



QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Committee Minutes
Thursday, April 13, 2017
Educational Support Center

PRESENT

Chair	Lee Wolanin	Member, Barre
Vice-Chair	Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
	Debra Chamberlain	Member, Hubbardston
	William Hansen	Member, Hubbardston
	Ned Kelly	Member, Hardwick
	Jason Leclair	Member, Hubbardston
	David Marsh	Member, Barre
	Walter Nutter	Member, Oakham
	Peggy Thompson	Member, New Braintree
	Mark Wigler	Member, Hubbardston

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Maureen Marshall	Superintendent of Schools
Sheila Muir	Assistant Superintendent
Cheryl Duval	Director of Administrative Services
District Administrators/Staff	Kristin Campione; Julie Vincentsen; Tricia Worthington;
Absent:	Tricia Worthington, Joanna Cackett, Clare Barnes
Press:	Brad Miner, T & G
Parents/Town Officials	

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Brophy and seconded by Mrs. Thompson to approve the minutes of March 9, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a) Superintendent of Schools – No report was given on anything that is not covered later in the agenda

b) Assistant Superintendent

- Dr. Muir reported that online MCAS testing has gone very well. Students in all elementary schools were tested with the exception of RLS. They will test after vacation. The Administrators in the schools praised the Technology Team for their support during the testing days.
- Due to retirement, the District is currently searching for a Principal for HCS. There is a 9 member search committee made up of 2 parents, 1 School Committee member, 2 teachers, 1 intervention specialist, RLS and MS Principals, Nancy Landry, and Sheila Muir. Out of 31 applicants, 9 were granted interviews and 4 finalists were chosen. Walk-throughs of HCS began on Wednesday, April 12th. After the walk-through, the candidate discusses what they have observed in the classroom and their understanding of the curriculum being presented. Final interviews are currently being scheduled with Dr. Marshall.

c) Director of Administrative Services

- Director's Report – Payroll Warrants 18 through 21 and AP warrants 18A, 18B, 19A, 19B, 20, & 21 were approved by the Warrant Subcommittee.

Mrs. Duval informed the Committee that she had placed Mass Budget and Policy information into the School Committee Drop Box. Mrs. Duval reported that in the House Ways & Means Budget, the District will receive an additional \$29,000 plus an additional \$58,000 in state aid. She reported that Chapter 70 funds had been raised from \$20/pupil to \$30/pupil. She also reported that there is no additional funding for the Quality Full Day Kindergarten Grant.

Dr. Marshall reported that the Superintendent's Association is working with Senator Gobi to try to increase regional transportation figures.

Assessments are due to the towns on Friday, April 28th, therefore a budget vote will need to be taken at the next School Committee meeting on April 27, 2017.

Also discussed was the condition of the track at the Middle/High School. Facilities met with a representative from a company who does resurfacing of tracks. The surface of the track is permeable; water seeps in, runs out, or can't escape. It then heats up and creates a bubble. The company will come in, scrape off the top, pour 1" of asphalt, resurface and reline for a ballpark figure of \$150,000 to \$200,000. This cost would include disposal of the track material which is hazardous material. The revolving account would have sufficient funds to repair the track. This project would obviously have to go to bid.

Mrs. Duval also reminded the Committee that the District needs to create an OPEB account and begin to put funds into that account. She waiting for information from another district on how they went about setting up this fund.

d) Teacher Advisory Council

- No report was given

e) Student Advisory Council

- No report was given

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Administrative Review

- No report was given.

b) Audit

- No report was given.

c) Budget

- No report was given.

d) Central Office

- No report was given. Subcommittee would like to work with the Chair, Superintendent, and committee members to come up with a plan to reach out to area districts and towns to work on shared services. The Chair & Vice Chair could attend School Committee meetings in other districts and towns to discuss such proposals. Suggestion of a meeting with the Department of Education to gather information to bring to other district. Possibly propose a tuition in program and find ways to entice other towns to come to Quabbin in a joint venture.

e) Collective Bargaining

- Negotiations have begun with QRTA, and a follow-up meeting is planned for April 24th. Negotiations have also begun with the custodians with a follow-up meeting on May 3rd. An initial meeting with the paraprofessionals is planned for May 17th.

f) Elementary School

- No report was given.

- g) Plant and facilities
 - Subcommittee met and discussed Capital Plan changes. Brick and cement repair on the MS/HS was discussed and will need to plan for future repair. Discussed making reductions in the Capital Plan.
- h) Policy & Review
 - No report was given.
- i) Special Education
 - No report was given.
- j) Task Force
 - Collins Center will be presenting their full report and options on April 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
- k) Technology
 - No report was given.
- l) Solar/Retrofit
 - No report was given.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

7. SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS

- None

8. NEW BUSINESS

- RLS Grade 4 Wax Museum Presentation – Fourth grade teachers Jessica Berner and Carolyn Foley worked together for a cross-curricular project. Students chose a person to do a project on and presented in a “wax museum”. Guests would place a quarter in a jar, and the person would come to life. Three students presented at the School Committee meeting this evening and presented as Leonardo DaVinci, Orville Wright, and Dr. Frederick Banting.
- Approval of 2017 – 2018 School Calendar – typical calendar as over the last several years at Quabbin as well as at other school districts. QRTA reviewed three options and overwhelmingly chose this option. Motion made by Mr. Brophy and seconded by Mr. LeClair to accept calendar as presented for 2017-2018. Motion passed by a vote of 9-1-0 with Mrs. Chamberlain opposed.
- Approval of annual Senior Class Trip to High Meadow Resort, North Granby, CT in May, 2017 – Motion made by Mrs. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the out of state trip with the usual provisos. Motion passed unanimously.
- School Choice 2017 – 2018 – Openings at most grade levels
Motion made by Mr. Brophy and seconded by Mr. Kelly to make the recommendation that, in accordance with state law requiring all schools to be open for school choice, the Quabbin Regional School District accept choice students for the 2017-2018 academic year in grade levels where space is available. The administration will be cautious not to accept a number of choice students that would adversely affect District finances. Motion passed unanimously.

9. REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Brophy and seconded by Mr. Hansen to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica A. Bennett
School Committee Secretary