



QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Committee Minutes
Thursday, June 22, 2017
Educational Support Center

PRESENT

Chair	Lee Wolanin	Member, Barre
Vice-Chair	Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
	Debra Chamberlain	Member, Hubbardston
	William Hansen	Member, Hubbardston
	Ned Kelly	Member, Hardwick
	Marcelino Sarabia	Member, Hardwick
	Geoffrey Spier	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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. The reorganization of the Committee was passed over due to the absence of 5 members.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Brophy to approve the minutes of April 27, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Sarabia and seconded by Mr. Spier to approve the minutes of June 8, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Brophy to accept the minutes of June 14, 2017

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a) Superintendent of Schools – No report was given on anything that is not covered later in the agenda
- b) Assistant Superintendent – No report was given on anything that is not covered later in the agenda
- c) Director of Administrative Services
 - Director's Report – Payroll Warrants 22 through 26 and AP warrants 22A, 23 A & B, 24 A & B, 25A & 26A were approved by the Warrant Subcommittee.
 - Motion made by Mr. Brophy and seconded by Mr. Kelly to authorize the Quabbin Regional School District Treasurer, acting under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71 § 16(g) as amended by Chapter 13, § 4 of the Acts of 1972, and with the approval of the Chairman of the District Committee to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given, for a period of less than one year, in accordance with G. L. Ch. 44§ 17.

Motion passed unanimously

- FY 17 Budget Transfer Request – was inadvertently passed over.
- School meals update – Ending the school year with \$1,800 in negative balances with \$1,300 of that total over the \$25 limit. This represents the lowest number of debts outstanding at the end of the school year.

- 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
 - Will be meeting in July to discuss Strategic Plan and Superintendent Search
- e) Collective Bargaining
 - No report was given
- 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
 - Stetson is currently at their capacity with 30 students. Special Ed and preschool programs will be moving to Ruggles. The new Assistant Principal at Ruggles will be paid for by a grant. This position is also a special ed position which will help and support the 20 classrooms at RLS. The hope is that some of the out of district placement paperwork will be handled by the new position. Concern was raised by members that the cost of this new position should go directly to children in Special Ed instead of administration. SEPAC chairs will be attending a fall School Committee meeting to introduce themselves and give information about SEPAC. The Devereux School is currently looking for 6 classrooms to rent as a satellite program with no inclusion.
- j) Task Force
 - No report was given.
- k) Technology
 - There will be a full roll out of the Parent Portal with information given at the MS orientation. Grading will now be open on the Portal. MCAS 2.0 was completed in the spring and worked well with our infrastructure. The length of the essays is a potential problem as there is not enough room in the essay box. Grades 4, 5, 6 & 7 with grade 3 option will take MCAS 2.0. Traditional MCAS will be taken at the MS level. Laptops are being used at the elementary level with students working on typing and media. The district now has 3d printers and programmable robots, as well as Google apps for work sharing. The BYOD initiative is working well for staff and students. HS MCAS is not aligned to new standards as yet.
- l) Solar/Retrofit
 - No report was given.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

7. SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS

- Mr. Hansen stated that he felt 8th grade graduation went well. However, he expressed his concern that his 8th grader brought up in that there was a class that the students felt they learned nothing and went backwards. He questioned why more is not being done to assist teachers who are not teaching in their expertise. He stated that he had spoken with a teacher who felt that their PD was punitive. Dr. Marshall stated that this was a one sided conversation and that other issues will not be addressed in public forum. Mr. Hansen feels that a motion is necessary that administration present the year's plan of PD to the committee to include time, outcomes, what to expect of students, and, at the end of the year, have a survey to see if outcomes have been met.

Discussion ensued that the professional development plan is collaborated with teachers and, through this, they develop several goals. Impact data cannot be used in evaluations with teachers.

It was discussed that, for the last four years, HS teachers have not been taken out of classes for professional development. MS teachers had 16 days where a consultant is in the building. During that time, groups were pulled out for a few hours per day.

Motion made by Mr. Hansen and seconded by Mrs. Chamberlain to have the District provide the school year's plan for professional development including duration, expected outcome and expectations for students and, at the end of the year, develop a survey to determine if outcomes have been met.

Motion passed with one abstention by Mr. Kelly.

- Mr. Wolanin commented that the HS graduation went very well and he was happy to see so many teachers and/or committee members involved.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Presentation by students on volunteer mission to Camp Sunshine – passed over
 - Presentation by students on their exchange trip to France – passed over
 - Approval of band trip to Chicago – Information was distributed for approval to attend the Percy Grainger Wind Band Festival in Chicago from April 5, 2018 through April 8, 2018 at a cost of \$1,100 to students
- Motion made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Wigler to approve the Chicago band field trip with the usual provisos.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Brophy and seconded by Mr. Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.
The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica A. Bennett
School Committee Secretary