

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING

Organizational Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

7:00 PM

Cafeteria

Davis Hill Elementary School

Committee Members Present:

Thomas Ackerman	Duncan Leith
Cynthia Bazinet	John Nunnari
Robert Carter	Michael Pantos
Colleen Cipro	Robert Pelczarski
Shirley Conrad	Norman Plourde
Melinda Coyle	Michael Sherman
Steven Hammond	Joseph Sova
Robert Imber	Margaret Watson
Stacey Jackson	

Committee Members Absent:

Mark James	Marcie Zaharee
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Administration Present:

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Superintendent of Schools
Jack Locke, Deputy Superintendent
Darryll McCall, Interim Director of Operations
Peter Brennan, Business Manager
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

I. Call to Order

Superintendent Tom Pandiscio called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Superintendent Pandiscio welcomed new School Committee members Stacey Jackson of Holden, Michael Pantos of Rutland and Robert Pelczarski of Paxton and welcomed back recently re-elected members Robert Carter and Margaret Watson of Holden, Sherry Conrad and Norman Plourde of Sterling.

Superintendent Pandiscio introduced Holden Police Chief George Sherrill, Holden Police Detective Albert Bourget, Holden Police Officer Anthony Gribbons, Holden Police Officer Jonathan Santimore and Holden Police

Officer Dave Armstrong. Chief Sherrill addressed the School Committee, recapping the events that took place on Sunnyside Avenue on April 14, 2008.

Motion: I move that we commend Albert Bourget, Jonathan Santimore and Anthony Gribbons, three members of the Holden Police Department, for the outstanding work they did in order to investigate and to bring to justice those individuals involved in the fight that took place on Sunnyside Avenue on April 14, 2008. Their prompt and thorough investigation was an important step for the Wachusett community to take in bringing closure to this unfortunate incident. The Wachusett Regional District School Committee thanks and commends the officers for their efforts on behalf of our community.

(M. Sherman)
(J. Nunnari)

Vote:

In favor:

Thomas Ackerman
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Shirley Conrad
Melinda Coyle
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Duncan Leith
John Nunnari
Michael Pantos
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

None

(Motion passed unanimously)

II. Election of Chairman

The Superintendent briefly explained the By-Laws and Regional Agreement in regard to the election of the Chair and Vice-chair. The Superintendent advised that the election is conducted by paper ballot, which is to be signed by the Member and to be included in the public record.

Member Bazinet read a prepared statement (attachment 1).

The Superintendent accepted the following nomination for Chair:

Motion: To nominate Margaret Watson as Chair.

(C. Bazinet)
(D. Leith)

Motion: To close nominations

(D. Leith)
(M. Coyle)

Vote:

In favor:

Thomas Ackerman
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Shirley Conrad
Melinda Coyle
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Duncan Leith
John Nunnari
Michael Pantos
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

None

(Motion passed unanimously)

Member Watson read a prepared statement (attachment 2).

The ballots were distributed and collected (attachment 3). The results were as follows:

Thomas Ackerman	Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet	Margaret Watson
Robert Carter	Margaret Watson

Colleen Cipro	Margaret Watson
Shirley Conrad	Margaret Watson
Melinda Coyle	Margaret Watson
Steven Hammond	Margaret Watson
Robert Imber	Margaret Watson
Stacey Jackson	Margaret Watson
Duncan Leith	Margaret Watson
John Nunnari	Margaret Watson
Michael Pantos	Margaret Watson
Robert Pelczarski	Margaret Watson
Norman Plourde	Margaret Watson
Michael Sherman	Margaret Watson
Joseph Sova	Margaret Watson
Margaret Watson	Margaret Watson

Member Watson took over as Chair of the School Committee.

Chair Watson thanked the Committee for electing her to her third year as Chair of the School Committee.

III. Election of Vice-chair

Member Bazinet read a prepared statement (attachment 4).

Chair Watson accepted the following nominations for Vice-chair:

Motion: To nominate John Nunnari as Vice-chair.

(C. Bazinet)

(D. Leith)

Motion: To nominate Norman Plourde as Vice-chair.

(S. Conrad)

(J. Sova)

Members Nunnari and Plourde spoke to their nominations.

Motion: To close nominations

(D. Leith)

(S. Hammond)

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Thomas Ackerman
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter

Colleen Cipro
Shirley Conrad
Melinda Coyle
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Duncan Leith
John Nunnari
Michael Pantos
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova

Opposed:
None

(Motion passed unanimously)

The ballots were distributed and collected (attachment 5). The results were as follows:

Thomas Ackerman	John Nunnari
Cynthia Bazinet	John Nunnari
Robert Carter	Norman Plourde
Colleen Cipro	John Nunnari
Shirley Conrad	Norman Plourde
Melinda Coyle	John Nunnari
Steven Hammond	John Nunnari
Robert Imber	John Nunnari
Stacey Jackson	Norman Plourde
Duncan Leith	John Nunnari
John Nunnari	John Nunnari
Michael Pantos	John Nunnari
Robert Pelczarski	Norman Plourde
Norman Plourde	Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman	John Nunnari
Joseph Sova	Norman Plourde
Margaret Watson	John Nunnari

Member John Nunnari will serve as Vice-chair of the School Committee.

IV. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

(M. Sherman)

(M. Coyle)

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
John Nunnari
Thomas Ackerman
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Shirley Conrad
Melinda Coyle
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Duncan Leith
Michael Pantos
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova

Opposed:

None

(Motion passed unanimously)

The organizational meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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