

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Executive Session

Monday, November 4, 2013

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Wachusett Regional High School

*Committee Members Present:*

Lance Harris, Chair	Sarah LaMountain
Scott Brown	Matthew Lindberg
Lisa Call	James Mason
William Clute	Robert McCarthy
Thomas Curran	Kenneth Mills
Matthew Ehrenworth	Erik Scheinfeldt
Robert Imber	Christina Smith
Stacey Jackson	Margaret Watson
Julianne Kelley	Charles Witkes
Deidre Kosky	

*Committee Members Absent:*

Robert Pelczarski, Vice-chair	Robert Remillard
Tiffany Ralli	

*Administration Present:*

Anthony Gasbarro, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Jeffrey Carlson, Director of Human Resources  
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Chair Harris called the executive session of the School Committee to order at 6:22 PM.

Motion: To appoint Deputy Superintendent Darryll McCall as the negotiator for upcoming negotiations with SEIU Local 888 for ABA Program Assistants, and with AFSCME Council 93, Local 2885 for Custodial Employees.

(K. Mills)  
(E. Scheinfeldt)

Legal Affairs Subcommittee Chair Mills explained the rationale behind that subcommittee forwarding this motion to the full School Committee. Member Kelley explained what the role of the negotiator would be. Member Watson asked what the School Committee would be prepared to pay Deputy Superintendent McCall to act a negotiator. Member Watson offered an amendment to the motion.

Motion: To appoint Deputy Superintendent Darryll McCall as the negotiator for upcoming negotiations with SEIU Local 888 for ABA Program Assistants, and with

AFSCME Council 93, Local 2885 for Custodial Employees, to be paid \$3,000 per negotiated contract.

Discussion around the stipend to be paid for negotiating services took place. Following discussion, no formal action or vote was taken on Member Watson's suggested amended language.

Member Brown suggested MASC be contacted to determine what other districts pay for similar positions.

At 6:35 PM Chair Harris passed the gavel over to Temporary Vice-chair Watson, in order to participate in discussions about the motion on the floor. Chair Harris voiced his hesitancy in supporting the motion to appoint Deputy Superintendent McCall as negotiator in advance of the December 9, 2013 regular School Committee meeting, when the full School Committee will announce the selection of the next Superintendent of Schools. Chair Harris, as Superintendent Screening Subcommittee Chair and School Committee Chair, wants to keep the Superintendent search process as "pristine" as possible. Member Jackson asked if the ABA PA union, SEIU Local 888, would be accepting of holding off the start of negotiations until after December 9, 2013. Director of Human Resources Carlson reported he has placed calls to Lisa Field of SEIU Local 888, but has yet to hear back from her. He will continue to try to reach her to find out the answer to Member Jackson's question. Discussion continued, with most member of the Committee participating in the discussion.

Motion: To table the motion on the table.

(M. Ehrenworth)

Chair Harris questioned if Member Ehrenworth was "tabling" the motion or "laying the motion on the table." Discussion and consideration took place.

Motion: To lay on the table the motion to appoint Deputy Superintendent Darryll McCall as the negotiator for upcoming negotiations with SEIU Local 888 for ABA Program Assistants, and with AFSCME Council 93, Local 2885 for Custodial Employees, to a time certain, November 12, 2013.

(M. Ehrenworth)

(D. Kosky)

Brief additional discussion took place.

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Lance Harris

Scott Brown

Lisa Call

William Clute

Thomas Curran

Matthew Ehrenworth

Robert Imber

Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Deidre Kosky  
Sarah LaMountain  
Matthew Lindberg  
James Mason  
Robert McCarthy  
Kenneth Mills  
Erik Scheinfeldt  
Christina Smith  
Margaret Watson  
Charles Witkes

*Opposed:*

None

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To negotiate memoranda of understanding for health insurance benefits with all unions.

(K. Mills)  
(D. Kosky)

Discussion ensued.

Motion: To lay on the table the motion to negotiate memoranda of understanding for health insurance benefits with all unions to a time certain, November 12, 2013.

(K. Mills)  
(D. Kosky)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Lance Harris  
Scott Brown  
Lisa Call  
William Clute  
Thomas Curran  
Matthew Ehrenworth  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Deidre Kosky  
Sarah LaMountain  
Matthew Lindberg  
James Mason  
Robert McCarthy  
Kenneth Mills  
Erik Scheinfeldt

Christina Smith  
Margaret Watson  
Charles Witkes

*Opposed:*  
None

Motion passed unanimously.

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

(R. Imber)

(K. Mills)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Lance Harris  
Scott Brown  
Lisa Call  
William Clute  
Thomas Curran  
Matthew Ehrenworth  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Deidre Kosky  
Sarah LaMountain  
Matthew Lindberg  
James Mason  
Robert McCarthy  
Kenneth Mills  
Erik Scheinfeldt  
Christina Smith  
Margaret Watson  
Charles Witkes

*Opposed:*  
None

Motion passed unanimously.

The executive session adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony A. Gasbarro  
Interim Superintendent