



QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Committee Minutes
Wednesday, July 18, 2012
Educational Support Center

PRESENT

Chair	Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
	Dr. Richard Allan	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/Townspople	
Press	

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Steven Labarre and seconded by Timothy Williams to approve the minutes of June 14, 2012. The motion passed by a vote of 11-0-1. Dr. Allan abstained.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Pursuant to MGL Ch. 71 §16b – Reconsideration of FY13 Budget

The Chair began the discussion with a review of the FY13 budget process to-date. He reiterated the District's desire to work with the five member towns and to dispel misconceptions regarding the budget.

The Superintendent reported after the last town meeting, the administration held a series of meetings to discuss possible changes to the budget for reconsideration by the Committee. She stated that in addition to several budget cuts that will be recommended this evening, the administration also intends to re-route bussing in Hardwick and Hubbardston which will result in two less buses (one full bus in Hubbardston and one mini-bus in Hardwick). The re-routing of these buses and any future bus route eliminations will result in longer routes and less frequent stops.

Director of Administrative Services Cheryl Duval presented a PowerPoint on proposed reductions to the FY13 budget. The recommended cuts include:

- Assistant Principal position at Ruggles Lane School
- Clerical position at Central Office
- Custodial position
- Teaching position at High School
- Fill open psychologist position w/ involuntary transfer of licensed staff
- Middle School Guidance position
- Occupational Therapy position (contract OT services)

Director Duval next reviewed changes in revenue sources.

- Increase Ch. 71 reimbursement to 60%
- Increase charter reimbursement based on 7/9/12 cherry sheet
- Increase use of E & D based on unexpended FY2 budget
- Eliminate athletic fees as a funding source – post to athletic revolving
- Increase athletic participation fees (Middle School from \$80 to \$120; High School from \$120 - \$210)
- Impose school choice bus fee - \$100/family
- Reduce 2 bus routes (Hubbardston & Hardwick)

The budget cuts total \$599,233. The revenue changes total \$386,770 for a total impact of cuts to assessments in the amount of \$986,053. If this reduction is approved, the FY 13 budget would total \$31,426,026.

A discussion relative to the recommended cuts ensued.

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve revised Appropriation Category 3510-3520 (Athletics & Student Activities) in the amount of \$431,829.

A roll call vote was taken:

Dr. Allan-yes; Mr. Paula-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Hansen-yes; Mr. Wigler-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mrs. Thompson-abstained; Mr. Kelly-yes; Mr. Sarabia-yes; Mr. Labarre-yes; Mr. Tavares-no; Mr. Brophy-yes.

The motion passed by a vote of 10-1-1. (Weighted vote: 10.42 - yes; .84 – no; .85 abstention)

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the FY13 budget in the amount of \$31,426,026.

A roll call vote was taken:

Dr. Allan-yes; Mr. Paula-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Hansen-yes; Mr. Wigler-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mrs. Thompson-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Mr. Sarabia-yes; Mr. Labarre-yes; Mr. Tavares-no; Mr. Brophy-yes.

The motion passed by a vote of 10-1-0. (Weighted vote: 11.33- yes; .84 – no)

- b) Introduction of New Principal – Superintendent Marshall introduced Mr. Raymond Dewar, new principal of Quabbin Regional High School. The Committee welcomed Mr. Dewar to the District.

4. REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Paula to enter into executive session to discuss collective bargaining with regard to the paraprofessionals, secretaries and negotiations with the superintendent of schools.

The Committee will return to open session.

A roll call vote was taken:

Dr. Allan-yes; Mr. Paula-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Hansen-yes; Mr. Wigler-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mrs. Thompson-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Mr. Sarabia-yes; Mr. Labarre-yes; Mr. Tavares-yes; Mr. Brophy-yes.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

The meeting returned to open session at 9:18 PM

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) Ratification of Contracts with Support Personnel

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Labarre to ratify the two year agreement with the QRSD Office Association and the QRSD Paraprofessional Association.

Mr. Williams reviewed the terms of the contracts.

QRSD Office Association – two year agreement; 0% COLA in FY13 & FY14. No language changes.

QRSD Paraprofessional Association – two year agreement: 1.5% COLA in FY13; 1% COLA IN FY14. No language changes.

A roll call vote was taken:

Dr. Allan-yes; Mr. Paula-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Hansen-yes; Mr. Wigler-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mrs. Thompson-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Mr. Sarabia-yes; Mr. Labarre-yes; Mr. Tavares-yes; Mr. Brophy-yes.

The motion passed unanimously.

b) Ratification of Contract with Superintendent of Schools

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Sarabia to approve a two-year agreement with Superintendent Maureen Marshall effective September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014.

Chairman Brophy reviewed the terms of the contract. The compensation is estimated at this time until final calculations are received from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC). The compensation estimates are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Period	# Days (Hours)	Salary
FY2013	Sept. 1, 2012 – Dec. 31, 2012	120 (960)	Not less than \$45,000, Not more than \$50,000
	Jan. 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013	60 (480)	Not less than \$22,500, Not more than \$25,000
FY2014	July 1, 2013 – Dec. 31, 2013	60 (480)	Not less than \$22,500, Not more than \$25,000
	Jan. 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014	120 (960)	Not less than \$45,000, Not more than \$50,000

A roll call vote was taken:

Dr. Allan-yes; Mr. Paula-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Hansen-yes; Mr. Wigler-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mrs. Thompson-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Mr. Sarabia-yes; Mr. Labarre-yes; Mr. Tavares-yes; Mr. Brophy-yes.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS

- Mr. Labarre requested that the Administration provide feedback to the Ad Hoc Regional Agreement Committee. The Superintendent stated that request had been forwarded to the Central Office Subcommittee. She will seek the Subcommittee's authorization to release the response from District's Counsel relative to this matter.
- Mr. Miller requested an update on the Ruggles Lane Roof Project.
- Mr. Wigler commended the QRHS Girls Track Team and Coach on their recent Division Track Team Championship.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Paula to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Landry, Secretary