



**QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
School Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES – October 2, 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:**

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1. Attendance:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Richard Allan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Benedict <input checked="" 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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Marilyn Tencza <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jan Williams <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>
  
  5. Visitors/Faculty: Paul Hale – Hubbardston Selectboard Chair  
 Leslie Miller – New Braintree Finance  
 William Howland – New Braintree Finance

**SECTION II: MINUTES**

**Motion    2<sup>nd</sup>    For    Opp.    Abs.**

**SECTION III: WARRANTS/REPORTS**

**SECTION IV: ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**SECTION V: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SECTION VI: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chairman Leonard indicated that the regularly-scheduled School Committee meeting would be held next week on Thursday, October 9, 2008.

There will be an Audit Subcommittee meeting at 6:30 p.m., prior to that School Committee meeting.

The purpose of this meeting was solely to act upon the FY09 Budget, as directed by the Commissioner of Education.

Cheryl Duval, Director of Administrative Services, reported that one of the two bonds has been paid off for the High School; that the outstanding grant payment was \$9.6 million and the remaining payoff at the Middle/High School was \$9.3 million, which left an excess of \$295,352 in excess revenue. This amount would be used to offset the debt payment for the second grant for the remaining 7 years. Additionally, the E & D reserve will be used to lower the debt. Please see Motion #1 below.

Cheryl Duval further indicated that she and the Superintendent attended a meeting with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education on September 29, 2008 and that the Associate Commissioner of Education had recommended some numbers to assist in preparing the budget. Please see Motion #2 below.

**SECTION VII: SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS**

**SECTION VIII: NEW BUSINESS**

**SECTION IX: ACTION ITEMS**

	<u>Motion</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Abs.</u>
1. Motion to approve the transfer of \$295,352 from E&D to E&D Reserved to reserve excess MSBA grant funds which will be applied against future debt payments for the Quabbin Regional Middle/High School building project. Roll Call Vote: 2/3 vote required: weighted vote - passes <b>VOTE:</b> RA <input type="checkbox"/> ; MB <input type="checkbox"/> ; CM <input type="checkbox"/> ; MR <input type="checkbox"/> ; LW <input type="checkbox"/> ; NK <input type="checkbox"/> ; CW <input type="checkbox"/> RD <input type="checkbox"/> ; TW <input type="checkbox"/> ; SB <input type="checkbox"/> ; PT <input type="checkbox"/> ; TS <input type="checkbox"/> ; TT <input type="checkbox"/> ; EL <input type="checkbox"/>	MB	LW	10	0	0
2. Motion to adopt an FY09 General Fund budget in the amount of \$31,960,559, which includes \$17,325,703 in Chapter 70 Aid and \$429,395 from Excess & Deficiency. Roll Call Vote: 2/3 vote required: weighted vote - passes <b>VOTE:</b> RA <input type="checkbox"/> ; MB <input type="checkbox"/> ; CM <input type="checkbox"/> ; MR <input type="checkbox"/> ; LW <input type="checkbox"/> ; NK <input type="checkbox"/> ; CW <input type="checkbox"/> RD <input type="checkbox"/> ; TW <input type="checkbox"/> ; SB <input type="checkbox"/> ; PT <input type="checkbox"/> ; TS <input type="checkbox"/> ; TT <input type="checkbox"/> ; EL <input type="checkbox"/>	MB	LW	10	0	0
3. Motion, in addition, that \$306,520 is to be transferred from E&D to create a Stabilization Account.	MB	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:** 7:44 p.m.

**MOTION:** LW **SECOND:** NK **VOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FOR:** 10 **OPPOSED:** 0

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Melissa Widing, Executive Assistant**