



QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Committee Minutes
Thursday, March 12, 2015
Educational Support Center

PRESENT

Chair	Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
	Dr. Richard Allan	Member, Barre
	Debra Chamberlain	Member, Hubbardston
	Steven Labarre	Member, Oakham
	Charles Miller	Member, Barre
	Richard Paula	Member, Barre
	Marcelino Sarabia	Member, Hardwick (arrived at 6:55 PM)
	Lori Siefert	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	
Press	

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Lori Siefert and seconded by Steven Labarre to approve the minutes of February 12, 2015. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0-1. Dr. Allan abstained.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a) Superintendent of Schools
 - No report was given
- b) Assistant Superintendent
 - No report was given
- c) Director of Administrative Services
 - Presentation of Warrants: Payroll Warrants 17, 18 & 19 and AP warrants 18A, 19A & 19B were approved by the Warrant Subcommittee.
 - Mrs. Duval shared a copy of the audit report for Committee's review.
- d) Teacher Advisory Council
 - Evan Barringer reported that QRMS grade 7 student, Emmeline Riendeau, won the geography bee and qualified for the state championship at Worcester Academy. The Committee congratulated Emmeline.
- e) Student Advisory Council - The student representative was not present. Principal Dewar informed the Committee that the Junior National Honor Society induction ceremony was held on March 10th. In addition, Quabbin's NJROTC held a lock in on Saturday, March 7th. Ninety-five students and 15 faculty/staff members were in attendance.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Administrative Review
 - No report was given.
- b) Audit
 - No report was given
- c) Barre Building
 - No report was given
- d) Budget
 - Mark Wigler reported that earlier this evening the Superintendent met with the 5 town select boards to discuss the 5 year budget development process. The district is currently working on a demographic study. The Public Budget Hearing will take place immediately following the conclusion of tonight's School Committee business.
- e) Central Office
 - No report was given.
- f) Collective Bargaining
 - No report was given.
- g) Plant and facilities
 - The Superintendent informed the Committee of boiler problems in Oakham & Hardwick. The district is working with the towns & insurance companies on the boiler problems
- h) Policy & Review
 - Dr. Allan discussed the meeting of March 2, 2015. Next meeting will be first Monday in October. A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Lori Siefert to place Policy GCCD Domestic Violence Leave Policy on the table for 30 day for public comment and review. The motion passed unanimously.
- i) Special Education
 - Peggy Thompson reported that the subcommittee met and discussed the current number of special education, homeschool, and ELL students currently in the district. In addition, the Stetson School was discussed.
- j) Technology
 - No report was given.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comment.

7. SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS

- Dr. Allan referenced a story in newspaper regarding recent basketball game held out in Western, MA and the good conduct of the Quabbin students. Great tribute to our students.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Request for field trip approval – the Music Department would like to travel by coach bus to NYC to attend the Broadway musical "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder" on May 16th. QRHS Art Teacher, Laura Guilbault, reviewed the specifics of the proposed field trip. A motion made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Steven Labarre to approve the Music Department field trip to NYC with the usual provisos. The motion passed unanimously.

9. PUBLIC HEARING – FY16 Budget (Began at 7:00 PM)

- The Superintendent provided a review on the budget process to-date. She reported that the Governor's budget includes significant reductions and/or elimination of kindergarten grant, regional transportation reimbursement, and the innovative school grant. She stated that the administration has met with the

five town select boards and will continue to work with the towns on the FY16 budget. Cheryl Duval reviewed the FY16 budget powerpoint.

The public hearing concluded at 8:29 PM.

10. REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mrs. Siefert. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Bennett, Executive Secretary