of the School Committee held February 12, 2013 were approved, by consensus, with Member Clute abstaining.

8:14 PM Member Kelley returned to the table.

- B. Approval of Executive Session I Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on February 12, 2013

Motion: To approve the minutes of the executive session I held on February 12, 2013, to be released.

(S. Hammond)
(N. Plourde)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Colleen Cipro
Cynthia Bazinet
Steven Hammond
Lance Harris
Robert Imber

Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Kenneth Mills
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Robert Remillard
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Margaret Watson

Opposed:
None

Abstained:
William Clute

Motion passed 15-0-1.

- C. Approval of Executive Session II Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on February 12, 2013

Chair Leith reported these executive session II minutes would be reviewed in executive session.

III. Treasurer's Report/Financial Statements

Chair Leith reminded the Committee that if there are questions regarding the report of the Director of Business and Finance, members should contact the Interim Superintendent; if there are questions regarding the Treasurer's Report, members should contact the Business/Finance Subcommittee Chair.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Leith publically thanked Princeton representative Michelle Sciabarrasi for her services on the School Committee, in light of her announced resignation effective April 30, 2013.

- B. Student Representatives

Emily Lindberg noted there was not much to report since school vacation was the previous week. She did report that both the boys' and the girls' track teams won Districts and that other winter sports teams are having successful seasons. Two upcoming fundraisers are a volleyball marathon and a performance by a magician.

Emily Tomczyk spoke about the Positive Power walk/run on Saturday, March 30, 2013, letting people know registration can be done online. Student Representative Tomczyk reported that driving conditions in the high school parking lots and roadways was very difficult this date due to ice and snow.

- C. Management Subcommittee (D. Leith, Chair, C. Cipro, Vice-chair, C. Bazinet, S. Hammond, R. Imber, N. Plourde, R. Remillard, M. Sciabarrasi, M. Watson)

Chair Leith reminded members the Management Subcommittee is scheduled to meet at 7:30 PM on February 27, 2013.

- D. Education Subcommittee (S. Hammond, Chair, N. Plourde, Vice-chair, C. Bazinet, L. Harris, R. Imber, K. Mills, R. Pelczarski, M. Watson)

Subcommittee Chair Hammond reminded members the Education Subcommittee is scheduled to meet at 7:00 PM on February 28, 2013.

- E. Business/Finance Subcommittee (R. Remillard, Chair, E. Scheinfeldt, Vice-chair, W. Clute, L. Harris, J. Kelley, S. LaMountain, D. Leith, J. Mason, M. Sciabarrasi)

Subcommittee Chair Remillard reported this subcommittee had convened just before this School Committee meeting and three school principals addressed the subcommittee and showed PowerPoint presentations (attachments 3, 4, 5). Presentations were made by Judy Evans, Mayo Elementary School; Patty Scales, Dawson Elementary School; and Mark Aucoin, Davis Hill Elementary School. Business/Finance Chair Remillard reminded members that copies of the principals' presentations to the Business/Finance Subcommittee can be found in Dropbox.

- F. Community Outreach Subcommittee (S. Jackson, Chair, M. Sciabarrasi, Vice-chair, L. Harris, J. Kelley, J. Mason, K. Mills, A. Tsongalis, M. Watson)

Subcommittee Chair Jackson reported this subcommittee has not met since the last School Committee meeting.

- G. Audit Advisory Board (J. Mason, R. Remillard)

No report was made.

- H. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

- 1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review the Regional Agreement (J. Kelley, Chair, W. Clute, S. Hammond, R. Imber, N. Plourde)

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Chair Kelley reported District Counsel is preparing motions for inclusion on Member Town Annual Meeting warrants.

2. Ad Hoc Subcommittee – Superintendent Search (S. Hammond, Chair, N. Plourde, Vice-chair, C. Bazinet, C. Cipro, R. Imber, D. Leith, R. Pelczarski, R. Remillard, M. Sciabarrasi, M. Watson)

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Chair Hammond reported this ad hoc subcommittee will meet on February 27, 2013 at 6:30 PM, with Glenn Koocher of MASC in attendance. On March 7, 2013 this ad hoc subcommittee will meet again to finalize questions to be asked during the interview process and to review the list of semi-finalists. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Chair Hammond explained how it is anticipated the preliminary interview process will play out. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Chair Hammond has added some superintendent search information to Dropbox.

I. Building Committees

1. Mountview Building Committee (M. Watson)

Due to information shared by Messrs. Challenger and White in their presentation this evening, Member Watson did not have much to add about this project. Member Watson did announce the next meeting of this building committee will be February 26, 2013.

2. Green Repair School Building Committee (D. Leith)

Chair Leith reported these projects are moving towards conclusion.

J. School Council Reports:

Central Tree Middle School (A. Tsongalis), Chocksett Middle School (S. LaMountain), Davis Hill Elementary School (S. Jackson, K. Mills), Dawson Elementary School (D. Kosky), Glenwood Elementary School (J. Kelley), Houghton Elementary School (L. Harris/N. Plourde), Mayo Elementary School (M. Watson), Mountview Middle School (S. Hammond/E. Scheinfeldt), Naquag Elementary School (C. Cipro), Paxton Center School (W. Clute/R. Pelczarski), Thomas Prince School (R. Imber/M. Sciabarrasi), Wachusett Regional High School (C. Bazinet/M. Sciabarrasi/A. Tsongalis), Special Education Parent Advisory Council (S. Jackson), Early Childhood Center (J. Mason)

There were no School Council reports made.

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

Member Jackson had questions about some of the information in Director Scanlon's report, which Mr. Scanlon answered.

At Member Harris' inquiry, Interim Superintendent Gasbarro spoke about the results of school security surveys completed by building principals. Interim Superintendent Gasbarro reported on an *Active Shooter Presentation and Response Workshop*, developed by FBI Citizens' Academy Alumni Association, to be held at Anna Maria College on March 28, 2013, to which District administration and principals have been invited and plan to attend.

There was brief discussion about Medical Emergency Response Plans (MERP) and the fact that there should be a School Committee policy addressing such. After discussion and consideration, it is thought this new policy would fall under the 7000 series (Policy Relating to Support Operations).

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

There were no items requiring School Committee action.

VI. Public Hearing

No members of the public wished to address the School Committee.

VII. Unfinished business

There was no unfinished business brought before the School Committee.

VIII. New Business

Motion: That the School Committee request the Management Subcommittee to make appropriate revisions to P1160 *School Committee Member Ethics* to address issues mentioned in the letter of Mrs. June Nunnari

(M. Watson)

(N. Plourde)

Member Jackson addressed the School Committee, and questioned if this policy is already under review by the Management Subcommittee. Member Watson spoke to the motion on the table, acknowledging the Management Subcommittee is in the process of reviewing P1160. Additional discussion ensued.

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith

Cynthia Bazinet
Steven Hammond
Norman Plourde
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Kenneth Mills
Robert Pelczarski
Robert Remillard
Michelle Sciabarrasi

Motion failed 5-11.

Member Plourde read a prepared statement (attachment 6). Member Plourde requested that the motion he read aloud, included in his prepared statement, be on the agenda for the March 11, 2013 School Committee meeting.

Member Watson spoke about the late posting of the School Committee meeting agenda and she read aloud Policy 1620 *Notice to Committee Members and Public*.

8:57 PM Member LaMountain left the table.

- IX. Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations with union personnel, and to discuss complaints brought against a public officer.

Chair Leith reported there are no contract negotiation updates to be brought before the School Committee.

8:59 PM Member LaMountain returned to the table.

Motion: To go into executive session to approve minutes of the February 12, 2013 executive session II, not to return to public session.

(S. Hammond)
(R. Imber)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Duncan Leith
Colleen Cipro

Cynthia Bazinet
William Clute
Steven Hammond
Lance Harris
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Kenneth Mills
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Robert Remillard
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

None

Motion passed unanimously.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony A. Gasbarro
Interim Superintendent