

# WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOLDEN \* PAXTON \* PRINCETON \* RUTLAND \* STERLING

## Minutes

Regular Meeting Monday, March 13, 2006

### **Executive Session, Part 1**

Cafeteria

Davis Hill Elementary School, Holden

#### *Committee Members Present:*

Alice Livdahl, Chair

Michael Sherman, Vice Chair

Thomas Ackerman

Cynthia Ahearn

Elizabeth Brennan

Robert Carter

Shirley Conrad

David Gibbs

Mark James

Mary Catherine Maher

Kelly Maxwell

Judith Newton

John Nunnari

Norman Plourde

Kathleen Sweeney

Tammy Tod

Margaret Watson

#### *Committee Members Absent:*

Cynthia Bazinet

Charles Capparelli

Phillip Mighdoll

#### *Others present:*

Thomas Pandiscio, Superintendent

Kenneth O'Brien, Municipal Representative

Chair Alice Livdahl called the executive session to order at 10:00 PM.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the executive session held March 1, 2006, not to be released.

(E. Brennan)

(J. Nunnari)

Corrections were made adding Kenneth O'Brien's name to those in attendance, and as voting in favor of all motions taken, except the motion to approve minutes of July 27, 2005 from which his abstention should be noted. Corrections were accepted by the maker and seconder as friendly amendments.

Roll call vote

*In favor:*

Alice Livdahl  
Thomas Ackerman  
Cynthia Ahearn  
Elizabeth Brennan  
Robert Carter  
Shirley Conrad  
David Gibbs  
Mark James  
Mary Catherine Maher  
Kelly Maxwell  
Judith Newton  
John Nunnari  
Norman Plourde  
Kathleen Sweeney  
Tammy Tod  
Margaret Watson

Kenneth O'Brien

*Opposed:*

None

*Abstained:*

Michael Sherman

(Motion passed 17-0-1)

Dr. Pandiscio reported that there had been progress in negotiations with the nurses and that arbitration had been postponed in the hope that an agreement could be reached within the next few weeks.

Dr. Pandiscio distributed a summary of collective bargaining proposals by the Wachusett Regional School District to the WREA, a copy of which is attached hereto (attachment 1). He discussed each proposed term. In particular, he discussed the effort to make teacher planning time comparable among the schools.

Motion: To extend the meeting for fifteen minutes.

(M. James)  
(K. Maxwell)

Roll call vote

*In favor:*

Alice Livdahl  
Michael Sherman  
Thomas Ackerman

Cynthia Ahearn  
Elizabeth Brennan  
Robert Carter  
Shirley Conrad  
David Gibbs  
Mark James  
Mary Catherine Maher  
Kelly Maxwell  
Judith Newton  
John Nunnari  
Norman Plourde  
Kathleen Sweeney  
Tammy Tod  
Margaret Watson

Kenneth O'Brien

*Opposed:*

None

(Motion passed unanimously)

Discussion of the terms of in the handout continued.

Motion: To authorize the Superintendent to offer salary increases in the amount of 2% per year for each of the next three fiscal years.

(J. Nunnari)

(M. James)

Roll call vote

*In favor:*

Alice Livdahl  
Michael Sherman  
Thomas Ackerman  
Cynthia Ahearn  
Elizabeth Brennan  
Robert Carter  
Shirley Conrad  
David Gibbs  
Mark James  
Mary Catherine Maher  
Kelly Maxwell  
Judith Newton  
John Nunnari  
Norman Plourde

Kathleen Sweeney

Tammy Tod

Margaret Watson

Kenneth O'Brien

*Opposed:*

None

(Motion passed unanimously)

Motion: To extend the meeting for five minutes.

(S. Conrad)

(M. Sherman)

Roll call vote

*In favor:*

Alice Livdahl

Michael Sherman

Thomas Ackerman

Cynthia Ahearn

Elizabeth Brennan

Robert Carter

Shirley Conrad

David Gibbs

Mark James

Mary Catherine Maher

Kelly Maxwell

Judith Newton

John Nunnari

Norman Plourde

Kathleen Sweeney

Tammy Tod

Kenneth O'Brien

*Opposed:*

Margaret Watson

(Motion passed 17-1)

Discussion of collective bargaining issues ended. Kenneth O'Brien left the meeting at 10:45 PM. Executive session continued.

Alice Livdahl, Acting Secretary