



**QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Committee Minutes
Tuesday, April 05, 2016
Educational Support Center**

PRESENT

Chair	Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
Vice-Chair	Lee Wolanin	Member, Barre
	Dr. Richard Allan	Member, Barre
	Debra Chamberlain	Member, Hubbardston
	David Deschamps	Member, Barre
	William Hansen	Member, Hubbardston
	Edward "Ned" Kelly	Member, Hardwick – arrived 6:55 p.m.
	Steven Labarre	Member, Oakham
	Jason Leclair	Member, Hubbardston
	Charles Miller	Member, Barre
	Marcelino Sarabia	Member, Hardwick
	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
Kristin Campione	Director of Student Services
District Administrators	J. Vincentsen; T. Worthington; J. Cackett; C. McComb; G. Devine
QRTA President	Evan Barringer
Press	Ellie Downer, Barre Gazette
Visitors	Joe Cunha, Rick Wine & E.P. Wine Scholarship Recipients

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the minutes of March 10, 2016. The motion passed by a vote of 11-0-1 with Mr. Wolanin abstaining.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a) Superintendent of Schools

- Dr. Marshall reported that she had been speaking with Senators Rosenberg and Gobi as well as other legislators, and there is no good news coming in the amount of funding available to the regional schools.

b) Assistant Superintendent

- Mrs. Muir reported that English MCAS was complete at the MS/HS and in full swing at the elementary schools. Question was raised as to what the test will be next year. DESE has put out an RFP for a new test – MCAS 2.0. This will contain some questions that are PARCC questions and additional questions which will address MA standards. This is a technology based test, but do not know if our technology

capacity will meet the needs of the test as we have no word on who, what, where or when testing will take place.

- c) Director of Administrative Services
 - Presentation of Warrants: Payroll Warrants 19 & 20 and AP warrants 19A & 20A were approved by the Warrant Subcommittee.
- 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
 - Director Duval presented a chart with the District's FY16 budget figure, the FY17 preliminary budget figure, based on a needs budget, and what the current assessments would be at that number. The FY17 figure of \$36,588,641 represents a \$4,438,281 (13.8%) increase over last year. Assessment information was also presented with reductions in \$500,000 increments. Dr. Marshall, Mrs. Duval, and the Committee are aware that they will not be able to go to the towns with the current preliminary budget figure. Direction from the Committee is needed as to how the District should go about reducing the budget and what figure/assessments should we bring to the towns.
Discussion ensued in regard to the increase in special education costs (\$1.5 million increase); bringing a long range plan to the towns; looking at the district as a whole community, not individual towns; garnering parental support; looking at revenue streams with tuitioned in students, combining districts, charter school within the school; closing schools/consolidation within the district
Motion made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Dr. Allan to follow direction from the School Committee and administrative recommendation to put concrete examples together of what will be lost at elementaries and MS/HS for each reduction, beginning with the \$2,000,000 reduction (assessed budget \$34,588,641 – level services budget). Motion passed unanimously.
- d) Central Office
 - No report was given
- e) Collective Bargaining
 - No report was given
- f) Elementary School
 - No report was given
- g) Plant and facilities
 - Power was knocked out to Hardwick Elementary School due to a tree falling on power lines last week in the wind. The entire PA system and clocks were knocked out, and must be replaced at this time. The town is obligated to repair/replace and this needs to be addressed quickly. The town is currently speaking with their insurance company to see if it is fitting to put a claim through.
 - Mrs. Duval reported that we are finally online with solar net metering.
- h) Policy & Review
 - No report was given.
- i) Special Education
 - No report was given
- j) Task Force
 - No report was given. Will be meeting on Wednesday, April 6, 2016.

k) Technology

- No report was given

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

7. SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS

- None

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Scholarship Presentation – Richard P. Wine, Jr., E. P. Wine, Inc.
Mr. Wine has been presenting \$1,000 scholarships for the past few years to a deserving boy and girl in the graduating class. He chooses the students based upon their academics, citizenship, athletics, and leaders in their field. This year, he chose 6 students to receive the award. The students were present at the Committee meeting and received their scholarship from Mr. Wine. The recipients are as follows: Eve Giancaterino, Jillian Schlegel, Jillian Nichols, Samantha Whitaker, Marco Gabrielli, Sydney Wine.
- Resolution calling for full funding of the Foundation Budget Review Commission’s Recommendation – MASC is pushing legislation to come up with ways to increase Chapter 70 funding, as the Foundation Budget Review Commission reports that the Governor’s Budget increases Chapter 70 by only 1.6% and does not recognize the underfunding of Special Education and employee health insurance. MASC is looking for school districts to speak to their legislators and let them know that they are looking to them to implement the recommendations of the FBRC by passing the resolution.
Motion made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Miller to support the recommendations of the FBRC by passing the Resolution Calling for the Full Funding of the Foundation Budget Review Commission’s Recommendations. Motion passed unanimously.
- School Choice 2016 – 2017 – Openings at most grade levels
Motion: 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 2016 – 2017 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 made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Kelly. Motion passed unanimously.

9. REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Wolanin to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.
The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica A. Bennett
School Committee Secretary