



QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 14, 2011
Educational Support Center

PRESENT

Chairman	Edward Leonard	Member, Hubbardston
Vice Chair	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
	Steven Labarre	Member, Oakham
	Charles Miller	Member, Barre
	Marcelino (Tex) Sarabia	Member, Hardwick
	Donald Stolgitis	Member, Hardwick
	Peggy Thompson	Member, New Braintree
	Mark Wigler	Member, Hubbardston
	Timothy Williams	Member, Hubbardston

ALSO PRESENT

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.
2. A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by John Barringer to approve the minutes of February 10, 2011 and March 10, 2011.

The motion passed by a vote of 12-0-2. Mr. Labarre and Mr. Stolgitis abstained.

3. 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 Warrants 19. Warrant 20 & 21 to be presented tonight for review.
- c) Teacher Advisory Council – Dennis Dextrateur presented the teachers advisory report.
- d) Student Advisory Council – No report was given.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Budget –Mark Brophy reported on the subcommittee meeting held earlier this evening. The administration reviewed reductions to the FY12 preliminary budget totaling \$1.3 million in reductions.

A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Ned Kelly to approve FY12 appropriation category 2100-3200 Instructional Support in the amount of \$\$12,330,158.

A roll call vote was taken:

Dr. Allan-yes; Mrs. Bolger-yes; Mr. Brophy-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Wolanin-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Mr. Sarabia-yes; Mr. Stolgitis-yes; Mr. Wigler-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mrs. Thompson-abstained; Mr. Barringer-yes; Mr. Labarre-abstained; Chairman Leonard-yes.

The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Ned Kelly to approve FY12 appropriation category 3510-3520 Athletics & Student Activities in the amount of \$511,038.

A roll call vote was taken:

Dr. Allan-yes; Mrs. Bolger-abstained; Mr. Brophy-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Wolanin-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Mr. Sarabia-yes; Mr. Stolgitis-yes; Mr. Wigler-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mrs. Thompson-yes; Mr. Barringer-abstained; Mr. Labarre-yes; Chairman Leonard-yes.

The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Tex Sarabia to approve FY12 appropriation category 2100-3200 Special Education Instructional Support in the amount of \$3,299,766.

A roll call vote was taken:

Dr. Allan-yes; Mrs. Bolger-yes; Mr. Brophy-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Wolanin-yes; Mr. Kelly-abstained; Mr. Sarabia-yes; Mr. Stolgitis-yes; Mr. Wigler-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mrs. Thompson-yes; Mr. Barringer-abstained; Mr. Labarre-abstained; Chairman Leonard-yes.

The motion passed.

A motion was made by Ned Kelly and seconded by Mark Brophy to approve the FY12 preliminary Budget in the amount of \$30,286,861, is funded with \$16,073,093 in Chapter 70 Aid; \$620,983 in Chapter 71 Aid; \$48,208 in Charter School Reimbursement Aid; \$670,545 in district revenues and reserves to offset member town assessments; including \$351,542 from Excess & Deficiency (E & D).

A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Tex Sarabia to approve FY12 appropriation category 2100-3200 Special Education Instructional Support in the amount of \$3,299,766.

A roll call vote was taken:

Dr. Allan-yes; Mrs. Bolger-yes; Mr. Brophy-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Wolanin-yes; Mr. Kelly-abstained; Mr. Sarabia-yes; Mr. Stolgitis-abstained; Mr. Wigler-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mrs. Thompson-yes; Mr. Barringer-abstained; Mr. Labarre-abstained; Chairman Leonard-yes.

The motion passed.

- Central Office Subcommittee – No report was given.
- Collective Bargaining –No report was given.
- Plant & Facilities – Ned Kelly provided an update on the atrium roof project. A pre-construction meeting was held. A construction timeframe was developed. Staging will be set up during April vacation.
- Policy Review/Reform – No report was given. Next meeting October 3, 2011.
- Special Education –Nadine Ekstrom informed the Committee that during the recent Coordinated Program Mid-Cycle Review the district received no findings in special education.
- Technology –Tim Williams provided update of March meeting. The District completed e-rate documentation for band width increase (50% reimbursement). The District will have increased band width as of July 2011. Interviews for the position of Director of Technology will be held on April 25th. The District will also be hiring a new Network Administrator due to the resignation of a staff member.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Administrative Appointments

A motion was made by Lee Wolanin and seconded by Dr. Allan to appoint Sheila A. Muir to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment; the School Committee authorizes the Superintendent to negotiate appropriate salary and working conditions.

The motion passed by a vote of 12-1-1. Mr. Sarabia voted no; Mr. Labarre abstained.

6. SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS

- a) Lee Wolanin commented on the successful Gr. 8 trip to Washington, DC.
- b) Chairman Leonard read a statement from outgoing committee member Cheryl Wolfe. Dr. Allan stated that Mrs. Wolfe is the hallmark of humanity. Mr. Barringer said Mrs. Wolfe is a special person and was a special school committee member. Chairman Leonard commended Mrs. Wolfe for the wonderful job she did while serving on the Committee. The Chair will send a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Wolfe for her many years of dedicated service to the school district.
- c) John Barringer requested permission to work on changes to the food service web page to allow the site to be more interactive. The webmaster will assist Mr. Barringer and Mr. Miller with this.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) School Choice

A motion was made by Ned Kelly and seconded by Lee Wolanin that in accordance with state law requiring all schools to be open for school choice, the Quabbin Regional School District accept choice students for the 2011-2012 academic year in grade levels where space is available. The administration will be cautious not to accept a number of choice students that would adversely affect District finances.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Landry, Executive Secretary