

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOLDEN " PAXTON " PRINCETON " RUTLAND " STERLING

Minutes

Regular Meeting #1182 Tuesday, April 27, 2010

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Wachusett Regional High School

*Committee Members Present:*

Margaret Watson, Chair	Stacey Jackson
John Nunnari, Vice-chair	Julianne Kelley
Cynthia Bazinet	Duncan Leith
Robert Carter	Michael Pantos (7:07 PM)
Colleen Cipro (7:07 PM)	Robert Pelczarski
Shirley Conrad	Norman Plourde
Steven Hammond	Joseph Sova
Robert Imber	Dawn Torres-Gale

*Committee Members Absent:*

William Clute	Michelle Sciabarrasi
Kristine Goodwin	Kori Stuart

*Administration Present:*

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Superintendent of Schools  
John Locke, Deputy Superintendent  
Darryll McCall, Director of Operations  
Susan Sullivan, Director of Human Resources  
Peter Brennan, Business Manager  
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

*Student Representatives Present:*

Leanne Becker

*Others present, who desired to be recorded as present (see attached Attendance Sheet - attachment 1).*

Chair Watson called the regular meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:03 PM. She informed the Committee that the meeting was being taped and microphones were in use, but the meeting was not being shown live.

I. Public Hearing

Chair Watson read aloud the Guidelines for Public Hearing.

Tim Ethier, Holden, addressed the School Committee.

7:07 PM Members Cipro and Pantos joined the meeting.

II. Secretary's Report

- A. Approval of 1181<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes of the WRSDC held on April 12, 2010

Motion: To approve the minutes of the regular School Committee meeting held April 12, 2010.

(J. Sova)

(D. Leith)

The minutes of the regular School Committee meeting held April 12, 2010 were approved, by consensus, with Member Conrad abstaining.

III. Treasurer's Report/Financial Statements

Chair Watson reminded the Committee that if there were questions regarding the Business Manager's report that Members should contact the Superintendent; if there were questions regarding the Treasurer's Report, Members should contact the Business/Finance Subcommittee Chair.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Watson recognized this would be her last regular School Committee meeting as Chair and wished to extend thanks to fellow members for their assistance and support during her four years as Chair. Chair Watson thanked Vice-chair John Nunnari, subcommittee chairs Cipro (Community Outreach), Bazinet (Education) and Leith (Business/Finance). She also extended thanks to this year's Student Representatives Greg Savageau and Leanne Becker, who are high school seniors and will be graduating in June, and Katie Carlson, who will be a high school senior in September.

- B. Student Representatives (Greg Savageau, Leanne Becker, Katie Carlson)

Student Representative Leanne Becker reported that the boys' volleyball team is undefeated this season, there will be a Powder Puff football game on April 30<sup>th</sup>, the production of the *Wizard of Oz* is underway, performances scheduled for mid-May, commenting that it has been enjoyable having some of the

younger, elementary and middle school age, students in the cast. Ms. Becker happily reported that high school seniors have fifteen days of school left. On another note, Ms. Becker reported that she has heard complaints about the inefficiency of the electronic payment system used in the high school cafeteria, stating that swiping student ID cards does not seem to work on a consistent basis, causing students to have to punch in their ID code, resulting in some delays in going through the lunch lines.

Member Leith shared that Student Representative Greg Savageau will be receiving his Eagle Scout award on May 8th.

C. Management Subcommittee (M. Watson, Chair, J. Nunnari, Vice-chair, C. Bazinet, R. Imber, J. Kelley, D. Leith, N. Plourde, K. Stuart)

Chair Watson reported the Management Subcommittee had met just before the start of this School Committee meeting and had approved minutes of their March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Management Subcommittee's evaluation of the Superintendent and a focal point for the Superintendent were included in that set of minutes and Chair Watson took the time to read aloud the focal point: *The Management Subcommittee wished to commend the Superintendent for the excellence of his performance as judged by the aggregate ratings and then suggested that a focal point might be developed grouping the four criteria that fell below 4.0 on Standards II and IID; i.e. that the Superintendent seek objectivity in considering divergent points of view, remain flexible in discussions investigating solutions to problems, utilize appropriate interpersonal communication methods with School Committee members, staff, and citizens groups, and maintain composure in professional delivery to School Committee and citizen groups.*

Chair Watson reported the Management Subcommittee has completed its work for this year.

D. Education Subcommittee (C. Bazinet, Chair, S. Hammond, Vice-chair, R. Imber, S. Jackson, J. Nunnari, R. Pelczarski, N. Plourde, D. Torres-Gale)

Subcommittee Chair Bazinet reported the subcommittee met at 6:00 PM this date to approve minutes of the March 23, 2010 meeting. The Education Subcommittee's focal point for the Superintendent addresses the teacher evaluation process and is contained in the Superintendent's Evaluation document.

Subcommittee Chair Bazinet reported the Education Subcommittee has completed its work for this year.

- E. Business/Finance Subcommittee (D. Leith, Chair, S. Conrad, Vice-chair, R. Carter, W. Clute, M. Pantos, M. Sciabarrasi, J. Sova)

Subcommittee Chair Leith reported the subcommittee will meet on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM in the Curriculum Center at the Central Office. The meeting agenda item is the evaluation of the Business Manager.

Subcommittee Chair Leith reminded members that the Business/Finance Subcommittee remains functioning until after Member Town elections and the School Committee Organizational Meeting, and until the new School Committee Chair appoints members to subcommittees for the next year.

- F. Community Outreach Subcommittee (C. Cipro, Chair, R. Pelczarski, Vice-chair, R. Carter, K. Goodwin, M. Sciabarrasi, K. Stuart, D. Torres-Gale)

Subcommittee Chair Cipro reported the subcommittee concluded its business at its April 12, 2010 meeting.

- G. Audit Advisory Board (S. Conrad, J. Sova)

Chair Watson called members' attention to the updated posting they had been given at the start of this meeting (attachment 2).

AAB Chair Conrad announced the Board would be meeting Wednesday evening, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM in the Curriculum Center at the Central Office.

- H. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Supplemental Revenue FY11 (M. Sciabarrasi, J. Sova)

Ad Hoc Co-chair Sova reported the ad hoc subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Curriculum Center at the Central Office.

- I. School Council Reports:

Central Tree Middle School (M. Pantos), Chocksett Middle School (J. Sova), Davis Hill Elementary School (R. Carter), Dawson Elementary School (D. Torres-Gale), Glenwood Elementary School (J. Kelley), Houghton Elementary School (S. Conrad/N. Plourde), Mayo Elementary School (S. Hammond), Mountview Middle School (K. Goodwin), Naquag Elementary School (C. Cipro), Paxton Center School (W. Clute), Thomas Prince School (R. Imber/M. Sciabarrasi), Wachusett Regional High School (D. Leith), Special Education Parent Advisory Council (S. Jackson), Early Childhood Center (S. Jackson)

## Wachusett Regional High School – Duncan Leith

Member Cipro commented that she is very impressed with the transition planning taking place in Rutland in preparation for the Naquag/Glenwood reconfiguration.

### V. Superintendent's Report

#### A. Discussion of Report

7:25 PM Member Sova left the table.

There was a brief, general discussion of the Superintendent's Report.

#### B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

7:28 PM Member Sova returned to the table.

**Motion:** To approve the sale of a \$3,094,275 1.50 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note (the "Note") of the District dated April 29, 2010 and payable January 28, 2011, to Eastern Bank at par and accrued interest, if any, plus a premium of \$18,520.01.

Further Voted: that the consent to the financial advisor bidding for the Note, as executed prior to the bidding for the Note, is hereby confirmed.

Further Voted: that in connection with the sale of the Note, the preparation of a Preliminary Official Statement dated April 14, 2010, and a final Official Statement dated April 21, 2010, each in such form as may be approved by the District Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the District Treasurer and the Chairman of the Regional District School Committee be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a material events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the District, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Note for the benefit of the holders of the Note from time to time.

Further Voted: that the Chairman of the Regional District School Committee, the District Secretary and the District Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be

determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

(J. Nunnari)

(S. Hammond)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
John Nunnari  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
Shirley Conrad  
Steven Hammond  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Michael Pantos  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Joseph Sova  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*

None

(Motion passed unanimously.)

Motion: To authorize the Business Manager to transfer \$103,122.59 from Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance reported in the General Fund to the WRHS Building Use account.

(J. Sova)

(C. Bazinet)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
John Nunnari  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
Shirley Conrad  
Steven Hammond  
Robert Imber

Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Michael Pantos  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Joseph Sova  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*  
None

(Motion passed unanimously.)

Motion: To authorize the Business Manager to transfer \$28,741.88 from Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance reported in the General Fund to the WRHS Damaged Property account.

(J. Nunnari)  
(J. Sova)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
John Nunnari  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
Shirley Conrad  
Steven Hammond  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Michael Pantos  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Joseph Sova  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*  
None

(Motion passed unanimously.)

Motion: To authorize the Business Manager to transfer \$30,904.74 from Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance reported in the General Fund to the WRHS Parking account.

(S. Conrad)  
(M. Pantos)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
John Nunnari  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
Shirley Conrad  
Steven Hammond  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Michael Pantos  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Joseph Sova  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*

None

(Motion passed unanimously.)

Chair Watson informed the Committee that raw evaluation data collected from members for this year's Superintendent's evaluation can be found in the Reading File maintained at the District Central Office. Chair Watson called members' attention to attachment 8 of the Superintendent's April 22, 2010 Report. Chair Watson read aloud for the record the Annual Evaluation of the District Superintendent narrative (attachment 3).

Motion: To accept the Summary Evaluation: Superintendent of Schools 2009-2010, as presented.

(R. Imber)  
(C. Bazinet)

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions about the Superintendent's evaluation. Chair Watson noted that upon a favorable vote

by the School Committee, Superintendent Pandiscio would be entitled to a 3% pay raise effective July 1, 2010, per his contract.

Vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
John Nunnari  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
Shirley Conrad  
Steven Hammond  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Michael Pantos  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Joseph Sova  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*

None

(Motion passed unanimously.)

VI. Public Hearing

No members of the public wished to address the School Committee.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business brought before the School Committee.

VIII. New Business

On behalf of the School Committee, Member Leith extended thanks to Chair Watson for her four years of service as Chair of the School Committee, and to outgoing member John Nunnari who has served the Committee well for many, many years.

IX. Executive session for the purpose of contract negotiations, not to return to public session.

Motion: To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of contract negotiations, not to return to public session.

(M. Pantos)  
(R. Imber)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
John Nunnari  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
Shirley Conrad  
Steven Hammond  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Michael Pantos  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Joseph Sova  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*

None

(Motion passed unanimously.)

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

TGP:rlp