



**QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES – September 11, 2008
EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT CENTER**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING – CALLED TO ORDER: 7:35 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Edward Leonard, with the following School Committee members present:

- A.
 - 1. Attendance:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Richard Allan <input type="checkbox"/> Susan Benedict <input type="checkbox"/> Therese Salvadore <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Brophy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ned Kelly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Timothy Williams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edward F. Leonard	<input type="checkbox"/> Robert Dupuis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charles Miller <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Riendeau <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lee Wolanin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Thomas Tashjian <input type="checkbox"/> Peggy Thompson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Wolfe
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 - 2. Administration:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sue M. Gee <input type="checkbox"/> Clare Barnes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Berlo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> William Burnett <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Duval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Martha Femino <input type="checkbox"/> Tracey Hippert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susanne Musnicki <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Newton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joan Paula <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Pellegrino <input type="checkbox"/> Debbie Pelley <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marilyn Tencza <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jan Williams <input type="checkbox"/> Patricia Worthington
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 - 3. QRTA Representative –
 Student Representative –
 - 4. News Media:

Worcester T&G – Jim Russell	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barre Gazette –Ellie Downer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 - 5. Visitors/Faculty: Donald Lacharite: Warren – observer
 Debbie Ennis: Barre – citizen
 Amy Reno: Barre – citizen/parent
 Sheila Mackinnon: Hardwick – citizen/observer

SECTION II: MINUTES

Voted: To accept and place on file the minutes of August 14, 2008

<u>Motion</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Abs.</u>
LW	RA	10		

SECTION III: WARRANTS/REPORTS

Payroll warrants 5 & 6 presented; accounts payable warrants #3, 4 and 5 presented.

SECTION IV: ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:** Superintendent Gee introduced Marilyn Tencza, High School Principal, who introduced High School Junior, Karson Allen. Ms. Allen prepared a poem entitled “World of Strife”, in remembrance of the 9/11/01 tragedies. Two other students, Corrina Walker and Annie Fontaine, also prepared poems and read them during the day. In the Superintendent’s report:
 - Superintendent Gee gave an update regarding each department. Please see individual reports below for further information.
 - The Opening Day Convocation went very well, with a special performance by the faculty band, “The Missing Faculties”. Superintendent Gee read 10 Key Attributes for starting the school year, followed by the poem by Edgar Guest “Don’t Quit”.
 - The AYP scores will be made public on September 25, 2008.
 - A committee has been formed to oversee the Oakham Center Roof project. A Statement of Interest will be filed with the MSBA before the November 15, 2008 deadline.
 - The Superintendent and many district volunteers will attend a 5-town training on immunization procedures in pandemic situations at the High School on Saturday, September 13, 2008.
2. **DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:** Cheryl Duval announced the warrants ready for signatures (see Section III above). Mr. Burnett was present to explain the oil bid which was finalized at \$3.3026 per gallon. See further details in Motion section below. Mr. Burnett also mentioned the electrical bid which came in at 11.1 cents, with no pass-through charges.
3. **TEACHER ADVISORY:** Dennis Dextrateur was present and mentioned several upcoming events that will be taking place.
4. **STUDENT ADVISORY:** NA

SECTION V: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

*Chairman Leonard mentioned that some Subcommittees have two (2) chairs working together, and also that membership on all subcommittees is open to all School Committee members. Those members working on a specific committee have the right to vote on that committee’s issues.

1. **POLICY REVIEW REFORM** – Dr. Allan reported that this Subcommittee will meet on Monday, October 6, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The agenda for the year will be set at this first meeting.
2. **CENTRAL OFFICE** – Lee Wolanin reported that he would like to hold a Subcommittee meeting of this group sometime before the October 9, 2008 School Committee meeting, and will work on scheduling the same.
3. **SPECIAL EDUCATION** – Susan Benedict was not in attendance; Chairman Leonard will contact her regarding when this subcommittee might next meet.
4. **PLANTS & FACILITIES** –Ned Kelly mentioned that walk-throughs of the buildings are scheduled for the next few weeks.
5. **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW** – This committee was formed for the purpose of evaluating the Superintendent’s job performance. This committee is co-chaired by both Dr. Allan and Mark Brophy, and will meet in the very near future, on a date to be determined.
6. **BUDGET REVIEW** – Mark Brophy will be setting up a subcommittee meeting in the near future. Chairman Leonard has been working with the Hubbardston Fin Comm regarding the budget. Martin Goulet, a New Braintree Selectman in attendance, asked questions on behalf of the town of New Braintree. Chairman Leonard invited Mr. Goulet to attend the upcoming Budget subcommittee meeting and he indicated that he would be in attendance. The Budget Subcommittee will hold a meeting on September 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
7. **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:** Therese Salvadore was not in attendance, but it is expected that a meeting will be held in October.

8. ALTERNATIVE FUNDING ADHOC COMMITTEE: This committee will meet on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Leonard asked if anyone opposed meeting at 7:00 p.m. rather than 7:30 p.m. and because there was no opposition, it was understood that the meeting would now take place at 7:00 p.m. Melissa Widing will re-post the same for the new time. Chairman Leonard requested that all committee chairpersons be present at this meeting, mentioned that Dr. Tashjian’s ideas would be discussed, and mentioned that this meeting was open to anyone who wished to attend. This group hoped to work on building a Mission Statement at this meeting as well.
9. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COMMITTEE: This is a newly-formed committee, Mark Brophy is the chairman. This committee will begin to meet sometime in the fall.

SECTION VI: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Dr. Tashjian asked the Alternative Funding Ad-Hoc committee to look at some unresolved issues (including School Choice transportation fees). Additional topics to be discussed include: the future of school finances, the pros and cons of school choice financially, and 403b management.

SECTION VII: SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS

SECTION VIII: NEW BUSINESS

1. Dr. Allan asked if anyone had heard the news story from that day regarding the '93 education reform. No one had.
2. Lee Wolanin mentioned the terrific summer programs that took place at Quabbin, and he hopes that the district continues to encourage programs of this nature in the future.
3. Chairman Leonard mentioned that the School Committee members had within their packets, a list of names of students who have been approved for Home School studies. The School Committee does not actually vote on approving these students, but rather, just recognizes that these students wish to be home schooled.
4. Chairman Leonard spoke briefly about incoming bus issues. Each member had a listing of the students with issues from their own towns. Issues are being addressed by Bill Burnett and the Superintendent.
5. High School Principal Marilyn Tencza came forward requesting that a field trip be approved for the Drama Club to attend an out-of-state Renaissance Fair in Connecticut, as part of Mr. Monfredo’s enhancement to his curriculum. See Motion #2 below for further details.
6. Debbie Ennis, a citizen of Barre came forward to discuss her concerns regarding the need for more communication between the schools and parents.

SECTION IX: ACTION ITEMS

	<u>Motion</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Abs.</u>
1. Motion to approve the awarding of the #2 fuel oil bid to Global Oil for the price of \$3.3026 per gallon as quoted in Global Oil’s September 4, 2008 bid submitted to the French River Education Center.	RA	NK	10	0	0
Roll Call Vote: 2/3 vote required: weighted vote - passes					
VOTE: RA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ; MB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ; CM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ; MR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ; LW <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ; NK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ; CW <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
RD <input type="checkbox"/> ; TW <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ; SB <input type="checkbox"/> ; PT <input type="checkbox"/> ; TS <input type="checkbox"/> ; TT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ; EL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
2. Motion to allow the Drama Club to take a one-day, out-of-state field trip to attend a Renaissance Fair in Connecticut, for the purpose of curriculum enrichment.	RA	LW	10	0	0

SECTION X: EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session Necessary

TIME: NONE

PURPOSE:

- To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health rather than the professional competence of an individual.
- To consider the discipline or dismissal of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

- To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the governmental body, and to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel.
- To discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices.
- To investigate charges of criminal misconduct or to discuss the filing of criminal complaints.
- To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.
- To comply with the provisions of any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements. Mass. Gen. Laws Ch. 39, 23 (1)-(7).

MOTION: _____ ; **SECOND:** _____ ;

VOTE: RA ; MB ; DO ; MR ; LW ; NK ; CW
RD ; TW ; SB ; PT ; TS ; TT ; EL

Return to Open Session – Time: _____ p.m.

MOTION: _____ **SECOND:** _____ **VOTE:** _____ **FOR:** _____ **OPPOSED:** _____

Meeting adjourned: 8:35 p.m.

MOTION: RA **SECOND:** NK **VOTE:** _____ **FOR:** 10 **OPPOSED:** 0

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Widing, Executive Assistant