



**QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**School Committee Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 12, 2015**  
**Educational Support Center**

**PRESENT**

Chair	Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
Vice-Chair	Lee Wolanin	Member, Barre
	Debra Chamberlain	Member, Hubbardston
	William Hansen	Member, Hubbardston
	Charles Miller	Member, Barre
	Ned Kelly	Member, Hardwick
	Steven Labarre	Member, Oakham
	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 7:02 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Siefert and seconded by Mr. Labarre to approve the minutes of January 15, 2015. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 11-0-0.

**3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

a) Superintendent of Schools

- Dr. Marshall reported that Budget Subcommittee members had met in an informational session with representatives from the five district towns. The member towns had met in an informal session and agreed they wanted to meet with the school district to discuss the district's goals as well as the towns' goal going forward financially. The towns feel that they would like to do some long-range planning in an effort to avoid "surprise assessments" every year. In addition to discussing long term plans, the group felt that looking at long term cost saving measures would also be ideal. Mrs. Duval reviewed a Powerpoint presentation with the group which outlined class sizes, expenses, etc. The next step will be for a representative from each town to meet with Dr. Marshall.

b) Assistant Superintendent

- No report was given

c) Director of Administrative Services

- Presentation of Warrants: Payroll Warrants 15 & 16 and AP warrants 16A & 17A were approved by the Warrant Subcommittee.

- d) Teacher Advisory Council
  - No report was given
- e) Student Advisory Council
  - Cooper Wolanin reported that winter sports are winding down with many teams in post season tournament play. Cooper also reported that most of the seniors have received college acceptances and are starting to make decisions for their future plans.

#### **4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Administrative Review
  - No report was given.
- b) Audit
  - No report was given
- c) Barre Building
  - No report was given
- d) Budget
  - The Subcommittee met Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the FY16 budget development process. The Subcommittee was in agreement that the District should present the preliminary budget, as prepared, for the Public Hearing Presentation in an effort to inform voters of the expenditure plan needed for the upcoming school year. The district currently has \$340,000 in reserves, however, if that money is used, the district will lose their bond rating. Motion made by Mr. Wigler to present the preliminary budget figure of \$35,020,353.00 at the Public Hearing Presentation to be held on Thursday, March 12, 2015. Discussion ensued. Mr. Kelly made a motion to move the question which was seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 12-0-0.
- 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
  - February meeting was cancelled due to weather. Meeting will take place on Monday, March 2, 2015.
- 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**

#### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **9. REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Bennett, Executive Secretary