

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Executive Session

Tuesday, May 26, 2009

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Wachusett Regional High School

Committee Members Present:

Margaret Watson, Chair
John Nunnari, Vice-chair
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Shirley Conrad
Kristine Goodwin
Steven Hammond

Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Michael Pantos
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Michelle Sciabarrasi

Committee Members Absent:

Joseph Sova

Administration Present:

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Superintendent of Schools
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Chair Watson called the executive session of the School Committee to order at 8:17 PM and turned the meeting over to Superintendent Pandiscio. Superintendent Pandiscio explained the purpose of the executive session (follow up to May 6, 2008 School Committee exclusion hearing). For the benefit of new members he explained the use of red papers signals the confidential nature of the meeting and subsequent minutes, and he reminded members that executive session minutes are not released until the reason for the executive session has been dealt with and settled.

Superintendent Pandiscio gave the history of the May 6, 2008 exclusion hearing, noting the vote of the School Committee on May 6, 2008 to review the findings for possible reinstatement to Wachusett Regional High School in September 2009, based upon the student's successful fulfillment of the conditions established and reviewed by District administration in collaboration with the student's Special Education Team. Members were provided a copy of the May 6, 2008 Wachusett Regional School Committee Executive Session #1 minutes (attachment 1).

Motion: To allow "Student John Doe #1," as referred to in May 6, 2008 WRSC Executive Session #1 minutes, to re-enroll as a student at Wachusett Regional High School for the 2009-2010 school year.

(C. Bazinet)
(D. Leith)

Discussion continued. Chair Watson commented that she would not direct new School Committee members to abstain or to vote, that would be at their discretion.

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
John Nunnari
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Shirley Conrad
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Michael Pantos
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Michelle Sciabarrasi

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Kristine Goodwin

(The motion passed 16-0-1)

Superintendent Pandiscio wanted to give the Committee advance warning that an expulsion hearing at the School Committee level may need to be called shortly to address an issue caused by a student at Wachusett Regional High School. The Superintendent will contact Committee members if such a special meeting is necessary.

Chair Watson repeated the Superintendent's statement regarding the confidential nature of matters discussed in executive session.

Motion: To adjourn.

(D. Leith)
(M. Pantos)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
John Nunnari
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Shirley Conrad
Kristine Goodwin
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Michael Pantos
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Michelle Sciabarrasi

Opposed:

None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

The executive session adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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