



QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 12, 2011
Educational Support Center

PRESENT

Chairman	Edward Leonard	Member, Hubbardston
Vice Chair	Lee Wolanin	Member, Barre
	Dr. Richard Allan	Member, Barre
	Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
	John Barringer	Member, Oakham
	Paula Bolger	Member, Barre
	Ned Kelly	Member, Hardwick
	Steven Labarre	Member, Oakham
	Charles Miller	Member, Barre
	Marcelino (Tex) Sarabia	Member, Hardwick
	Donald Stolgitis	Member, Hardwick
	Peggy Thompson	Member, New Braintree
	Mark Wigler	Member, Hubbardston
	Timothy Williams	Member, Hubbardston

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Maureen Marshall	Superintendent of Schools
Cheryl Duval	Director of Administrative Services
District Administrators/Staff	
Parents/Community Members	
Press	

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Brophy and seconded by Mr. Wolanin to approve the minutes of April 14, 2011.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a) Superintendent of Schools –
Sheila Muir, Director of Curriculum/Instruction, presented a report on academic initiatives, accomplishments and assessment opportunities for the Quabbin Regional School District.

The Superintendent informed the Committee of the completion of the technology audit. The administration will bring recommendation for new technology staffing patterns to the next meeting. She also reported that the District received a #1 rating in all QRSD schools from the MSBA in their most recent report of Massachusetts School Facilities. The Supt. commended Clare Barnes and staff for their efforts.

The Supt. commended Director Nadine Ekstrom and her staff for report of no findings in the recent Coordinated Program Mid-Cycle Review.

- b) Director of Administrative Services
 - Cheryl Duval informed the Committee that the Warrant Subcommittee signed Payroll & Accounts Payable Warrants 22. Payroll Warrant #23 and Accounts Payable Warrants 23 A & B to be presented tonight for review. She also notified the Committee that there will be new C Warrants for the construction projects.
- c) Teacher Advisory Council – Dennis Dextrateur presented the teachers advisory report.
- d) Student Advisory Council – No report was given.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Administrative Review – No report was given.
- Alternative Funding Adhoc – No report was given.
- Budget –Mark Brophy reported on the subcommittee meeting held earlier this evening. The administration reviewed revenue source scenarios and recommended the use of unencumbered FY11 revenue funds to reduce town assessments.

A motion was made by Mr. Brophy and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the FY12 Preliminary Budget in the amount of \$30,286,861, funded with \$16,073,093 in Chapter 70 aid; \$620,983 in Chapter 71 aid; \$48,208 in Charter School Reimbursement Aid; \$821,545 in district revenues and reserves to offset member town assessments; including \$502,542 from Excess & Deficiency.

A roll call vote was taken:

Dr. Allan-yes; Mrs. Bolger-yes; Mr. Brophy-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Wolanin-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Mr. Sarabia-yes; Mr. Stolgitis-yes; Mr. Wigler-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mrs. Thompson-abstained; Mr. Barringer-yes; Chairman Leonard-yes; Mr. Labarre-no.

The motion passed 14-1.

- Central Office Subcommittee – The Supt. requested the Central Office Subcommittee schedule a meeting in the immediate future to discuss the process for a principal search. More information to follow.
- Collective Bargaining –Meetings are being scheduled with collective bargaining groups.
- Plant & Facilities – The atrium roof project is progressing. The anticipated completion date is December 1, 2011.
- Policy Review/Reform – Next meeting October 3, 2011.
- Special Education –Mrs. Bolger provided an update on the May 10th meeting of the SPED Subcommittee. The Subcommittee heard a recap of the year and a look ahead to next year (staffing, placements, etc.). The Subcommittee commended Director Ekstrom and staff for positive changes that have taken place this school year.
- Technology – An update will be provided at the next meeting.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Intergovernmental Services Agreement – Request for Extension

A motion was made by Lee Wolanin and seconded by Mark Brophy to extend the Intergovernmental Services Agreement for the 2011-2012 academic year.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b) FY 12 Budget – Vote taken under Budget Subcommittee Report.

6. SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS

- a) Dr. Allan stated that he is happy the district continues to move forward.
- b) Lee Wolanin commended the Middle School for the recent Junior National Honor Society Ceremony. He inquired about department heads ability to post information to the District Website. The administration will investigate and report back.
- c) Steven Labarre requested clarification on the public comment policy.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) NJROTC Field Trips

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the NJROTC trip to US Coast Guard Station, Boston, MA on June 6-8, 2011 and NJROTC white water rafting trip to The Forks, Maine on June 24-25, 2011.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b) A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Wolanin to approve the Quabbin Regional Middle School Grade 7 trip to Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH on June 17, 2011.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Hubbardston Parent Paul Sweeney addressed the Committee regarding the interaction with school PTO's and the School Committee. A brief discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Brophy to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Landry, Executive Secretary