



**QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**School Committee Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 27, 2017**  
**Educational Support Center**

**PRESENT**

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

**ALSO PRESENT**

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:57 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- April 6, 2017 – the April 6<sup>th</sup> minutes were passed over as they were Executive Session minutes which contained unfinished business. When the items that were addressed are complete, the minutes will be approved.
- April 13, 2017 – Motion made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Nutter to approve the minutes of April 13, 2017. Motion passed by a vote of 10-0-3 with Mr. Kelly, Mr. Sarabia, and Mr. Spier 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

- Dr. Muir reported that Elecia Bray, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Hardwick Elementary School, was honored on April 21, 2017 as Teacher of the Year by the Quabbin Hills Chamber of Commerce. A letter will be sent to Ms. Bray congratulating her on this honor.

c) Director of Administrative Services

- Presentation of Warrants - Payroll Warrant 21 and AP warrant 21A were approved by the Warrant Subcommittee.
- Director's Report – none
- FY17 Budget Transfer (2/3 vote required) - Mrs. Duval explained that some special education placements had changed which gave the District \$94,336 to transfer to other accounts to make up for shortfalls within those accounts.

Motion made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Kelly to make the following transfers within the FY17 budget:

Transfer \$14,000 from Special Education Tuition to District Administration for legal settlement; Transfer \$73,483 from Special Education Tuition to Regular Education Instructional Support for 2.0 teaching positions added for class size concerns in Ruggles Lane and Hardwick after the start of school; Transfer \$5,053 from Special Education Transportation to Regular Education Transportation to transport student living more than 1.5 miles from bus stop; Transfer \$1,800 from Special Education Tuition to Food Services for anticipated bad debts at year-end.

A roll call vote was taken: Dr. Allan – yes; Mr. Marsh – yes; Mr. Brophy – yes; Mr. Deschamps – yes; Mr. Kelly – yes; Mr. Sarabia – yes; Mr. Spier – yes; Mrs. Chamberlain – yes; Mr. Hansen – yes; Mr. Leclair – yes; Mrs. Thompson – yes; Mr. Nutter – yes; Chairman Wolanin – yes. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote (weighted vote 12.95).

- FY18 Budget Vote - Mrs. Duval reported to the Committee that the District's original budget figure was \$33,875,941, however, the District was aware that this would be difficult to support at town meeting. Decision was made to support the budget by using currently certified E & D to fund projects in FY18 as well as other revenue sources

Motion made by Mr. Brophy and seconded by Mr. Kelly to adopt an FY18 budget in the amount of \$33,785,941, which is funded by \$16,525,258 in Chapter 70 Aid, and \$758,623 in district revenues and reserves to offset member town assessments, including \$217,000 from Excess & Deficiency (E&D) for capital projects as outlined in the capital plan, \$110,000 from E & D as a contingency for teaching positions due to enrollment increases not forecast and, \$100,000 from E & D in anticipation of the creation of a trust fund for the sole purpose of funding an Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Trust Fund.

Due to conflicts of interests of some members of the School Committee, the Committee will vote on the following appropriation category independently of the total budget appropriation:

Line 3510-3520 Athletics and Student Activities in the amount of \$533,560. A roll call vote was taken: A roll call vote was taken: Dr. Allan – yes; Mr. Marsh – yes; Mr. Brophy – yes; Mr. Deschamps – yes; Mr. Kelly – yes; Mr. Sarabia – yes; Mr. Spier – yes; Mrs. Chamberlain – yes; Mr. Hansen – yes; Mr. Leclair – yes; Mrs. Thompson – abstain; Mr. Nutter – yes; Chairman Wolanin – yes. The motion passed by a roll call vote (weighted vote 11.96).

The subcategories of the budget were approved by the remaining School Committee members; therefore, the conflict of interest statute allows all members to take action on the budget total of \$33,785,941.

A roll call vote was taken: Dr. Allan – yes; Mr. Marsh – yes; Mr. Brophy – yes; Mr. Deschamps – yes; Mr. Kelly – yes; Mr. Sarabia – yes; Mr. Spier – abstain; Mrs. Chamberlain – yes; Mr. Hansen – yes; Mr. Leclair – yes; Mrs. Thompson – yes; Mr. Nutter – yes; Chairman Wolanin – yes. The motion passed by a roll call vote (weighted vote 11.97).

- 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.
- e) Collective Bargaining
  - Negotiations are ongoing with all collective bargaining groups
- f) Elementary School
  - No report was given.
- g) Plant and facilities
  - No report was given.
- h) Policy & Review
  - No report was given.
- i) Special Education
  - No report was given.
- j) Task Force
  - Collins Center presented their report this evening with part two to be presented on May 10, 2017.
- k) Technology
  - No report was given.
- l) Solar/Retrofit
  - Mrs. Duval reported that, due to the lack of completion of a report by Solar City, the District is currently behind on credits for three schools.

#### **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- None

#### **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

#### **7. SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS**

- Mrs. Chamberlain inquired if we knew what was being built at Stetson. It was the belief of some members that it was for housing for employees.
- Mr. Brophy questioned whether or not we need to look at the attendance policy, as the state is now going to look at Kindergarten attendance as part of accountability for schools. Agreed to bring the attendance policy to Policy & Review Subcommittee in October.
- Dr. Allan commended the NJROTC on another terrific spaghetti supper. Dr. Allan also was pleased to see that the Fire Department was using the building and grounds for fire training.
- Mr. Spier questioned what the timeline would be before any Collins Center report proposals came to fruition. Discussion ensued that most likely, any changes couldn't take place before September of 2018.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- None

**9. REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- None

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mrs. Chamberlain to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.  
The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica A. Bennett  
School Committee Secretary