



## QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting  
Minutes – February 11, 2010  
Educational Support Center

### PRESENT

Lee Wolanin	Member, Barre
Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
John Barringer	Member, Oakham
Paula Bolger	Member, Barre
Ned Kelly	Member, Hardwick
Charles Miller	Member, Barre
Dr. Thomas Tashjian	Member, Oakham
Peggy Thompson	Member, New Braintree
Timothy Williams	Member, Hubbardston
Mark Wigler	Member, Hubbardston
Cheryl Wolfe	Member, Hardwick

### ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Maureen Marshall	Superintendent of Schools
Cheryl Duval	Director of Administrative Services
Katt Copeland	Student Representative, QRHS
Tove Freeman	Student Representative, QRHS
District Administrators/Staff	
QRTA Representative	
Press	

### ABSENT

Chairman	Edward Leonard	Member, Hubbardston
	Dr. Richard Allan	Member, Barre
	Robert Dupuis	Member, Hardwick

1. Vice Chair Lee Wolanin called the meeting to order by at 7:35 PM

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by John Barringer and seconded by Peggy Thompson to approve the minutes of January 7, 2010.

The motion passed by a vote 10-0-1. Charles Miller abstained.

### 3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a) Superintendent of Schools – No report was given.

- b) Director of Administrative Services
  - 1. Presentation of Warrants  
Accounts Payable Warrants 14, 15, 16 and Payroll Warrants 18, 19, 20 were signed by the Warrant Subcommittee.
- c) Teacher Advisory Council – No report was given.
- d) Student Advisory Council – Sophomore Class Officers Katt Copeland and Tove Freeman presented the student report.

#### 4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Administrative Review – No report was given.
- Alternative Funding Adhoc – Cheryl Wolfe summarized the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Items discussed include: unbundling rehab. services, investigating vocational programs (ex. Project Lead the Way), expanding shared service, compressing schools (ex. New Braintree/Oakham Center School consolidation).
- Barre – No report was given.
- Budget – Lee Wolanin summarized the Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Two budget scenarios were reviewed (\$1 million & 1.8 million reduction) in a PowerPoint presentation.

- a) A motion was made by Lee Wolanin and seconded by Mark Brophy to approve Line Items 2100-3200 Instructional Support in the amount of \$15,470,063. A roll call vote was taken. Paula Bolger-abstained; Mark Brophy-yes; Charles Miller-yes; Lee Wolanin-yes; Ned Kelly-yes; Cheryl Wolfe-yes; Mark Wigler-yes; Tim Williams-yes; John Barringer-abstained; Peggy Thompson-yes; Dr. Tashjian-yes.

The motion failed as it did not have a 2/3 weighted majority.

- b) A motion was made by Lee Wolanin and seconded by Mark Brophy to approve Line Items 3510-3520 Athletics & Student Activities in the amount of \$1,177,462. A roll call vote was taken: Paula Bolger-yes; Mark Brophy-yes; Charles Miller-yes; Lee Wolanin-yes; Ned Kelly-yes; Cheryl Wolfe-yes; Mark Wigler-yes; Tim Williams-yes; John Barringer-yes; Peggy Thompson-abstained; Dr. Tashjian-yes.

The motion passed by a vote of 10-0-1.

- c) A motion was made by Lee Wolanin and seconded by Mark Brophy to approve Line Items 2100-3200 Instructional Support in the amount of \$3,355,895. A roll call vote was taken: Paula Bolger-yes; Mark Brophy-yes; Charles Miller-yes; Lee Wolanin-yes; Ned Kelly-yes; Cheryl Wolfe-yes; Mark Wigler-yes; Tim Williams-yes; John Barringer-abstained; Peggy Thompson-yes; Dr. Tashjian-yes.

The motion passed by a vote of 10-0-1.

- d) A motion was made by Lee Wolanin and seconded by Mark Brophy to approve the FY11 budget in the amount of \$33,391,808. A roll call vote was taken: Paula Bolger-yes; Mark Brophy-yes; Charles Miller-yes; Lee Wolanin-yes; Ned Kelly-yes; Cheryl Wolfe-yes; Mark Wigler-yes; Tim Williams-yes; John Barringer-yes; Peggy Thompson-yes; Dr. Tashjian-yes.

The motion passed unanimously.

The public hearing for the FY11 proposed budget will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

- Central Office/Audit – No report was given.
- Collective Bargaining – Mark Brophy reported that the Collective Bargaining Subcommittee continues to work with all collective bargaining groups.
- Plant & Facilities – Ned Kelly distributed an update on future plant & facilities projects. The Superintendent reviewed the various items in need of attention. The Supt. will meet with all Select Boards to review the capital needs of district schools.
- Policy Review/Reform – Cheryl Wolfe summarized the meeting of February 1<sup>st</sup>. Items discussed included: changes in graduation requirements, the reinstatement of recognition of valedictorian/salutatorian, the implementation of two new programs at the High School (Freshman Academy and Advisories, the proposed changes to the Program of Studies).

- a) A motion was made by Cheryl Wolfe and seconded by Ned Kelly to table the vote on the changes in graduation requirements.

The motion to table passed unanimously.

- b) A motion was made by Cheryl Wolfe and seconded by Ned Kelly to reinstitute the recognition of valedictorian/salutatorian effective with the Class of 2010.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Tim Williams and seconded by Lee Wolanin to table the motion until the next meeting in order to obtain feedback from the Guidance Dept.

The motion to table passed by a vote of 7-4. The vote went as follows: Mark Brophy-yes; Paula Bolger-yes; Lee Wolanin-yes; Tim Williams-yes; Peggy Thompson-yes; John Barringer-yes; Cheryl Wolfe-yes.

- c) A motion was made by Cheryl Wolfe and seconded by Peggy Thompson to support the implementation of two new programs (Freshman Academy & Advisories) at the High School.

The motion passed unanimously.

- d) A motion was made by Cheryl Wolfe and seconded by John Barringer to accept the changes to the Program of Studies as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

- Special Education – Paula Bolger summarized the Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Items discussed included: review of Coordinated Program Review, information of ARRA funding, SPED tuition update, transition of Student Services Director. A screening committee has been established. Interviews will take place on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> and the finalists will be forwarded to the committee in early March.

- Technology – Tim Williams summarized the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Items discussed included: review of technology plan, technology needs in the district, etc. At the next meeting the subcommittee will do a walkthrough of the middle/high school (date to be determined). He reported that a group from Quabbin & North Middlesex will be visiting St. John to tour the school and its use of technology.

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **6. SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS**

- a) Dr. Tashjian informed the committee of a letter sent to the Barre Gazette written by a former QRHS student, Lt. Dan Medford, who is stationed in Iraq requesting the community send school supplies to a school in Iraq that he is working with. Dr. Tashjian would like to see the district get involved in this effort.
- b) Mr. Barringer asked a question regarding snow days, early release & delayed opening days and the possibility of adding a day at the end of the school year to make up for time lost. The Supt. indicated that adding a day may be difficult due to the busing contract. She stated that to-date the district has only had one snow day and one early dismissal. Five days are built into the school calendar for weather emergencies. We are in compliance with the number of days/ hours required by the State under Time & Learning.
- c) Mr. Wigler asked for an update on Race to the Top funds. The Supt. indicated that the State is awaiting notification from the federal government if Massachusetts will be awarded funds. Mr. Brophy thanked the Teachers Association for reconsidering their decision to support the Race to the Top initiative.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a) Out-of-State Field Trip Request**

Science Dept. Chair Robert Kolesnik summarized the field trip request to travel to Dallas, TX with the QRHS Robotics Students to Vex International Robotics Competition on April 21-25, 2010.

A motion was made by John Barringer and seconded by Mark Brophy to approve the out-of-state field trip by the QRHS Robotics Team to Dallas, TX on April 21-25, 2010.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **b) Overnight Varsity Softball Field Trip Request – QRHS Varsity Softball Team to New Bedford, MA – March 26-28, 2010**

A motion was made by Ned Kelly and seconded by Peggy Thompson to approve the QRHS Varsity Softball Team overnight field trip to New Bedford, MA on March 26-28, 2010.

The motion passed unanimously.

**c) 2010-2011 Proposed School Calendar**

A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Charles Miller to approve the 2010-2011 school calendar as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

**d) Policy JHCA Physical Examination of Students**

A motion was made by Cheryl Wolfe and seconded by John Barringer to table Policy JHCA Physical Examination of Students.

The motion passed unanimously.

**f) Policy JHCB Inoculation of Students**

A motion was made by Cheryl Wolfe and seconded by John Barringer to table Policy JHCB Inoculation of Students.

The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-2.

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM – Public Hearing**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by John Barringer and seconded by Tim Williams to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Landry, Exec. Secretary