

**WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

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Organizational Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, May 23, 2019  
7:00 PM

Media Center  
Wachusett Regional High School

*Wachusett Regional School District Committee*

Melissa Ayala	Linda Long-Bellil
Scott Brown	Amy Michalowski
Stephen Godbout	Kenneth Mills
Maleah Gustafson	Karl Ottmar
Sherrie Haber	Christina Smith
Robert Imber	Linda Woodland
Laura Kirshenbaum	Adam Young

*Committee Members Absent:*

Michael Dennis	Benjamin Mitchel
Anthony DiFonso	Asima Silva
Sarah LaMountain	Megan Weeks

*Committee Members Participating Remotely:*

Matthew Lavoie

*Administration Present:*

Darryll McCall, Superintendent of Schools  
Robert Berlo, Deputy Superintendent  
Daniel Deedy, Director of Business and Finance  
Jeff Carlson, Director of Human Resources  
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

*Student Representatives Present:*

Rianna Massoni-Nesman

I. Call to Order

Superintendent McCall called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. He welcomed the new members (Members Ayala, Haber, Kirshenbaum, Ottmar, Woodland) to the table. Superintendent McCall announced that Member Lavoie is participating remotely; therefore, any and all votes will be by roll call.

## II. Election of Chairman

The Superintendent briefly explained the process to elect the next School Committee Chair and Vice-chair. The Superintendent explained that the elections are conducted by paper ballot, which are to be signed by members and will be included in the public record. For the information of the new members of the School Committee as well as the public, Superintendent McCall read aloud two sections from the WRSDC By-Laws, Section 2 and Section 3 as follows:

### *Section 2. Organizational Meeting*

*The Wachusett Regional School District Committee shall, in accordance with Section 13 of the amended Regional Agreement, organize and elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair, and if the offices are vacant a Secretary and Treasurer. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be members of the Committee. The Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair by paper ballot from its membership in accordance with Chapter 71, Section 16A of the Massachusetts General Laws. The Secretary and Treasurer may or may not be members of the Committee, and if not may be reimbursed for this work. This organizational meeting shall be posted at least 14 days in advance.*

### *Section 3. Chair/Vice-Chair*

*No member may be elected as the Chair of the Committee unless said member has served on the Committee for at least two years prior to assuming the office of the Chair. No member may be elected as the Vice-Chair of the Committee unless said member has served on the Committee for at least two years prior to assuming the office of the Vice-Chair. The offices of Chair and Vice-Chair shall be for a term of one year, and they may not succeed themselves more than three additional times.*

*Should the Chair be unable to complete the one-year term of office, the Vice-Chair shall assume all duties and responsibilities of the Chair to the completion of the one-year term. Should the Vice-Chair be unable to complete the one-year term of office, for reasons including being elevated to the position of Chair, then the Committee, at its next regular meeting, shall elect a Vice-Chair.*

*Should the Chair and Vice-Chair vacate the positions simultaneously, the Committee, at its next regular meeting, shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair to serve the balance of the one-year term.*

Superintendent McCall noted that the full version of the WRSDC By-Laws can be found on the District website.

The Superintendent accepted the following nomination for Chair:

Motion: To nominate Kenneth Mills to serve as Chair.

(R. Imber)  
(C. Smith)

The Superintendent closed nominations for Chair.

The ballots were distributed and collected (attachment 1). The results were as follows:

Melissa Ayala	Member Mills
Scott Brown	Member Mills
Stephen Godbout	Member Mills
Maleah Gustafson	Member Mills
Sherrie Haber	Member Mills
Robert Imber	Member Mills
Laura Kirshenbaum	Member Mills
Matthew Lavoie	Member Mills
Linda Long-Bellil	Member Mills
Amy Michalowski	Member Mills
Kenneth Mills	Abstained
Karl Ottmar	Member Mills
Christina Smith	Member Mills
Linda Woodland	Member Mills
Adam Young	Member Mills

Member Mills took over as Chair of the School Committee. Chair Mills was given a round of applause. Chair Mills thanked the Committee for electing him as Chair of the School Committee.

### III. Election of Vice-chair

Chair Mills accepted the following nomination for Vice-chair:

Motion: To nominate Christina Smith to serve as Vice-chair.

(R. Imber)

(S. Brown)

Chair Mills closed nominations for Vice-chair.

The ballots were distributed and collected (attachment 2). The results were as follows:

Melissa Ayala	Member Smith
Scott Brown	Member Smith
Stephen Godbout	Member Smith
Maleah Gustafson	Member Smith
Sherrie Haber	Member Smith
Robert Imber	Member Smith
Laura Kirshenbaum	Member Smith
Matthew Lavoie	Member Smith
Linda Long-Bellil	Member Smith
Amy Michalowski	Member Smith
Kenneth Mills	Member Smith
Karl Ottmar	Member Smith

Christina Smith	Abstained
Linda Woodland	Member Smith
Adam Young	Member Smith

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

IV. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the Organizational Meeting.

(R. Imber)  
(A. Young)

Roll call vote:

*In favor*:

Kenneth Mills  
Christina Smith  
Melissa Ayala  
Scott Brown  
Stephen Godbout  
Maleah Gustafson  
Sherrie Haber  
Robert Imber  
Laura Kirshenbaum  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Amy Michalowski  
Karl Ottmar  
Linda Woodland  
Adam Young

*Opposed*:

None

Motion passed unanimously.

The Organizational Meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

DM:rlp

Attachments:

Attachment 1: WRSDC Chair Ballots  
Attachment 2: WRSDC Vice-chair Ballots

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**ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Ken mills  
CANDIDATE SELECTION

Signature:

Melissa Ayala  
Melissa Ayala, Member  
Wachusett Regional School District Committee

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ELECTION OF CHAIR

Kew Mills

CANDIDATE SELECTION

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Scott Brown, Member  
Wachusett Regional School District Committee

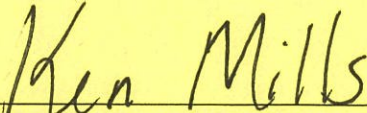
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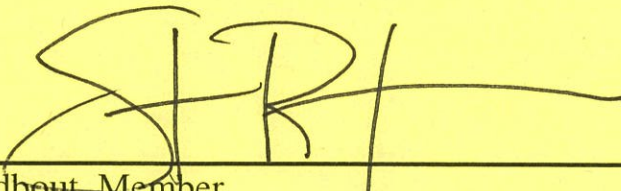
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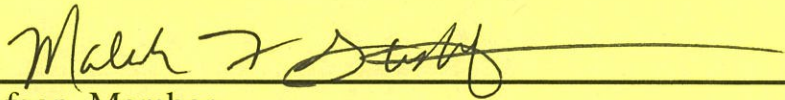
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ELECTION OF CHAIR

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Maleah Gustafson, Member  
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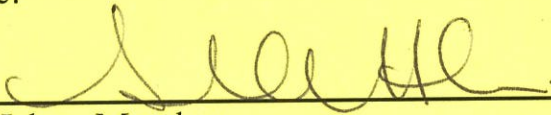
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**ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Kenneth Mills  
CANDIDATE SELECTION

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Sherrie Haber, Member  
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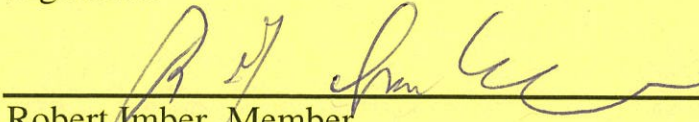
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Robert Imber, Member  
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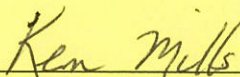
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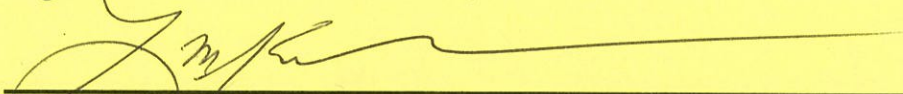
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Laura Kirshenbaum, Member

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Matthew Lavoie, Member  
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Linda Long-Bellil, Member

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*Amy Michalowski*

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Amy Michalowski, Member  
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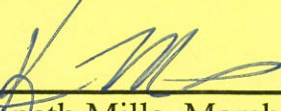
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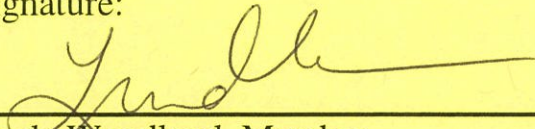
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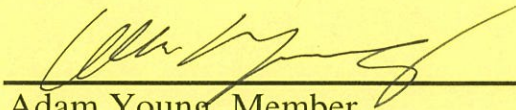
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**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

Christine Smith

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Melissa Ayala

Melissa Ayala, Member

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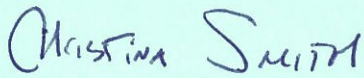


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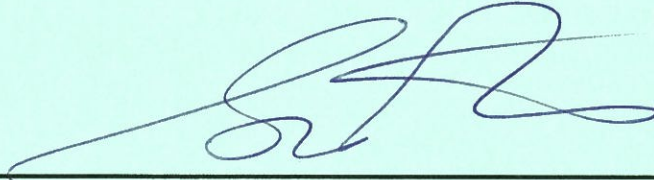
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Scott Brown, Member  
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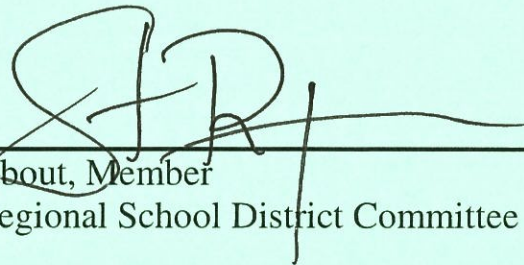
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Stephen Goebout, Member  
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Sherri Haber

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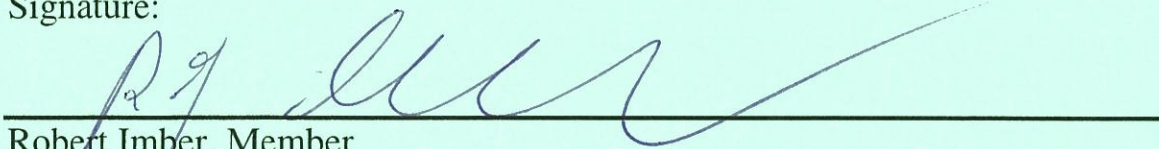
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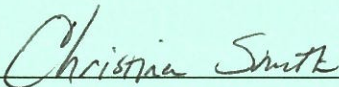
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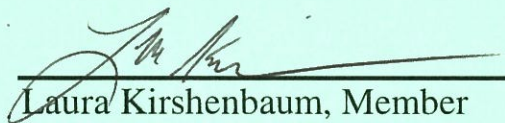
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Matthew Lavoie, Member

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Linda Long-Bellil, Member  
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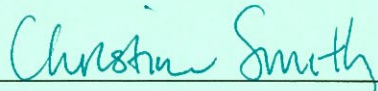
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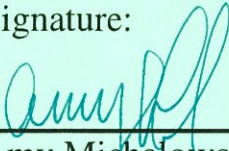
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Amy Michalowski, Member  
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Chris M Smith

Christina Smith, Member

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Linda Woodland

Linda Woodland, Member

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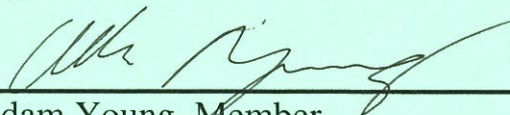
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Adam Young, Member

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Michael Dennis, Member  
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