



QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting
Minutes –December 09, 2010
Educational Support Center

PRESENT

Chairman Edward Leonard	Member, Hubbardston
Lee Wolanin	Member, Barre
Dr. Richard Allan	Member, Barre
Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
John Barringer	Member, Oakham
Paula Bolger	Member, Barre
Ned Kelly	Member, Hardwick
Charles Miller	Member, Barre
Tex Sarabia	Member, Hardwick
Dr. Thomas Tashjian	Member, Oakham
Peggy Thompson	Member, New Braintree
Mark Wigler	Member, Hubbardston
Cheryl Wolfe	Member, Hardwick

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Maureen Marshall	Superintendent of Schools
Cheryl Duval	Director of Administrative Services
Tova Freeman	Student Representative, QRHS
Adam Ouellette	Student Representative, QRHS
District Administrators/Staff	
Townspeople	
Press	

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

II. **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Lee Wolanin to approve the minutes of October 21, 2010.

The motion passed by a vote of 11-0-2. Dr. Allan and Mrs. Thompson abstained.

III. **Administrative Reports**

a) Superintendent of Schools

Supt. Marshall introduced Nadine Ekstrom, Director of Pupil Personnel, who provided an update on the upcoming Coordinated Program Review Mid-Cycle Review scheduled to begin in February 2011.

- b) Director of Administrative Services
 - 1. Presentation of Warrants: AP Warrants 8-12 and Payroll Warrants 9-12 were signed by the Warrant Subcommittee.
- c) Teachers Advisory Council – No report was given.
- d) Student Advisory Council – Tova Freeman and Adam Ouellette presented the student representative report and answered questions from the Committee.

IV. **Subcommittee Reports**

- Administrative Review – No report was given.
- Alternative Funding Adhoc Subcommittee – No report was given.
- Budget Subcommittee – Mark Brophy informed the Committee that a meeting of the budget subcommittee will be held in January 2011 (date to be determined.)
- Central Office Subcommittee – Lee Wolanin provided an update on the December 7th meeting of the CO Subcommittee. A group from the five towns has been reviewing the Regional Agreement and offered a number of suggestions for revisions. The Subcommittee voted to recommend that the Superintendent send a copy of the current Regional Agreement and the proposal from the town group to legal counsel for review and comment. The Subcommittee also discussed the financing of the atrium roof at this meeting. Director Duval distributed the following documents relative to the funding of the atrium roof:
 - Cash flow Projection
 - Estimated Borrowing Costs (20 Year Bond)
 - Estimated Borrowing Costs (10 Year Bond)A discussion ensued. The information is being provided for information purposes. No votes were necessary at this time.
- Policy, Review and Reform Subcommittee –Dr. Allan summarized the November 1st and December 6th Policy Subcommittee meetings. The Subcommittee has spent a great deal of time discussing technology & 21st century education. In addition, the Subcommittee has reviewed the anti-bullying policy/plan.

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Brophy to lay Policy JICFB: Bullying Prevention on the table for Committee Review.

The motion passed unanimously.

- Barre Building Subcommittee – No report was given.
- Collective Bargaining Subcommittee – No report was given.
- Plants & Facilities Subcommittee –No report was given.
- Special Education Subcommittee – No report was given.
- Technology Subcommittee – No report was given.

V. **Unfinished Business**

- a) A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mrs. Wolfe to adopt Policy IHBA: Parents' Access to Special Educational Programs/Special Needs Procedure.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b) A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Wolanin to adopt Policy JFABD: Children and Youth in Transition.

The motion passed unanimously.

- c) A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Wolanin to adopt the policies contained in Section A: Foundations and Basic Commitments.

The motion passed by a vote of 12-0-1. Mr. Miller abstained.

VI. **School Committee Concerns**

- a) Dr. Allan informed the Committee of a recent visit with a former exchange student and the successes he achieved; many of which he attributes to the education received at QRSD.
- b) Mr. Sarabia reported on his attendance at the recent JROTC Inspection and Hall of Fame ceremonies. He requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Captain and Commander.
- c) Committee Members commented on the ability of our teachers to adapt to technology changes and the use of technology to support good education.
- d) The Chair informed the Committee of the need to redraft the Public Participation at School Committee Meetings policy/procedure. The Chair will redraft the policy and bring back to the Committee in January for review.

VII. **New Business**

- a) Mr. Lipson, Barre Resident, addressed the Committee about a contest sponsored by Kohls.

X. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Sarabia and seconded by Mr. Brophy to adjourn.
The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Landry, Secretary