



**QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
School Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2011  
Educational Support Center

**PRESENT**

Chairman	Edward Leonard	Member, Hubbardston
Vice Chair	Lee Wolanin	Member, Barre
	Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
	John Barringer	Member, Oakham
	Paula Bolger	Member, Barre
	Ned Kelly	Member, Hardwick
	Steven Labarre	Member, Oakham
	Charles Miller	Member, Barre
	Marcelino (Tex) Sarabia	Member, Hardwick
	Timothy Williams	Member, Hubbardston
	Cheryl Wolfe	Member, Hardwick

**ALSO PRESENT**

Dr. Maureen Marshall	Superintendent of Schools
Cheryl Duval	Director of Administrative Services
District Administrators/Staff	
Press	

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.
2. A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by John Barringer to approve the minutes of January 20, 2011

The motion passed 10-1-0. Mr. Labarre abstained.

3. The Chair introduced Mr. Steven Labarre, newly appointed School Committee Representative from Oakham, and welcomed him to the Committee.

**4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- a) Superintendent of Schools – Items to be covered later in the agenda.
- b) Director of Administrative Services
  - Cheryl Duval informed the Committee that the Warrant Subcommittee signed Payroll & Accounts Payable Warrant 16. No warrants to be presented tonight for review.
- c) Teacher Advisory Council – No report was given.
- d) Student Advisory Council – No report was given.

**5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Administrative Review – No report was given.
- Alternative Funding Adhoc – No report was given.

- Budget –Mark Brophy summarized the results of the Budget Subcommittee meeting held earlier this evening. The Budget Subcommittee will meet on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM for a listening session with town officials. The Subcommittee anticipates voting on a budget recommendation to be presented to the full committee prior to the public hearing.
- Central Office Subcommittee –Lee Wolanin summarized the results of the meeting held earlier this evening. The Subcommittee voted to take no action on privatization at this time.
- Collective Bargaining –No report was given.
- Plant & Facilities –
  1. Ned Kelly commended the Plant & Facilities Dept. for their efforts in maintaining the facilities during this difficult winter season.
  2. B. Burnett informed the Committee that the district met with representatives from CPI, who agreed to work on stock for atrium project which will assist the District in meeting tight timeframe. The construction package will go out on February 23, 2011.
- Policy Review/Reform – Cheryl Wolfe summarized the results of the February 7<sup>th</sup> Policy Subcommittee meeting. The Subcommittee spent a great deal of time discussing managing technology to improve academic delivery & student achievement. The issue of bandwidth inadequacies and the proposed reorganization of the technology department ensued.

A motion was made by Cheryl Wolfe and seconded by Ned Kelly to lay on the table Policy Section B as written.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ned Kelly and seconded by Mark Brophy to adopt new policy, Public Participation at School Committee meetings.

The motion passed by a vote of 10-0-1. Mr. Labarre abstained.

- Special Education – Paula Bolger provided an update on the January 26<sup>th</sup> Special Education Subcommittee meeting. The SPED Administration reviewed new staffing in special education as well as restructuring that is being considered. The administration is working on grants with local community colleges and looking at way to incorporate vocational education in curriculum.
- Technology – The next meeting of the Technology Subcommittee will be held on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

## **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) Grad Night Field Trip Proposal – Principal Tencza informed the Committee that the High School has decided to forego the grad night trip to Florida this year.
- b) Transportation Bids

A motion was made by Ned Kelly and seconded by Cheryl Wolfe to approve the recommendation of the administration for the transportation bids (see attached).

The motion passed by a vote of 10-0-1. Mr. Leonard abstained.

## **7. SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS**

- a) Ned Kelly requested the High School Principal invite students attending the China trip to present at a future school committee meeting.

- b) Principal Tencza extended invitation to Committee to attend March 13<sup>th</sup> reception for NEASC visiting committee. The Chair encouraged members to attend. More information will be forwarded on dates/times.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Policy Manual: Section B – This item was voted on under Policy Subcommittee report.
- b) FY12 Budget: Approval of Working Budget – This item was passed over.
- c) Reorganization of Technology Department – The Supt. informed the Committee that she will be recommending that the reorganization of the technology department (appointment of Director of Technology & Network Administrator will be included in the budget proposal. She reviewed the need to provide teachers and staff with technology support. The administration will be working with consultants to interview candidates for Director of Technology position. Tim Williams will be invited to participate in the interview process.
- d) Sheila Muir briefly reviewed the new National Standards and how it compares to Massachusetts standards. The new national standards test will be implemented in 2014.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Landry, Executive Secretary