

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Executive Session I

Monday, November 25, 2013

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Wachusett Regional High School

Committee Members Present:

Lance Harris, Chair	James Mason
Scott Brown	Robert McCarthy
Lisa Call	Kenneth Mills
William Clute	Robert Remillard
Thomas Curran	Erik Scheinfeldt
Robert Imber	Christina Smith
Sarah LaMountain	Margaret Watson
Matthew Lindberg	Charles Witkes

Committee Members Absent:

Matthew Ehrenworth	Deidre Kosky
Stacey Jackson	Robert Pelczarski, Vice-chair
Julianne Kelley	Tiffany Ralli

Administration Present:

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

Chair Harris called executive session I of the School Committee to order at 8:56 PM and then turned the meeting over to Interim Superintendent Gasbarro. Members were provided with a November 18, 2013 letter from Attorney Leo McCabe, with attachments (attachment 1). Interim Superintendent Gasbarro walked the School Committee through Peter Brennan's unemployment claim and the appeal process. There was some discussion about this matter.

Interim Superintendent Gasbarro then provided the Committee with emails he has had with Attorney Stonberg regarding the Margaret Morgan discrimination suit (attachment 2). Interim Superintendent explained to the Committee that Ms. Morgan is looking to recover one month of creditable service that she lost between her termination in June 2012 and when she secured her next principal position. Discussion ensued. Interim Superintendent Gasbarro explained this case could be settled for \$30,000, to be split between the District and the District's liability insurance carrier.

Motion: To accept the settlement between Margaret Morgan and Wachusett Regional School District for \$30,000, without acting on the request to make an accommodation for extra service time as a WRSD employee.

(L. Call)
(C. Witkes)

Discussion continued. Interim Superintendent Gasbarro explained that the scheduled date for arbitration is November 26, 2013. More discussion took place.

Motion: To lay motion on the table.

(M. Watson)
(M. Lindberg)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson

Opposed:

Scott Brown
Lisa Call
William Clute
Thomas Curran
Robert Imber
Sarah LaMountain
Matthew Lindberg
James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Charles Witkes

Abstained:

Lance Harris

Motion failed 1-14-1.

More discussion took place regarding Ms. Morgan's request for adjusting her last date of Wachusett employment.

Motion: To call the question.

(J. Mason)
(T. Curran)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Scott Brown
Lisa Call
William Clute
Thomas Curran

Robert Imber
Sarah LaMountain
Matthew Lindberg
James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Margaret Watson
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Lance Harris

Motion passed 15-0-1.

Chair Harris told the Committee a two-thirds vote in favor is needed to pass.

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Lisa Call
William Clute
Thomas Curran
Robert Imber
Matthew Lindberg
James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard
Christina Smith
Margaret Watson
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

Scott Brown
Sarah LaMountain
Erik Scheinfeldt

Abstained:

Lance Harris

Motion passed 12-3-1.

Motion: To adjourn Executive Session I and to reconvene Executive Session II to discuss contract negotiations with non-union personnel, Interim Superintendent, not to return to public session

(J. Mason)

(R. Imber)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Lance Harris
Scott Brown
Lisa Call
William Clute
Thomas Curran
Robert Imber
Sarah LaMountain
Matthew Lindberg
James Mason
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth Mills
Robert Remillard
Erik Scheinfeldt
Christina Smith
Margaret Watson
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

Motion passed unanimously.

The executive session I adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony A. Gasbarro
Interim Superintendent