



## QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Special Meeting

Minutes – November 12, 2009

Educational Support Center

### **PRESENT**

Chairman	Edward Leonard	Member, Hubbardston
	Dr. Richard Allan	Member, Barre
	Lee Wolanin	Member, Barre
	Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
	John Barringer	Member, Oakham
	Paula Bolger	Member, Barre
	Charles Miller	Member, Barre
	Dr. Thomas Tashjian	Member, Oakham
	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
District Administrators	
Mitch Madarby	Student Representative, QRHS
QRTA Representatives	
Community Members	
Town Officials	
Press	

### **ABSENT**

Robert Dupuis	Member, Hardwick
Ned Kelly	Member, Hardwick
Peggy Thompson	Member, New Braintree

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

#### II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Lee Wolanin and seconded by Mark Brophy to approve the minutes of October 8, 2009

The motion passed 10-0-1. Dr. Tashjian abstained.

### III. Administrative Reports

- a) Superintendent of Schools – Maureen Whiting presented an update on H1N1. School was closed at Hubbardston Center School on 11/10/09 due to a high absentee rate of students and staff. Student and staff absences continue to be monitored daily. A clinic in conjunction with Board of Health will be held on 11/16 for those at high risk. Director Duval summarized the efforts by the Plant & Facilities Department to disinfect and sanitize the schools.

Supt. Marshall informed the Committee that the administration submitted the Statement of Interest with the Mass. School Building Authority for the Quabbin High School atrium and paneling. This is first round in process. The district continues to monitor the safety of the atrium.

- b) Director of Administrative Services –
  - 1. Presentation of Warrants: AP Warrants 11, 12, & 13 and Payroll 8, & 9 were presented.
  - 2. Other – Director Duval informed the Committee that E & D has been certified with an unencumbered balance of \$645,422. The district's Chapter 71 reimbursement has been reduced by an additional \$162,000 (previously reduced by \$365,000 in June). The administration continues to meet with state officials relative to this issue.
- c) Teachers Advisory Council – Dennis Dextrateur provided an update.
- d) Student Advisory Council – Mitch Madarby, President of Student Advisory, presented the student representative report.

### IV. Subcommittee Reports

- a) Administrative Review Subcommittee – No report was given.
- b) Alternative Funding Adhoc Subcommittee – No report was given.
- c) Audit/Central Office Subcommittee – No report was given.
- d) Policy, Review and Reform Subcommittee - Dr. Allan provided a summary of the 11/2/09 meeting of the Policy Subcommittee. Graduation Requirements, the Program of Studies and class rank were discussed. The next meeting will be 12/7/09.
- e) Barre Building Subcommittee – Lee Wolanin provided a summary of the 11/2/09 meeting of the Barre Subcommittee.
- f) Budget Subcommittee – Mark Brophy reported that the FY10 budget has been approved. The next Budget Subcommittee will be held on 11/24/09.
- g) Collective Bargaining Subcommittee – The next meeting of this subcommittee will be held on 11/18/09.
- h) Plants & Facilities Subcommittee - No report was given
- i) Special Education Subcommittee – Paula Bolger informed the committee that she has met with SPED Director Jason Newton. The next meeting will be held in December (date to be determined)
- j) Technology Subcommittee – No report was given.

### V. Unfinished Business

#### Sexual Harassment Policy

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Cheryl Wolfe to adopt the Harassment/Sexual Harassment Policy.

The motion passed 10-0-1. Dr. Tashjian abstained.

VI. School Committee Concerns

- a. Dr. Allan commended a QRSD graduate now attending UMass-Dartmouth who recently participated in an NCAA field hockey tournament.
- b. Cheryl Wolfe commended the Hardwick Elementary PTO for their recent fundraising efforts for the newly dedicated playground.
- c. Chairman Leonard reported on the recent symposium in Chicago sponsored by Pearson Evaluation Systems that he attended along with Mark Brophy, Superintendent Marshall, Dr. Deborah Brady and Sheila Muir. A letter of thanks will be sent to Pearson for their generosity.

VII. New Business

- a. World Language Trip Request - China and Paris/Barcelona - April 2011

World Language Teachers Martin Fisher and Diane Mammone reviewed the proposed field trips to China (April 14-24, 2011) and Paris/Barcelona (April 15-22, 2011).

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by John Barringer to approve the out-of-country field trips to China (April 14-24, 2011) and Paris/Barcelona (April 15-22, 2011).

A brief discussion ensued.

The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mark Brophy to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Landry, Secretary