



QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Committee Minutes
Thursday, February 16, 2017
Educational Support Center

PRESENT

Chair	Lee Wolanin	Member, Barre
Vice-Chair	Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
	Dr. Richard Allan	Member, Barre
	Debra Chamberlain	Member, Hubbardston
	David Deschamps	Member, Barre
	Ned Kelly	Member, Hardwick
	Jason Leclair	Member, Hubbardston
	Ada Pease	Member, Oakham
	Marcelino Sarabia	Member, Hardwick
	Geoffrey Spier	Member, Hardwick
	Peggy Thompson	Member, New Braintree
	Mark Wigler	Member, Hubbardston

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Maureen Marshall	Superintendent of Schools
Cheryl Duval	Director of Administrative Services
Sheila Muir	Assistant Superintendent
District Administrators/Staff	Kristin Campione; Gregory Devine; Cherie McComb; Sue Musnicki; Clare Barnes
Absent:	Joanna Cackett, Patricia Worthington, Julie Vincentsen
Press:	Ellie Downer, Barre Gazette & Brad Miner, T & G

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Brophy to approve the minutes of January 26, 2017 as amended. The motion passed by a vote of 11-0-1 with Dr. Allan abstaining.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a) Superintendent of Schools – No report was given on anything that is not covered later in the agenda
- b) Assistant Superintendent
 - No report was given
- c) Director of Administrative Services
 - Presentation of Warrants: Payroll Warrants 16 & 17 and AP warrants 16A, 17A & 17B were approved by the Warrant Subcommittee.
 - Director's Report – no report was given

- d) Teacher Advisory Council
 - No report was given
- e) Student Advisory Council
 - Cassie Whitelaw reported that there was a successful blood drive at the high school today, which was a Senior Capstone project. In addition, she spoke about the delay of Spirit Week due to weather and cancellations. Spirit week began this week and will continue into the week after vacation.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Administrative Review
 - No report was given.
- b) Audit
 - No report was given.
- c) Budget
 - FY18 Budget – Budget subcommittee met this evening to discuss assessments to the towns. Mrs. Duval presented a PowerPoint outlining the method that is used to calculate assessments and discussed the operating assessment as well as the operating and capital assessment. The current budget figure includes \$517,000 for capital projects. In addition, the District will request \$415,000 in capital projects for the towns to be put on their warrants for annual town meetings. For New Braintree, it is imperative that their PA & telephone system be upgraded. There is little to no way of communicating with rooms in the event of an emergency, being a perpetrator in the building or a medical emergency. The same stands true for Oakham, who also is in need of a fire panel and smoke detector replacement.
 - Motion made by Mr. Wigler and seconded by Mr. Kelly to bring to Public Hearing on March 9, 2017, the budget figure of \$33,875,941 which includes \$517,000 in capital projects. Motion passed with a vote of 11-0-1 with Mr. Spier abstaining.
- d) Central Office
 - Awaiting Collins Center final report before beginning work on Strategic Plan.
- e) Collective Bargaining
 - Due to the number of snow days, there have been no meetings to begin negotiations with the QRTA. Dates are being discussed for after February vacation.
- f) Elementary School
 - No report was given.
- g) Plant and facilities
 - No report was given
- h) Policy & Review
 - The next meeting date is in October. Discussion ensued that it would be helpful to have another session on professional development. This discussion will take place at the November meeting.
- i) Special Education
 - No report was given
- j) Task Force

- Two working sessions took place with the Collins Center in February. The purpose of these meetings were mainly to review accuracy of data and clarification of questions. The Center began to discuss specific options for closings and consolidation, but homework on the part of the district needs to be completed in regard to staffing patterns, building usage and transportation before that discussion can move forward. Once completed, the Center will look at all options and review financial and educational pros and cons. The final report from the Collins Center should be ready in mid-April for presentation to the public.

Some discussion ensued that marketing the district is an important step in moving forward. Discussion also ensued that the district and the district towns need to work together as one, including the idea of regionalizing and consolidating town services.

k) Technology

- No report was given

l) Solar/Retrofit

- The District continues to receive invoices from National Grid, even though they currently owe the District \$38,000. Our Solar City representative has been working with National Grid to rectify the situation.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

7. SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS

- Dr. Allan spoke about the annual NJROTC Inspection. CDR (ret) Jimmie L. Miller 27 year Veteran of the U.S. Navy was the inspecting officer. CDR Miller inspects 57 programs in the Northeast from Maryland to Maine, as well as Venice Italy. CDR Miller reported that the Quabbin NJROTC inspection is the best he has had. In addition, for the 12th year, the Quabbin NJROTC program received the distinction of Distinguished Unit with Honors.
- Chairman Wolanin accepted the resignation of Charles Miller, Barre member due to his relocation to Vermont. Mr. Miller was a long-time member of the QRSD School Committee and Chairman Wolanin publicly thanked him for his service to the Committee and the students of the QRSD.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Hubbardston Center School – vote to enter CAPS Collaborate rental agreement for 2017-2018
Motion made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Dr. Allan to vote to enter an agreement with the CAPS Collaborative for rental of space in the Hubbardston Center School for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion passed unanimously.
- Request for approval for MSBA Statement of Interest for New Braintree Grade School roof – Dr. Marshall explained that submission of the Statement of Interest for accelerated repair of the New Braintree Grade School roof needs to be completed on Friday, February 17, 2017 and the QRSD School Committee must vote to allow the Superintendent to submit said Statement of Interest.

Motion made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Brophy that, having convened in an open meeting on February 16, 2017, prior to the closing date, the Quabbin Regional School District School Committee, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated February 17,

2017 for the New Braintree Grade School located at 15 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, MA 01531 which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future, specifically, a new roof, checked off on the Statement of Interest Form and a brief description of the deficiency described herein for each priority:

The shingled roof on this building has surpassed its useful life and all warranties have expired. The shingles on this building have failed totally in some areas and are failing with the cracking of shingles in the areas where they are secured to the roof deck. The flashing is in bad condition. Due to water infiltration, walls, insulation and ceiling tiles have been damaged; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority or commits the Quabbin Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote: Dr. Allan – yes; Mr. Brophy – yes; Mr. Deschamps – yes; Mr. Kelly – yes; Mr. Sarabia – yes; Mr. Spier – yes; Mrs. Chamberlain – yes; Mr. Leclair – yes; Mr. Wigler – yes; Mrs. Thompson – yes; Mrs. Pease – yes; Chairman Wolanin - yes

9. REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Brophy to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica A. Bennett
School Committee Secretary