



QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Committee Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2013
Educational Support Center

PRESENT

Chairman	Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
Vice Chair	Lee Wolanin	Member, Barre
	Dr. Richard Allan	Member, Barre
	William Hansen	Member, Hubbardston
	Ned Kelly	Member, Hardwick
	Steven Labarre	Member, Oakham
	Charles Miller	Member, Barre
	Marcelino Sarabia	Member, Hardwick
	Lee Tavares	Member, Oakham
	Peggy Thompson	Member, New Braintree
	Mark Wigler	Member, Hubbardston
	Tim Williams	Member, Hubbardston

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Maureen Marshall	Superintendent of Schools
Cheryl Duval	Director of Administrative Services
William Burnett	Support Services Manager
District Administrators	
Faculty	
Press	

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ned Kelly and seconded by Dr. Allan to approve the minutes of March 8, 2013.

The motion passed by a vote of 11-0-1 with Mr. Wigler abstaining.

3. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

a) Superintendent of Schools-

Supt. Marshall reported that she has been working with our Attorney on the Regional Agreement which will be reported on later in the agenda.

b) Assistant Superintendent – no report was given

c) Director of Administrative Services

Presentation of Warrants: Payroll Warrants 19, 20, 21, 22 and AP warrants 21A, 21B, 22A, 23A & 24A were approved by the Warrant Subcommittee

d) Teacher Advisory Council – Faculty is working through their last quarter and getting ready for progress reports at the end of the week. Working on professional development in math and reading in the elementary schools and working on TLA in the middle and high schools. We received an MTA nomination to apply for the Innovation in Teaching grant. MTA President Toner recommended QRSD based upon our collaborative work.

The application is currently being worked on. The feeling is that we have a good chance as recipient due to our professionalism, collaborative work, and the fact that our students are placed first and foremost.

e) Student Advisory Council – No report was given

4. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) Ad Hoc Food Services – No report was given.

b) Administrative Review – No report was given

c) Audit – No report was given

d) Barre Building – One bid came back for construction which was 10% under budget. A preconstruction meeting will take place on Thursday of this week.

e) Budget – Budget Subcommittee met on April 18, 2013. Cuts were made to lower the budget to bring the total number down. The total budget number is an increase from last year of 1.37%. \$512,000 is the unencumbered amount available in E & D. Dr. Allan question how other schools are working through their cuts. Discussion ensued in regard to losses in other districts.

Motion made by Mr. Labarre and seconded by Mr. Sarabia to approve the FY14 Budget in the amount of \$31,755,822 which includes \$16,229,913 in Chapter 70 Aid, \$703,450 in Chapter 71 Aid, \$28,340 in Charter School Reimbursement Aid and \$780,603 in district revenues and reserves to offset member town assessments, including \$512,000 from Excess & Deficiency (E&D).

A roll call vote was taken: Dr. Allan – yes; Mr. Miller – yes; Chairman Brophy – yes; Mr. Wolanin – yes; Mr. Kelly – yes; Mr. Sarabia – yes; Mr. Wigler – yes; Mr. Hansen – yes; Mrs. Thompson – yes; Mr. Labarre – yes; Mr. Tavares – no. The motion passes with a weighted vote of 11.30.

Assessment letters to the towns will be mailed on Tuesday, April 30, 2013.

Discussion ensued in regard to moving forward. We need to start looking at configuration models. Possibly meet with a member from each town to form a subcommittee to come back with a configuration recommendation by early next year.

f) Central Office – Motion made by Mr. Wolanin and seconded by Dr. Allan to do a 20 year contract of 1.1 kW for Solar Net Metering credits. Motion passed by a vote of 11-0-1 with Mr. Kelly abstaining.

Discussion ensued in regard to the QRSD Regional Agreement. Statutory changes have been made, most of the changes follow what has been written into law. This will be discussed at a full committee meeting where we will invite Selectboards and committees to discuss changes.

g) Collective Bargaining – No report was given

h) Plant & Facilities – No report was given

i) Policy Review/Reform – No report was given.

j) Special Education – No report was given.

k) Technology – No report was given. Mr. Walsh has been asked for a list of upgrades in the tech department throughout the district.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a) Regional Agreement Review – Discussion ensued in regard to the draft QRSD Regional Agreement. Decision was made to discuss the Agreement at a full committee meeting with Selectboard and town committees present to discuss changes.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – No one addressed the Committee

7. **SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS**

Mr. Wolanin presented a short slide presentation of another successful 8th grade trip to Washington, D. C.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Proposed School Calendar for SY 2013 – 2014: Motion made by Mr. Wolanin and seconded by Mr. Sarabia to accept the proposed school calendar for SY 2013-14. Motion passed by a vote of 10-1-1 with Dr. Allan voting no and Mr. Kelly abstaining.
- Motion made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Wolanin to approve the field trip requests on the agenda this evening. Scott Bryant and Peter Lewis of the high school music department spoke in regard to the two field trips. Captain Brennock spoke in regard to the NJROTC field trip to the Area 4 Drill Championships on Long Island and the overnight whitewater rafting field trip. Motion passed by a vote of 11-0-1 with Mr. Kelly abstaining.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mr. Labarre and seconded by Mr. Williams to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.
Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica A. Bennett
Secretary