



QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Committee Minutes
Tuesday, August 23, 2016
Educational Support Center

PRESENT

Chair	Lee Wolanin	Member, Barre
Vice-Chair	Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
	Debra Chamberlain	Member, Hubbardston (arrived 7:39 p.m.)
	David Deschamps	Member, Barre
	William Hansen	Member, Hubbardston
	Edward "Ned" Kelly	Member, Hardwick
	Jason Leclair	Member, Hubbardston
	Ada Pease	Member, Oakham
	Marcelino Sarabia	Member, Hardwick
	Geoffrey Spier	Member, Hardwick
	Peggy Thompson	Member, New Braintree
	Mark Wigler	Member, Hubbardston

ALSO PRESENT

Superintendent of Schools	Dr. Maureen Marshall (arrived 7:39 p.m.)
Assistant Superintendent	Sheila Muir
Dir. of Administrative Services	Cheryl Duval
Director of Student Services	Kristin Campione
District Administrators	G. Devine; S. Musnicki
QRTA President	Evan Barringer
Parents & Staff	
Press	Bradford Miner; Ellie Downer

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Chairman Wolanin
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A motion was made by Mr. Brophy and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the minutes of July 14, 2016 with one change from "45 minutes to 45 days"
The motion passed to approve the amended minutes by a vote of 11-0-0.
3. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**
 - a) Superintendent of Schools
 - Dr. Marshall was not present at the beginning of the meeting due to her attendance at the Hubbardston Town Meeting. She was expected to be approximately 30-40 minutes late.
 - b) Assistant Superintendent
 - No report was given
 - c) Director of Administrative Services
 - No report was given
 - d) Teacher Advisory Council

- Evan Barringer, QRTA President, reported that the QRTA is currently working with the MTA on the “Save our Public Schools – Question 2” vote. The MTA has raised approximately nine million dollars to be sure this does not pass. Mr. Deschamps reported that he had met with Jane Lynch-Gilbert who is A Legislative and Political Action Team Senate District Coordinator with the MTA/Senator Gobi. She is working on the Save Our Public Schools campaign and is encouraging school committees to pass a resolution in opposition to MA ballot question #2, which would raise the charter school cap. This will be addressed at a later meeting with literature to be obtained from Ms. Lynch-Gilbert.

e) Student Advisory Council

- Cassie Whitelaw, QRHS Senior, reported that she had met with the Regional Student Advisory Council and had been voted onto the State Student Advisory Council and travels to Malden for these meetings.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Administrative Review

- No report was given.

b) Audit

- No report was given

c) Budget

- FY17 Budget Updated – a 2/3 vote will be required

The Budget Subcommittee met on Monday, August 8, 2016 and discussed moving \$118,000 in Regional Transportation Funds back to the member towns to reduce assessments.

Motion made by Mr. Wigler and seconded by Mr. Kelly to move the Budget Subcommittee’s unanimous recommendation to follow administration’s recommendation, in accordance to Chapter 71, §16C, as amended by Chapter 233 of the Acts of 2014 and the School Committee vote of June 25, 2015, move to transfer FY16’s Regional School Transportation revenue to the special revenue fund and to reduce the FY17 budget for regular education transportation by the amount of excess funds available, \$118,847. Subsequently, the FY17 budget will be reduced from \$33,058,485 to \$32,939,638. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

- Further discussion and possible reconsideration of reinstatement of the JV Boys’ & Girls’ Soccer Program for the ’16-’17 school year

Numerous parents attended the meeting and spoke in regard to their concerns about cutting some JV sports – particularly boys and girls soccer. Discussed ensued on having MS vs. JV programs. The Committee explained that the programs that were cut were voted on by School Committee during budget discussions. It was also explained that, at this time, we have no budget until the towns that need to have voted on the new assessments. The Committee explained that numerous discussions have taken place with the Athletic Director in regard to cuts. They also explained that athletics has not been cut for the past 3 or 4 years, but, this year, the District has lost teachers at all levels. The Committee does not want to make any cuts in any areas but, bottom line is, the funding does not exist. Fundraising to support a program was discussed by parents, but the Committee believes that is not a stable way to fund programs. At this time, Administration has had numerous conversations with the Athletic Director about every sport. Currently, the District is conducting a Title IX audit to ensure we are within requirements. Dr. Marshall requested that parents/students give her 48 hours and she may have a solution after looking at numbers with resignations, unemployment, and the athletic revolving account.

d) Central Office

- No report was given

e) Collective Bargaining

- The subcommittee met three times over the summer to discuss the Food Service contract. A resolution should be forthcoming.

- 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
 - No report was given
- j) Task Force
 - A joint meeting of the Task Force and the QRSD School Committee will take place on September 8, 2016.
- k) Technology
 - No report was given
- l) Solar/Retrofit
 - No report was given

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- School Consolidation Planning – this will be reviewed at the joint meeting of the Task Force and the QRSD School Committee meeting on September 8th. Need to cognizant of the timeline required in the Regional Agreement for any consolidation/closings.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

7. SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS

- None

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of St. Aloysius School Curriculum - Superintendent Marshall and Assistant Superintendent Muir reviewed the curriculum for the St. Aloysius School in Gilbertville and recommended that the Committee approve as required.
Motion made by Mr. Sarabia and seconded by Mrs. Thompson to approve the curriculum of the St. Aloysius School.
Motion passed by a vote of 11-0-1 with Mrs. Pease abstaining.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Deschamps and seconded by Mr. Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.
The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica A. Bennett
School Committee Secretary