



## QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Special Meeting

Minutes – December 10, 2009

Educational Support Center

### **PRESENT**

|                         |  |
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| Chairman Edward Leonard | Member, Hubbardston (arrived at 8:02 PM) |
| Dr. Richard Allan       | Member, Barre                            |
| Lee Wolanin             | Member, Barre                            |
| Mark Brophy             | Member, Barre                            |
| John Barringer          | Member, Oakham                           |
| Paula Bolger            | Member, Barre                            |
| Ned Kelly               | Member, Hardwick                         |
| Charles Miller          | Member, Barre (arrived at 7:40 PM)       |
| Dr. Thomas Tashjian     | Member, Oakham                           |
| Timothy Williams        | Member, Hubbardston                      |
| Mark Wigler             | Member, Hubbardston                      |
| Cheryl Wolfe            | Member, Hardwick                         |

### **ALSO PRESENT**

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| Dr. Maureen Marshall          | Superintendent of Schools           |
| Cheryl Duval                  | Director of Administrative Services |
| Mary Pat Devine               | Student Representative, QRHS        |
| Jessica Latta                 | Student Representative, QRHS        |
| Rich Jankauskis               | Select Board Member, Barre          |
| District Administrators/Staff |                                     |
| QRTA Representative           |                                     |
| Community Members             |                                     |
| Town Officials                |                                     |
| Press                         |                                     |

### **ABSENT**

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| Robert Dupuis  | Member, Hardwick      |
| Peggy Thompson | Member, New Braintree |

I. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Lee Wolanin at 7:30 PM

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by John Barringer and seconded by Dr. Allan to approve the minutes of November 12, 2009 as amended.

The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-1. Mr. Kelly abstained.

**III. Administrative Reports**

- a) Superintendent of Schools – No report was given.
- b) Director of Administrative Services –
  - 1. Presentation of Warrants: AP Warrants 10 & 11 and Payroll Warrants 14 & 15 were signed by the Warrant Subcommittee.
- c) Teachers Advisory Council – No report was given.
- d) Student Advisory Council – Mary Pat Devine and Jessica Latta presented the student representative report.

**IV. Subcommittee Reports**

- a) Administrative Review Subcommittee – No report was given.
- b) Alternative Funding Adhoc Subcommittee – Cheryl Wolfe indicated that a meeting will be held in January (date to be determined).
- c) Audit/Central Office Subcommittee – No report was given.
- d) Policy, Review and Reform Subcommittee - Dr. Allan provided a summary of the 12/07/09 meeting of the Policy Subcommittee meeting. Guidance Director Mark Pellegrino provided a brief summary of his presentation to the subcommittee on 12/7/09. Glenda Cresto provided a brief summary of her presentation to the subcommittee. The Policy Review & Reform Committee will hold its next meeting in February (date to be determined) at which time graduation requirement modifications will be discussed.

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Ned Kelly to reinstitute the valedictorian/salutatorian system.

A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Cheryl Wolf to table the motion.

The motion to table passed by a vote of 10-2. Mr. Wigler and Mr. Williams abstained.

- e) Barre Building Subcommittee – No report was given.
- f) Budget Subcommittee  
Mark Brophy provided a summary of the 11/23/09 Budget Subcommittee meeting.

A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Ned Kelly to adopt an FY10 budget in the amount of \$30,830,425, which includes projected revenue sources of \$16,979,189 in Chapter 70 aid, \$489,973 in Chapter 71 Regional Transportation Reimbursement, and \$23,737 in Charter School Reimbursement. In addition, \$1,037,828 in district revenue and/or reserves will be used to offset member town assessments,

including \$822,057 from Excess & Deficiency (E&D) and \$215,771 in fees and miscellaneous revenue sources.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Cheryl Wolfe to transfer \$71,631 from Regular Education Instructional Support, and \$150,500 from Special Education Tuition. Transfer \$197,131 to Special Education Instructional Support, and \$25,000 to Special Education Transportation, as supported by the Request for Budget Transfer report dated 11-23-09.

The motion passed 10-0-2. Mrs. Bolger and Mr. Barringer abstained.

Cheryl Duval briefly reviewed the financial software upgrade proposal.

A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded Ned Kelly to approve the financial software upgrade.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Brophy updated the committee on the 9c cuts. The district expects to lose an additional \$162,000 in Chapter 71 regional transportation. He reviewed the 6 options presented to the subcommittee by the administration for addressing this revenue loss.

- Option 1: Return to town meeting for additional funding (requires 2/3 vote)
- Option 2: Use District Reserve to offset loss of state revenue
- Option 3: Cut the operational budget to amount of revenue loss
- Option 4: Go back to negotiating table
- Option 5: Hiring freeze/furloughs/layoff
- Option 6: Do nothing – Proceed with unbalanced budget

The subcommittee recommends the committee approve Option 6, “watchful waiting” with monthly updates from the administration.

A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Dr. Allan to proceed with status quo (“watchfully wait”) with monthly updates on revenue.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Brophy reviewed the discussion by the subcommittee relative to the financial reporting models used by the district (Appropriation Control Report). The consensus of the subcommittee was to continue with what we are doing and generate the appropriate reports.

Mr. Brophy reviewed the proposed FY11 Budget Timeline:

Budget Proposals to Central Office  
Review by Budget Subcommittee

December 23  
February 4

Tentative Budget Adopted  
Public Hearing  
Presentation to Towns  
Updated Budget Adopted  
Assessments to Towns

February 11  
February 25 7:00 PM  
March 1-12  
No later than March 25  
No later than April 1 \*

\*Note: MGL April 30, RA April 1

It was the consensus of the subcommittee to accept the recommended timeline.

A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Dr. Allan to support the proposed timeline and recommendation by subcommittee to continue with the reporting models used by the district.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent reviewed the request by the Citizen's Audit Committee and the action taken by the administration to respond.

The Budget subcommittee agreed with the administration's recommendation to send all data provided to the Citizen's Audit Committee to the Finance Committee Chairs.

- g) Collective Bargaining Subcommittee – Mr. Brophy reported on the 11/18/09 meeting. The committee will discuss this item later in the agenda.
- h) Plants & Facilities Subcommittee - No report was given
- i) Special Education Subcommittee – Paula Bolger indicated that a meeting will be held in January (date to be determined).
- j) Technology Subcommittee – No report was given.

Barre Resident Sam Lipson distributed an article relative to a Harlem Charter School Program.

#### **REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Lee Wolanin to enter into executive session to discuss collective bargaining. The Committee will return to open session.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Mr. Barringer left the meeting at the conclusion of open session.

#### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting reconvened in open session at 9:11 PM

## 5) Unfinished Business

### Ratification of Contracts

- a. A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Dr. Allan to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Quabbin Regional School Committee and the Quabbin Regional Teachers Association effective July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

The vote went as follows:

Dr. Allan-yes; Mr. Wolanin-yes; Mr. Brophy-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Wigler-yes; Mrs. Wolfe-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Mr. Leonard-yes; Mr. Jankauskis-yes; Dr. Tashjian- no; Mrs. Bolger abstained.

The motion passed 10-1-1.

- b. A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Dr. Allan to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Quabbin Regional School Committee and AFSCME Council #93 Local 2885 AFL-CIO (Custodial/Maintenance) effective July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

The vote went as follows:

Dr. Allan-yes; Mr. Wolanin-yes; Mr. Brophy-yes; Mrs. Bolger-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Wigler-yes; Mrs. Wolfe-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Mr. Leonard-yes; Mr. Jankauskis-yes; Dr. Tashjian- no.

The motion passed 11-1-0.

- c. A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Dr. Allan to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Quabbin Regional School Committee and Quabbin Regional Paraprofessionals effective July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

The vote went as follows:

Dr. Allan-yes; Mr. Wolanin-yes; Mr. Brophy-yes; Mrs. Bolger-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Wigler-yes; Mrs. Wolfe-yes; Mr. Leonard-yes; Mr. Jankauskis-yes; Dr. Tashjian- no; Mr. Kelly-abstained.

The motion passed 10-1-1.

- d. A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Dr. Allan to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Quabbin Regional School Committee and the Quabbin Regional Secretarial/Office Association effective July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

The vote went as follows:

Dr. Allan-yes; Mr. Wolanin-yes; Mr. Brophy-yes; Mrs. Bolger-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Wigler-yes; Mrs. Wolfe-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Mr. Leonard-yes; Mr. Jankauskis-yes; Dr. Tashjian- no.

The motion passed 11-1-0.

- e. A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Dr. Allan to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Quabbin Regional School Committee and the Quabbin Regional Office Managers effective July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

The vote went as follows:

Dr. Allan-yes; Mr. Wolanin-yes; Mr. Brophy-yes; Mrs. Bolger-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Wigler-yes; Mrs. Wolfe-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Mr. Leonard-yes; Mr. Jankauskis-yes; Dr. Tashjian- no.

The motion passed 11-1-0.

- f. A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Dr. Allan to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Quabbin Regional School Committee and the Quabbin Regional Food Services Professionals effective July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

The vote went as follows:

Dr. Allan-yes; Mr. Wolanin-yes; Mr. Brophy-yes; Mrs. Bolger-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Wigler-yes; Dr. Tashjian- no Mrs. Wolfe-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Mr. Leonard-yes; Mr. Jankauskis-yes.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Lee Wolanin to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Landry, Secretary