



**QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Committee Minutes
Wednesday, June 14, 2017
Educational Support Center**

PRESENT

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| Chair | Lee Wolanin | Member, Barre |
| Vice-Chair | Mark Brophy | Member, Barre |
| | Dr. Richard Allan | Member, Barre |
| | Debra Chamberlain | Member, Hubbardston |
| | David Deschamps | Member, Barre |
| | Ned Kelly | Member, Hardwick |
| | Jason Leclair | Member, Hubbardston |
| | David Marsh | Member, Barre |
| | Walter Nutter | Member, Oakham |
| | Marcelino Sarabia | Member, Hardwick |
| | Peggy Thompson | Member, New Braintree |
| | Mark Wigler | Member, Hubbardston |

ALSO PRESENT

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| Dr. Maureen Marshall | Superintendent of Schools |
| Sheila Muir | Assistant Superintendent |
| Cheryl Duval | Director of Administrative Services |
| Press: | Brad Miner, T & G |

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

2. Report and discussion of town concerns over FY18 Budget assessments

There was much discussion over the assessment figures that were presented to the towns and the request by Hardwick, Oakham, New Braintree & Barre to reduce said assessment figures.

Budget Subcommittee and Plant & Facilities Subcommittee met this evening to discuss ways to make reductions in the Capital Plan and to make a recommendation for a new budget figure to the full Committee.

3. FY18 Budget discussion – a 2/3 vote may be required

There was some discussion of voting on a revised budget figure without applying the reductions to specific line items. Mrs. Duval explained that the Appropriation Control Report must list out each line item that is reduced.

Motion made by Mr. Wigler and seconded by Dr. Allan to reduce the FY18 budget by \$266,884 from \$33,785,941 to \$33,519,057 with \$22,584 from line 1450 Technology; \$30,700 from line 2451 Classroom Instructional Technology; \$90,000 from OPED account; \$123,600 from Plant & Facilities.

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; Mrs. Chamberlain – yes; Mr. Leclair – yes; Mrs. Thompson – abstain; Mr. Nutter – yes; Chairman Wolanin – yes. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (weighted vote 10.98).

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 \$33,519,057.

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

Discussion then ensued in regard to options presented by the Collins Center. Dr. Allan had points that he felt were important to think about as we move forward:

- Save money (Task Force, Collins Center, Facilitator)
 - Repurpose and reconfigure school buildings in our towns

- Increase Income (School Committee & Administration)
 - Other school districts
 - Voc-Ed – Monty Tech
 - Mt. Wachusett Community College)
 - Other colleges

- Other Town Efficiencies (Town Selectmen & Finance Committees)
 - Combine departments
 - Police
 - Fire
 - Cemetery
 - Highway dept.

Chairman Wolanin then reported to the Committee that letters had been sent to 10 district towns and have received feedback from four.

4. Adjournment

Motion made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Brophy to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica A. Bennett
School Committee Secretary