



QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Committee Minutes
Thursday, January 15, 2015
Educational Support Center

PRESENT

Chair	Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
Vice-Chair	Lee Wolanin	Member, Barre
	Dr. Richard Allan	Member, Barre
	Debra Chamberlain	Member, Hubbardston
	William Hansen	Member, Hubbardston
	Ned Kelly	Member, Hardwick
	Steven Labarre	Member, Oakham
	Charles Miller	Member, Barre
	Ada Pease	Member, Oakham
	Marcelino Sarabia	Member, Hardwick
	Lori Siefert	Member, Hardwick
	Peggy Thompson	Member, New Braintree
	Mark Wigler	Member, Hubbardston

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Maureen Marshall	Superintendent of Schools
Cheryl Duval	Director of Administrative Services
Sheila Muir	Assistant Superintendent
District Administrators/Staff	
Press	

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mrs. Siefert to approve the minutes of December 11, 2014. The motion passed by a vote of 11-0-2 with Mr. Hansen and Mr. Wigler abstaining.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a) Superintendent of Schools
 - Nothing to report that is not covered later in the agenda.
- b) Assistant Superintendent
 - No report was given
- c) Director of Administrative Services - Confirm numbers from Cheryl
 - Presentation of Warrants: Payroll Warrants 13, 14 & 15 and AP warrants 13A, 14A, 15A & 15B were approved by the Warrant Subcommittee.
 - Mrs. Duval reported that the District has been informed that CPI Daylighting, Inc. has brought a lawsuit against Kronenberger and Sons Restoration, Inc. Kronenberger purchased the skylights for the atrium roof from CPI for \$15,696 and have yet to receive payment for them. In preparation for the legal action, CPI requested five documents from Quabbin which were provided to them this past week. The District

contacted our OPM, Vertex, who also gave CPI requested information. Quabbin is not named in the lawsuit.

- Mrs. Duval gave a brief update on the school lunch program. - At this time, the lunch program has 36 students with negative balances greater than allowed by policy for a total of \$1,367.03. New Menu items have been added at the elementary school. In an effort to determine why participation is down at OCS, a survey was mailed to all parents. An action plan was put into place after the results of the survey were tallied. The Hardwick Elementary School staff is preparing lunches to go for the Hardwick Senior Center. Lunches are packed for pickup Monday thru Thursday for the remainder of the school year.

d) Teacher Advisory Council

- No report was given

e) Student Advisory Council

- Cooper Wolanin reported that winter sports are in full swing and all are doing well. He also reported that many of the seniors are beginning to hear back from the colleges that they have applied to. February vacation will bring the tour to Italy and in April the trip to the Netherlands and France will take place.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Administrative Review

- No report was given.

b) Audit

- The audit Subcommittee met to open bids for Audit Services. Eleven (11) requests went out and seven (7) proposals were received. Three (3) were eliminated immediately because they did not meet our requirements. One entity was slightly below our current Powers and Sullivan with a difference of approximately \$100 per year. The Committee felt that for the amount that would be saved, the District should stay with Powers and Sullivan for another block of three years.

c) Barre Building

- No report was given

d) Budget

- The Subcommittee met this evening to discuss the FY16 budget development process. Concerns that were raised included the unknown funding of Chapter 70 and Chapter 71. Going forward for the next meeting, the budget will be built upon a "most needed" basis. The next subcommittee meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

e) Central Office

- No report was given.

f) Collective Bargaining

- No report was given

g) Plant and facilities

- No report was given.

h) Policy & Review

- Policy DJE – Bidding Requirement Policy Modification was available on the website for 30 days for public comment and shall now be removed from the table.
Motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Kelly to remove Policy DJE from the table. The motion passed by a vote of 11-2-0 with Mr. Labarre and Mrs. Pease opposed.
- Motion made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Wolanin to allow remote participation in accordance with the requirements of the Attorney General's Regulations Regarding Open Meetings, updated November 11, 2011 to include CMR 29.10 – Remote Participation.
Motion made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Miller to move the question. Motion to move the question passed unanimously.
The motion to allow remote participation passed by a vote of 11-2-0 with Mr. Labarre and Mr. Sarabia opposed.

- i) Special Education
 - No report was given
- j) Technology
 - No report was given.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Tyler Wolanin, District Director for Senator Anne Gobi, introduced himself to the Committee and discussed his role in her office.

7. SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS

- Mr. Wolanin reported that Mrs. Barnes and Mr. Miller met with Brightergy which is a solar company which builds solar over parking lots and solar on roofs. This proposal would be for roof mounted solar panels on the OCS & RLS roofs as well as parking lot mounted panels in the MS/HS parking lot. In addition, these are monitored where the public can see the efficiency of the system as well as offering a curriculum for the science program. Since the towns technically own the school buildings, the district would have to work collaboratively with the towns. There would be no upfront money from the district, they would design, build, and operate the system for 20 years. This will be brought before the Central Office Subcommittee.
- Mr. Labarre spoke in regard to the holiday “policy” and suggested that the elementary schools are made aware of the requirements for the beginning of the school year.
- Discussion ensued in regard to the night supervisor for the facilities department and his responsibilities. He is monitoring the night custodial staff, dealing with breakdowns, inventory, etc. Mrs. Duval stated that Mrs. Barnes begins her day at 5:00 a.m. and cannot
- be expected to be here at night to monitor the night staff or deal with maintenance issues that arise.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Quest Souper Bowl is taking place on Saturday, January 24th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Barre Senior Center. Proceeds from the event will go to support enrichment and academic enhancement for students through grants from the Quabbin Education Foundation.

9. REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mrs. Siefert to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Bennett, Executive Secretary