

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Executive Session

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

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Wachusett Regional High School

Committee Members Present:

Scott Brown	James Mason
Thomas Curran	Robert McCarthy
Matthew Ehrenworth	Kenneth Mills
Robert Imber	Robert Remillard
Stacey Jackson	Erik Scheinfeldt
Julianne Kelley	Margaret Watson
Sarah LaMountain	Charles Witkes
Matthew Lindberg	

Committee Members Absent:

Lisa Call	Robert Pelczarski, Vice-chair
William Clute	Tiffany Ralli
Lance Harris, Chair	Christina Smith
Deidre Kosky	

Administration Present:

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

Temporary Chair Watson called the executive session of the School Committee to order at 8:57 PM and then turned the meeting over to Interim Superintendent Gasbarro. Interim Superintendent Gasbarro distributed a fax cover sheet and attachments, relating to the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy proceedings in connection with Atlantic Express (attachment 1). Discussion ensued, with questions being asked about transporting District students going forward. Interim Superintendent Gasbarro has received verbal, informal assurance that McCarthy Bus plans to continue to transport students. Member Ehrenworth asked that Director of Business and Finance Scanlon look into a back-up plan in the event Atlantic Express/McCarthy Bus is unable to fulfill contractual obligations.

Members were provided with a copy of a grievance filed by the Wachusett Regional Education Association (Grievance Number: 13-15 #1) (attachment 2). Interim Superintendent Gasbarro read the grievance aloud and then gave the background of YOU, Inc. providing mental health

services to some students at WRHS. Interim Superintendent Gasbarro was asked to get an opinion about this grievance from Attorney Naomi Stonberg. More discussion took place. Interim Superintendent Gasbarro explained to the Committee that it is a small segment of the high school population that has taken advantage of services provided by YOU, Inc. (last year, approximately 20 students). Discussion continued.

9:19 PM Member Jackson left the meeting.

Members were provided with a copy of a November 5, 2013 memorandum from Attorney Naomi Stonberg to Anthony Gasbarro (attachment 3). Interim Superintendent Gasbarro provided a brief history of the Margaret Morgan dispute, informing the Committee that he has been told that Ms. Morgan would be ready to settle for \$30,000, and that Attorney Stonberg has been in contact with the District's liability insurance carrier. He called members' attention to paragraph #2 of Attorney Stonberg's memorandum, calling particular attention to the last sentence of that paragraph. When asked, Interim Superintendent Gasbarro confirmed that no payments have yet been made in connection with this dispute.

Motion: To authorize a settlement of \$30,000 in the employment termination dispute and a Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) charge filed by Margaret Morgan, as outlined in the November 5, 2013 memorandum to Anthony Gasbarro from Attorney Naomi R. Stonberg.

(E. Scheinfeldt)
(J. Mason)

Discussion continued.

The motion was re-read.

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Matthew Lindberg
James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard
Erik Scheinfeldt
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To adjourn.

(J. Mason)
(E. Scheinfeldt)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Robert Imber
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Matthew Ehrenworth
Julianne Kelley
Sarah LaMountain
Matthew Lindberg
James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard
Erik Scheinfeldt
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

Motion passed unanimously.

The executive session adjourned at 9:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony A. Gasbarro
Interim Superintendent