



QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2010

Educational Support Center

PRESENT

Chairman Edward Leonard	Member, Hubbardston
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
Charles Miller	Member, Barre
Marcelino (Tex) Sarabia	Member, Hardwick
Dr. Thomas Tashjian	Member, Oakham
Timothy Williams	Member, Hubbardston
Mark Wigler	Member, Hubbardston
Cheryl Wolfe	Member, Hardwick

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Maureen Marshall	Superintendent of Schools
Cheryl Duval	Director of Administrative Services
Ryan Paradise	Student Representative, QRHS
District Administrators/Staff	
QRTA Representative	
Town Officials	
Press	

ABSENT

Peggy Thompson	Member, New Braintree
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I. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Lee Wolanin to approve the minutes of April 8, 2010.

The motion passed by a vote of 11-0-2. Dr. Allan and Mr. Sarabia abstained.

III. Administrative Reports

- a) Superintendent of Schools – No report was given.
- b) Director of Administrative Services –
 - 1. Presentation of Warrants: AP Warrants 21 & 22 and Payroll Warrants 25 & 26 were approved by the Warrant Subcommittee.
 - 2. A motion was made by Ned Kelly and seconded by Lee Wolanin to approve the Food Service Bid for School Year 2011 contingent upon the Committee's final decision regarding privatization of cafeteria program.

The motion passed 11-0-2. Dr. Tashjian and Mr. Sarabia abstained.

- 3. A motion was made by Ned Kelly and seconded by Cheryl Wolfe to extend the deadline for the Early Retirement Incentive Program to May 28, 2010.

The motion passed unanimously.

- c) Teachers Advisory Council – No report was given.
- d) Student Advisory Council – Ryan Paradise presented the student report.

IV. Subcommittee Reports

- a) Administrative Review Subcommittee – No report was given.
- b) Alternative Funding Adhoc Subcommittee – No report was given.
- c) Barre Building Subcommittee – No report was given.
- d) Budget Subcommittee – Mark Brophy reviewed the results of the subcommittee meeting held earlier in the evening.

1. Stabilization Fund

A motion was made by Cheryl Wolfe and seconded by Lee Wolanin to restore \$282,800 of Building Technology and Classroom Instructional Technology expenses to the FY11 budget by transferring that amount from the Stabilization Fund. By increasing the revenue source, the budget increases from \$31,899,140 to \$32,181,940 with no impact on member town assessments.

A discussion ensued.

A roll call vote was taken: Dr. Allan-yes; Lee Wolanin-yes; Mark Brophy-yes; Paula Bolger-yes; Tim Williams-yes; Tex Sarabia-yes; Charles Miller-yes; Mark Wigler-yes; John Barringer-yes; Cheryl Wolfe-yes; Ned Kelly-yes; Ed Leonard-yes; Dr. Tashjian-no.

The motion passed 12-1-0.

2. Modification of Town Assessments

Mr. Brophy reviewed the Budget Subcommittees discussion relative to potentially adjust Chapter 71 payback scenarios. The Subcommittee recommended no action at this time and to remain with current 50% payback.

- e) Central Office Subcommittee – Lee Wolanin summarized the April 22nd Central Office Subcommittee. The subcommittee approved the extension of the Intergovernmental Service Agreement for shared services for one year and the expansion of the Agreement to include the Director of Curriculum and professional development opportunities. The format for evaluating the Supt. of Schools was also discussed by the Subcommittee.

A motion was made by Lee Wolanin and seconded by Dr. Allan to extend the current Intergovernmental Services Agreement for Shared Administrative Services between the North Middlesex Regional School District and the Quabbin Regional School District for one year (through June 30, 2011) and to expand the Agreement to provide for the services of the Director of Curriculum and other individuals responsible for conducting professional development activities.

The motion passed 12-1-0. Dr. Tashjian voted no.

- f) Collective Bargaining Subcommittee –Mark Brophy reported that the Collective Bargaining Subcommittee is meeting with all six of the bargaining units. Negotiations are ongoing.

The Supt. informed the Committee that Select Board Member Dennis Bergin of Oakham has been appointed as the Municipal Representative for Collective Bargaining.

- g) Plants & Facilities Subcommittee – Ned Kelly informed the Committee that a walk through of the Middle/High School Atrium Roof and Panels with Town Officials from all 5 communities took place earlier this evening. The warrant article for this project has been sent to all 5 communities for the annual town meetings.

1. A motion was made by Ned Kelly and seconded by Lee Wolanin to authorize the Chief Procurement Officer in conjunction with the Superintendent and Director of Finance to move forward with activities to enlist the services of an Owners Project Manager (OPM) to assist the District in the planning/replacement of the atrium roof and failing exterior panel systems at the Middle/High School.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. A motion was made by Ned Kelly and seconded by Dr. Allan to ensure the safety of the public, students and staff, request that the School Committee vote to authorize the administration to schedule and authorize the completion during the summer months of “interim” repairs of the atrium roof and exterior panel systems recommended by LPBA Architects as long as such repairs are deemed appropriate and necessary by the Plant & Facilities Subcommittee.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ned Kelly and seconded by Lee Wolanin that the District hereby appropriates the sum of \$4,000,000 for the purpose of paying costs of making extraordinary repairs to the District's Regional Middle/High School located at 800 South Street, Barre, Massachusetts, specifically the replacement of the cafeteria atrium skylight and metal panel system, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, said sum to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation, the District is authorized to borrow of said amount, under and pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 16(d), of the General Laws and the District Agreement, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; or the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

FURTHER VOTED: That within seven (7) days from the date on which this vote is adopted the Secretary be and hereby is instructed to notify the Board of Selectmen of each of the member towns of this District as to the amount and general purposes of the debt herein authorized, as required by Chapter 71, Section 16(d), of the General Laws, and by the District Agreement.

A roll call vote was taken: Dr. Allan-yes; Lee Wolanin-yes; Mark Brophy-yes; Paula Bolger-yes; Tim Williams-yes; Tex Sarabia-yes; Charles Miller-yes; Mark Wigler-yes; John Barringer-yes; Dr. Tashjian-yes; Cheryl Wolfe-yes; Ned Kelly-yes; Ed Leonard-yes.

The motion passed unanimously.

- h) Policy, Review and Reform Subcommittee – The Chairman has requested that the administration research and forward a recommendation to the Policy Subcommittee relative to guidelines for public comment at Committee meetings. In the interim, a two minute public comment will be added to the agenda under Unfinished Business.
- i) Special Education Subcommittee – No report was given.
- j) Technology Subcommittee – A meeting of the Technology Subcommittee will be scheduled for the week of June 21st.

5) **Unfinished Business**

- a) Public Comment – Craig Shibley addressed the regarding personnel evaluations and requested that subcommittee meeting notices be posted on the district's website.

6) **School Committee Concerns**

- a) John Barringer commented on the wonderful art work that is on display in the Central Office.
- b) Dr. Allan shared his observations after attending a conference in Washington, DC regarding teacher standards.

- c) Lee Wolanin commented on his recent experience as a chaperone on the Gr. 8 trip to Washington, DC.
- d) Tim Williams requested clarification regarding the last day of school for Oakham & Hubbardston Center School.
- e) Charles Miller informed the Committee of the recreation sports camp to be held on July 12-16.

7) **New Business**

- a) NJROTC Trip to Norfolk, VA – May 2-6, 2010 (Replacement for trip to Naval Station Great Lakes, Illinois in February).

The Chair informed the Committee that on behalf of the Committee, he approved the replacement trip to Norfolk, VA by the NJROTC.

- b) QRMS Field Trip to Washington, DC

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Lee Wolanin to approve the QRMS field trip to Washington, DC in April 2011.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Lee Wolanin to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Landry, Secretary