



**QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**School Committee Minutes**  
**Thursday, June 14, 2012**  
**Educational Support Center**

**PRESENT**

Chair	Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
Vice Chair	Lee Wolanin	Member, Barre
	William Hansen	Member, Hubbardston
	Edward (Ned) Kelly	Member, Hardwick
	Steven Labarre	Member, Oakham
	Charles Miller	Member, Barre
	Richard Paula	Member, Barre
	Marcelino (Tex) Sarabia	Member, Hardwick
	Lee Tavares	Member, Oakham
	Peggy Thompson	Member, New Braintree
	Mark Wigler	Member, Hubbardston
	Timothy Williams	Member, Hubbardston (arrived at 7:31 PM)

**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 Superintendent called the reorganization meeting to order at 7:05 PM
  - a. Nominations for Chair

Ned Kelly nominated Lee Wolanin as Chair. Mark Brophy seconded the nomination.  
Tex Sarabia nominated Mark Brophy as Chair. Steve Labarre seconded the nomination.  
No other nominations were made.  
Mr. Brophy was elected Chair by a vote of 7-4.

Mr. Brophy chaired the remainder of the meeting.

- b. Nominations for Vice Chair

Ned Kelly nominated Lee Wolanin as Vice Chair. Rick Paula seconded the nomination.  
No other nominations were made.  
Mr. Wolanin was elected Vice Chair by a vote of 10-0-1. Mr. Wolanin abstained.

- c. Appointment of Parliamentarian, Treasurer & Vice Chair

A motion was made by Lee Wolanin and seconded by Ned Kelly to appoint Maureen Marshall as parliamentarian, to appoint Ronald Christensen as Treasurer, and to appoint Kathleen Bourcier as Assistant Treasurer.

The motion passed unanimously.

The reorganizational meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Chair called the Public Hearing for the Innovation School Program to order at 7:16 PM.

Assistant Superintendent Sheila Muir reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Innovation School Plan for the Quabbin Regional School District.

A discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions regarding the proposed plan and next steps in the Innovative School Implementation Grant.

If the plan is approved, the District can submit an Innovation School Implementation Grant. This money would be used to begin the implement the International Baccalaureate Programme at the Quabbin Regional High School.

The discussion continued. Mr. Miller expressed concern regarding the cost effectiveness of the program. The Superintendent stated that to-date Race-to-the Top grant monies have been used for the training of staff for the IB program.

A motion was made by Lee Wolanin and seconded by Tex Sarabia to approve the Quabbin Regional School District Innovation School Plan.

The motion passed by a vote of 9-2. Mr. Miller and Mr. Tavares voted no.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A motion was made by Lee Wolanin and seconded by Tex Sarabia to approve the minutes of May 10, 2012.

The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-2. Mr. Hansen and Mr. Tavares abstained.

## **3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **a) Superintendent of Schools**

- Supt. Marshall commended the QRHS Class of 2012, administrators and staff members for a successful graduation ceremony.
- Chris Nosel, Coordinator of Special Projects, provided an update on the QRHS Internship Program.

### **b) Assistant Superintendent – No report was given.**

### **c) Director of Administrative Services**

- Presentation of Warrants - Payroll Warrants 23, 24 & 25 and Accounts Payable Warrants 31a, 32a, & 32B were signed by the warrant subcommittee.
- Authorization to Borrow in Anticipation of Funds FY13

A motion was made by Ned Kelly and seconded by Lee Wolanin to authorize the Quabbin Regional School District Treasurer, acting under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, § 16(g) as amended by Chapter 13, §4 of the Acts of 1972, and with the approval of the Chairman of the District Committee to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue, for the fiscal year beginning July

1, 2012 and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given, for a period of less than one year, in accordance with G.L. Ch. 44, §17.

The motion passed unanimously.

- FY12 Budget Transfer Request

A motion was made by Steven Labarre and seconded by Tex Sarabia to authorize the Director of Administrative Services to make transfers necessary to close the Fiscal Year 2012 budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

- Early Retirement Incentive Authorization

A motion was made by Richard Paula and seconded by Timothy Williams to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to offer an early retirement incentive to QRSD employees for FY12.

A discussion ensued.

The motion passed unanimously.

- d) Teacher Advisory Council – Dot Verheyens-Cudjoe welcomed the new members to the Committee. She reported that the Evaluation Team has been working hard and has successfully negotiated language in compliance with the state’s new evaluation instrument.

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

- Administrative Review – No report was given.
- Barre – No report was given.
- Budget - Mr. Brophy reported that the District waits for the outcome of the remaining town meetings. The District anticipates not having an approved budget by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Central Office – Mr. Wolanin reported on the meeting held earlier this evening. Mr. Burnett presented an update on the solar net credit agreement RFQ in the process of development. The Subcommittee is also looking at the use of facilities fee schedule and process.
- Collective Bargaining – Mr. Wolanin reported that a bargaining session with the paraprofessionals was held on June 13<sup>th</sup>. A further update will be provided in July.
- Plant & Facilities – Mr. Kelly reported that Hardwick Elementary School had a water problem (chloroform in water). Testing was conducted. The QRHS atrium roof project is close to completion.
- Policy Review/Reform – No report was given.
- Special Education – No report was given.
- Technology – Mr. Williams reported on the recent meeting of the Technology Subcommittee. I-Pad options were discussed. The Subcommittee concluded that if individual school committee members want to purchase I-Pads, they could use their stipend money. School Committee qrds.org email addresses & drop box was created. All documents would be emailed and attachments inserted in drop box. If Committee members wish to receive paper copies of documents, they must notify the School Committee Secretary.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - No action was taken.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – No public comment was made.

#### 7. **SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS**

- Mr. Miller requested the Committee amend Policy BDE – Appointment of Subcommittees to allow the Subcommittee to choose its chairperson. Mr. Brophy informed the Committee that this item has been referred to the Policy Review Subcommittee for review. No action was taken.
- Mr. Kelly thanked Mrs. Nosel for her report.
- The School Committee congratulated the QRHS Envirothon Team for their 1<sup>st</sup> place finish and requested a letter be sent to Mrs. Bottomly, Advisor.
- The Committee expressed appreciation to former Chairman Edward Leonard for his many years of dedicated service.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Approval of QRSD Innovative School Plan - This item was approved during the public hearing portion of the agenda.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Lee Wolanin and seconded by Ned Kelly to adjourn.  
The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Landry, Secretary