

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting #1316

Monday, August 20, 2018

7:00 PM

Media Center

Wachusett Regional High School

1401 Main Street, Holden

Wachusett Regional School District Committee

Kenneth Mills, Chair

Scott Brown

Thomas Curran

Anthony DiFonso

Rachel Dolan

Stephen Godbout

Maleah Gustafson

Susan Hitchcock

Robert Imber

Linda Long-Bellil

Amy Michalowski

Asima Silva

Committee Members Absent:

Christina Smith

Michael Dennis

Harriet Fradellos

Sarah LaMountain

Matthew Lavoie

Benjamin Mitchel

Michael Rivers

Megan Weeks

Charles Witkes

Adam Young

Committee Members Participating Remotely:

None

Administration Present:

Darryll McCall, Superintendent of Schools

Robert Berlo, Deputy Superintendent

Jeff Carlson, Director of Human Resources

Daniel Deedy, Director of Business and Finance

Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Student Representatives Present:

None

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

The start of the meeting was delayed until quorum was achieved. Chair Mills called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM. He announced the meeting is live on Channel 194 and is streaming live on

HoldenTV.com. Chair Mills welcomed Dan Deedy to the meeting, on his first day as WRSD Director of Business and Finance.

I. Public Hearing

Heidi Lahey, WREA President and Holden resident, addressed the Committee.

II. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Mills wished District staff and administration much luck with the start of the new school year on August 27, 2018, Staff Orientation Day.

Chair Mills reminded members the date for the September regular School Committee meeting has been changed to Monday, September 17, 2018.

Due to anticipated lack of quorum at 8:00 PM when one member will be exiting the meeting, Chair Mills asked if any members would object to taking out of order the report of the Education Subcommittee. No members objected.

Education Subcommittee (R. Imber, Chair, C. Smith, Vice-chair, A. DiFonso, R. Dolan, S. LaMountain, L. Long-Bellil, A. Silva)

Subcommittee Chair Imber reported this subcommittee met immediately before this School Committee meeting and did a final review of Draft Policy 6122 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Homelessness**, which, following correction of one typographical error, is now ready for full Committee review.

Motion: To approve the first reading of Draft Policy 6122 **Policy Relating to Pupil Services Homelessness**, waiving the reading.

(L. Long-Bellil)
(R. Dolan)

Vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Anthony DiFonso
Rachel Dolan
Stephen Godbout
Maleah Gustafson
Susan Hitchcock
Robert Imber
Linda Long-Bellil
Amy Michalowski
Asima Silva

Opposed:

None

The motion was unanimously approved.

Return to regular agenda.

III. Student Representatives' Reports

It is expected new Student Representatives will be appointed by the September School Committee meeting.

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

Superintendent McCall invited Director Deedy to the podium, and then reported to the Committee about questions raised by DESE in regard to the methodology used by the District when calculating Chapter 71 Regional Transportation reimbursement. Superintendent McCall explained how ridership on buses has been calculated and must be corrected. This miscalculation will impact FY18 and FY19 Regional Transportation reimbursement, and Chapter 71 funding will be approximately \$250,000 less than what was on the FY19 Cherry Sheet. The discrepancy is estimated to be approximately \$600,000, according to Director Deedy. When asked, Superintendent McCall clarified that DESE has already reduced reimbursement by \$250,000, and the remaining \$350,000 over reimbursement of funds will be spread over two years (FY19 and FY20). Director Deedy suggested a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between WRSD and DESE be crafted, outlining plans on how to "fix" the discrepancy, acknowledging the fact DESE may not be agreeable to entering into such a MOU. Superintendent McCall confirmed the best-guess estimate for FY19 budget impact, at this point in time, is \$80,000 to the negative. When asked by Member Curran, it was confirmed this information was brought to the attention of DESE by the FY17 End-of-Year audit prepared by District auditors Lynch Malloy Marini. Both Superintendent McCall and Director Deedy reported the FY17 Schedule 7 will be amended and re-submitted to DESE, with the goal of doing so by the end of the week (August 24, 2018). Most members asked questions of Superintendent McCall and Director Deedy. At the conclusion of discussion, Superintendent McCall assured the Committee he will keep members updated as this process moves forward.

Superintendent McCall reported on the August Administrative Retreat, held at the high school August 15 & 16, 2018. He gave an overview of topics covered the two days, including the new evaluation process, ALICE and school safety and security, EOP (Emergency Operations Plan), CrisisGo installation on staff computers/laptops, School Improvement Plans, District administrator (principals and assistant principals) goals. Superintendent McCall reported the two days of administrative meetings were positive, productive, and beneficial as the District leadership team looks to the new school year.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

Motion: To approve expenses incurred in connection with WRSDC Members (Gustafson, Smith, Weeks) attending November 7 – 10, 2018 MASC/MASS Joint Conference in Hyannis, Massachusetts

(R. Imber)
(T. Curran)

Vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Anthony DiFonso
Rachel Dolan
Stephen Godbout
Maleah Gustafson
Susan Hitchcock
Robert Imber
Linda Long-Bellil
Amy Michalowski
Asima Silva

Opposed:

None

The motion was unanimously approved.

V. Unfinished Business

Deferred

VI. Secretary's Report

A. Approval of 1315th Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on July 16, 2018

Deferred

VII. Treasurer's Report/Financial Statements

Deferred

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Management Subcommittee (K. Mills, Chair, C. Smith, Vice-chair, T. Curran, M. Dennis, S. Hitchcock, R. Imber, M. Lavoie)

Deferred

- B. Education Subcommittee (R. Imber, Chair, C. Smith, Vice-chair, A. DiFonso, R. Dolan, S. LaMountain, L. Long-Bellil, A. Silva)

Deferred

- C. Business/Finance Subcommittee (M. Dennis, Chair, C. Witkes, Vice-chair, M. Gustafson, L. Long-Bellil, B. Mitchel)

Deferred

- D. Legal Affairs Subcommittee (S. Hitchcock, Chair, S. Brown, Vice-chair, H. Fradellos, S. Godbout, M. Rivers)

Deferred

- E. Superintendent Goals and Evaluation Subcommittee (M. Lavoie, Chair, A. Michalowski, Vice-chair, K. Mills, M. Weeks)

Deferred

- F. Audit Advisory Board

Deferred

- G. Facilities and Security Subcommittee (T. Curran, Chair, M. Rivers, Vice-chair, A. Young)

Deferred

- H. Ad Hoc Subcommittees

Deferred

- I. Building Committees

- 1. Mountview Building Committee

Deferred

- J. School Council Reports:

Central Tree Middle School (M. Lavoie), Chocksett Middle School (S. Godbout), Davis Hill Elementary School (S. Brown), Dawson Elementary School (A. Young), Glenwood Elementary School (A. DiFonso), Houghton Elementary School (S. Godbout), Mayo Elementary School (T. Curran), Mountview Middle School (K. Mills), Naquag Elementary School (C. Witkes), Paxton Center School (B. Mitchel), Thomas Prince School (A.

Silva), Wachusett Regional High School (A. Michalowski/C. Smith), Special Education Parent Advisory Council, Early Childhood Center

Deferred

IX. Public Hearing

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

X. New Business

Deferred

XI. Adjournment

Due to anticipated loss of quorum, the meeting was called to adjourn.

Motion: To adjourn.

(R. Imber)
(T. Curran)

Vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Scott Brown
Thomas Curran
Anthony DiFonso
Rachel Dolan
Stephen Godbout
Maleah Gustafson
Susan Hitchcock
Robert Imber
Linda Long-Bellil
Amy Michalowski
Asima Silva

Opposed:

None

The motion was unanimously approved.

The Committee adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
DM:rlp

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Sign-in sheets

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Regular Meeting

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