

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Executive Session

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

Media Center  
Wachusett Regional High School

*Committee Members Present:*

Lance Harris, Chair	Matthew Lindberg
Robert Pelczarski, Vice-chair	James Mason
Scott Brown	Robert McCarthy
Thomas Curran	Tiffany Ralli
Robert Imber	Erik Scheinfeldt
Julianne Kelley	Margaret Watson
Sarah LaMountain	Charles Witkes

*Committee Members Absent:*

Lisa Call	Deidre Kosky
William Clute	Kenneth Mills
Matthew Ehrenworth	Robert Remillard
Stacey Jackson	Christina Smith

*Administration Present:*

Anthony Gasbarro, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Chair Harris called the executive session of the School Committee to order at 9:58 PM.

Chair Harris informed the School Committee that at a special meeting of the School Committee at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 28, 2013 Attorney Naomi Stonberg would be making a presentation to the Committee, speaking about collective bargaining, state ethics, and the Open Meeting Law. He explained that, following Attorney Stonberg's presentations, the Legal Affairs Subcommittee may bring a motion before the full School Committee with regards to collective bargaining.

Motion: To extend the meeting by 15 minutes, until 10:15 PM.

(J. Mason)  
(T. Curran)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Lance Harris  
Robert Pelczarski  
Scott Brown

Thomas Curran  
Robert Imber  
Julianne Kelley  
Sarah LaMountain  
Matthew Lindberg  
James Mason  
Robert McCarthy  
Tiffany Ralli  
Erik Scheinfeldt  
Margaret Watson  
Charles Witkes

*Opposed:*  
None

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Harris then turned the meeting over to Interim Superintendent Gasbarro. Interim Superintendent Gasbarro told the Committee that contracts with two of the District's bargaining units are set to expire June 30, 2014; therefore, the District will be negotiating with the SEIU Local 888 (ABA Program Assistants) and AFSCME Council 93 Local 2885 (Custodial Employees) in the coming months. Interim Superintendent Gasbarro took this opportunity to outline the role of ABA Program Assistants, explaining that under the current contract, some ABA Program Assistants' work days are eight hours long, which is longer than a teacher's scheduled workday. Interim Superintendent Gasbarro spoke briefly about the health insurance contribution strategy, noting that members of this bargaining unit contribute 10% towards health insurance premiums. Interim Superintendent continued his dialogue about the particulars of the ABA Program Assistants' current contract, highlighting some of the language in that contract. He explained that these employees are salaried employees, but when negotiating the contract it might be wise to consider changing this group of employees from salaried employees to hourly employees.

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

(J. Mason)  
(T. Curran)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Lance Harris  
Robert Pelczarski  
Scott Brown  
Thomas Curran  
Robert Imber  
Julianne Kelley  
Sarah LaMountain  
Matthew Lindberg  
James Mason

Robert McCarthy  
Tiffany Ralli  
Erik Scheinfeldt  
Margaret Watson  
Charles Witkes

*Opposed:*  
None

Motion passed unanimously.

The executive session adjourned at 10:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony A. Gasbarro  
Interim Superintendent

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