



QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Committee Minutes
Thursday, February 14, 2013
Educational Support Center

PRESENT

Chair	Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
	William Hansen	Member, Hubbardston
	Ned Kelly	Member, Hardwick
	Steven Labarre	Member, Oakham
	Charles Miller	Member, Barre
	Richard Paula	Member, Barre
	Marcelino Sarabia	Member, Hardwick
	Lee Tavares	Member, Oakham
	Peggy Thompson	Member, New Braintree
	Timothy Williams	Member, Hubbardston (arrived 7:37)
	Lee Wolanin	Member, Barre

ALSO PRESENT

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Labarre to approve the minutes of January 10, 2013. The motion passed by a vote of 10-0-1 with Mrs. Thompson abstaining.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a) Superintendent of Schools

- Dr. Marshall stated that in order to comply with the letter from the MSBA on the Ruggles project, we need to have our lawyer complete a Certification of Legal Counsel. This certification must have certified copies of the district and town votes authorizing Dr. Marshall as the QRSD Official with Authority in respect to the agreement.
- Motion made by Mr. Kelly & seconded by Mr. Paula to approve the Project Funding Agreement ("Agreement") between the QRSD and the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") for the School Building and/or remodeling project under the MSBA "Accelerated Repair Program" for roof and exterior window replacements and associated work at the Ruggles Lane Elementary School in the district town of Barre ("Project"), in the form provided by the SBA;
Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote as follows: Charles Miller – Yes; Richard Paula – Yes; Lee Wolanin – Yes; Ned Kelly – Yes; Marcelino Sarabia – Yes; William Hansen – Yes; Tim Williams – Yes; Peggy Thompson – Yes; Steven Labarre – Yes; Lee Tavares – Yes; Mark Brophy – Yes.

- Motion made by Mr. Kelly & seconded by Mrs. Thompson to designate and appoint the following person as the QRSD Official with Authority with respect to the said Agreement and any amendments to it:

Dr. Maureen M. Marshall
Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer
Quabbin Regional School District
872 South Street
Barre, MA 01005
(978) 355-4668

Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote as follows: Charles Miller – Yes; Richard Paula – Yes; Lee Wolanin – Yes; Ned Kelly – Yes; Marcelino Sarabia – Yes; William Hansen – Yes; Tim Williams – Yes; Peggy Thompson – Yes; Steven Labarre – Yes; Lee Tavares – Yes; Mark Brophy – Yes.

- Motion made by Mr. Kelly & seconded by Mrs. Thompson to authorize said Maureen M. Marshall in her capacity as the Regional Official with Authority to (a) execute the Agreement and any amendments thereto on behalf of the QRSD; and to bind the QRSD to the terms and conditions thereof; and (b) to make final and binding decisions with respect thereto and to the Project.

Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote as follows: Charles Miller – Yes; Richard Paula – Yes; Lee Wolanin – Yes; Ned Kelly – Yes; Marcelino Sarabia – Yes; William Hansen – Yes; Tim Williams – Yes; Peggy Thompson – Yes; Steven Labarre – Yes; Lee Tavares – Yes; Mark Brophy – Yes.

b) Assistant Superintendent

- No report given.

c) Director of Administrative Services

- Presentation of Warrants: Payroll Warrants 15, 16 & 17 and AP warrants 18A & 19A were approved by the Warrant Subcommittee.
- Director's Report: No report given.

d) Teacher Advisory Council

- Representative Dorothy Verheyen-Cudjoe reported that the Association and its' members are working in regard to our district and the QRTA moving forward. They are working through the evaluation process and dealing with the paperwork involved. She spoke of the loss of an Oakham teacher and QRTA member Deb Stuart and the support given to each other to get through that loss.

e) Student Advisory Council

- Sophomore Steffany Halfrey reported that spirit week is currently going on with the Freshmen in first place. Twenty-nine faculty & staff members participated in the Amazing Race as well as approximately 35 students. Yearbook committee is holding a volleyball fundraiser on March 15th. The Y Initiative program has been well received and is doing great. Trimesters are being discussed with students and they are excited about the possibility of new classes.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Ad Hoc Food Services

- The Ad Hoc Food Services Subcommittee made the recommendation to the full committee to move forward with simultaneously looking for an individual for an in house program and for an RFP for an outside program. Motion made by Mr. Sarabia and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor 11-0-0.

b) Administrative Review

- No report was given.

c) Audit

- No report was given.

d) Barre Building

- No report was given.

e) Budget

- FY13 Budget update – no new updates. Have been working on balancing the FY 13 Budget.
- FY14 Budget Development Process – Budget subcommittee has met twice this week to go through the budget development process. The Budget Subcommittee recommended that that full committee vote on a preliminary budget figure of \$32,195,200.00. A motion was made by Ned Kelly and seconded by Rick Paula to vote on the preliminary budget figure of \$32,195,200.00.

A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Miller – yes; Chairman Brophy – yes; Mr. Paula – yes; Mr. Wolanin – yes; Mr. Kelly – yes; Mr. Sarabia – yes; Mr. Hansen – yes; Mrs. Thompson – yes; Mr. Labarre – yes; Mr. Tavares – yes. The motion passed by a vote of 10-0-0 (Weighted vote: 10.82 –yes).

- A motion was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Paula to approve Appropriation Category 3510-3520 (Athletics & Student Activities) in the amount of \$463,051.

A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Miller – yes; Chairman Brophy – yes; Mr. Paula – yes; Mr. Wolanin – yes; Mr. Kelly – yes; Mr. Sarabia – yes; Mr. Hansen – yes; Mrs. Thompson – abstain; Mr. Labarre – yes; Mr. Tavares – yes. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-1 (Weighted vote: 9.89 – yes; .92 abstention)

f) Central Office

- Met this evening and have made a few changes to the preliminary draft of the Regional Agreement. These changes now need to go back to our lawyer. Mr. Wolanin requested that the Committee look over the draft and, if they have any suggestions, to email Lee or Maureen. Once these steps have been followed, we will request that selectboards put an article on their annual town meeting warrant.

g) Collective Bargaining

- No report was given

h) Plant and facilities

- No report was given

i) Policy & Review

- Request to approve a change to a trimester schedule as recommended by Policy Review & Reform Subcommittee. Discussion ensued in regard to block scheduling vs. trimester scheduling. A motion was made by Peggy Thompson and seconded by Steve Labarre to approve the change to a trimester schedule. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 10-0-0.
- Request to approve changes to QRHS Academic Guide in respect to the addition of electives as recommended by Policy Review & Reform Subcommittee. Discussion ensued in favor of the addition of electives to offer more choices for students. This is the best alternative for scheduling for our students in conjunction with the trimester schedule. Motion made by Peggy Thompson and seconded by Steve Labarre to approve addition of electives to the QRHS Academic Guide. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 10-0-0.
- Request to approve “BYOD” (Bring Your Own Device) guidelines for district schools as recommended by Policy Review & Reform Subcommittee. Motion made by Peggy Thompson and seconded by Lee Wolanin to approve BYOD guidelines. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 10-0-0.

j) Special Education

- No report was given.

k) Technology

- No report was given. Mr. Williams as stepped down as Chair due to other commitments. Rick Paula has agreed to take over as Chair.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Authorization of Dr. Marshall to make final, binding decisions with respect to the Ruggles Lane Accelerated Repair Project. (See Superintendent’s Report).

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- No one addressed the Committee.

7. SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS

- Lee Wolanin and Lee Tavares both attended the Academic Awards night for first semester at the high school and enjoyed helping disburse awards.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- International Field Trip Request: Diane Mammone presented in regard to a request for a trip to China for April vacation, 2014. A motion was made by Lee Wolanin and seconded by Rick Paula to approve the trip. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 10-0-0.

- Overnight Field Trip Request: Kevin Kane sent a letter (he was working and unable to attend), requesting the annual overnight field trip by the QRHS Varsity Softball team to New Bedford High School on March 29 thru March 30, 2013. A motion was made by Peggy Thompson and seconded by Lee Wolanin to approve the softball field trip. Motion passed by a vote of 9-0-1 with Mr. Labarre abstaining.
- Overnight Field Trip Request: NJROTC has requested an overnight trip to Norwich University for Leadership Academy from March 29 through March 31, 2013. A motion was made by Tex Sarabia and seconded by Tim Williams to approve the trip. Motion passed by a vote of 9-0-1 with Mr. Labarre abstaining.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Bennett
Secretary