



QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Committee Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2012
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
	Timothy Williams	Member, Hubbardston

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Maureen Marshall	Superintendent of Schools
Cheryl Duval	Director of Administrative Services
Sheila Muir	Assistant Superintendent
Dennis Bergin	Oakham, Board of Selectmen
District Administrators/Staff	
QRSD Faculty Members	
Townspeople	
Press	

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FY13 Budget – Approval of Working Budget

The Committee continued its discussion on the FY13 preliminary budget (level service & needs) that began during the Budget Subcommittee meeting held earlier this evening.

Committee members asked questions of the administration. The administration requested the Committee approve a preliminary budget for the purpose of discussion at the public hearing scheduled for March 1st at 7:00 PM.

- a. A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Ned Kelly to approve FY13 appropriation category 2100-3200 (Instructional Support) in the amount of \$13,574,071.

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. Williams-yes; Mrs. Thompson-yes; Mr. Barringer-abstained; Mr. Labarre-no; Mr. Leonard-yes.

The motion was defeated by a weighted vote of 9.06 (Yes), 0.88 (no), 2.68 (abstained). A weighted vote of 9.33 (2/3 vote) is required for passage of the motion.

- b. A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Ned Kelly to approve FY13 appropriation category 2100-3200 Special Education Instructional Support in the amount of \$ 3,700,708.

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-abstained; Mr. Williams-yes; Mrs. Thompson-yes; Mr. Barringer-abstained; Mr. Labarre-no; Mr. Leonard-yes.

The motion passed by a weighted vote of 9.94 (yes) 0.88 (no) 1.80 (abstained).

- c. A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Ned Kelly to approve FY13 appropriation category 3510-3520 (Athletics & Student Activities).

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. Williams-yes; Mrs. Thompson-abstained; Mr. Barringer-yes; Mr. Labarre-no; Mr. Leonard-yes.

The motion passed by a weighted vote of 10.82 (yes); 0.88 (no); .92 (abstained).

- d. A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Ned Kelly to approve FY13 appropriation category 2100-3200 (Instructional Support) in the amount of \$13,574,070.

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. Williams-yes; Mrs. Thompson-yes; Mr. Barringer-abstained; Mr. Labarre-no; Mr. Leonard-yes.

The motion passed by a weighted vote of 9.98 (yes); 0.88 (no); 1.76 (abstained).

- e. A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Ned Kelly to approve a FY13 preliminary budget in the amount of \$32,965,683.

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. Williams-yes; Mrs. Thompson-yes; Mr. Barringer-yes; Mr. Labarre-no; Mr. Leonard-yes.

The motion passed by a weighted vote of 11.74 (yes); 0.88 (no).

- f. A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Ned Kelly to approve a FY13 capital project budget in the amount of \$496,000.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee requested an additional meeting be held prior to the public hearing to discuss the preliminary budget in greater detail. A special meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28th (with a postponement date of February 29th).

Mr. Williams left the meeting.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ned Kelly and seconded by Steven Labarre to approve the January 19, 2012 minutes.

The motion passed by a vote of 10-0-2. Dr. Allan and Mr. Wolanin abstained.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a) Superintendent of Schools
Supt. Marshall informed the Committee that the District is the recipient of the Innovative Schools Grant for the continued planning of the International Baccalaureate Programme. Dr. Marshall also informed the Committee that HS Principal Marilyn Tencza has resigned to accept a central office administrative position in another district. The Supt. and Asst. Supt. met with staff regarding transitioning to a new administration. A principal search will be conducted.
- b) Assistant Superintendent
Asst. Supt. Muir provided an update on the IB progress. The IB consultant recently visited the district to review the progress to date. He was very impressed by the quality and level of preparation by the District. An authorization visit will be conducted in the Fall 2012.

Mrs. Muir also provided an update on the math program being piloted in the elementary schools. She commended the teachers for their hard work. On March 19th, teachers in the pilot program will present their findings to the colleagues.

Mrs. Muir concluded her report by informing the Committee that the Commissioner of Early Childhood & Care will be visiting the District on March 16th.

- c) Director of Administrative Services
 - Presentation of Warrants: Director Duval informed the Committee that Payroll Warrants 15 & 16 and Accounts Payable Warrants 19a, 20a & 20c were reviewed and signed by the warrant subcommittee.
 - Director Duval distributed an article written by Lt. Governor Timothy Murray commending the QRHS basketball team for their recent game vs. St. Peter's which resulted in four overtimes.
- d) Teacher Advisory Council
Dot Verheyen-Cudjoe stated that the Teachers Association is pleased that negotiations have been completed. She stated that the Association intends to be more proactive to getting the word out to the community regarding the positive things that are taking place in the District.
- e) Student Advisory Council – No report was given.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Administrative Review – Mr. Wolanin provided an update on the Feb. 14th subcommittee meeting. The Subcommittee reviewed the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools conducted by the School Committee. The evaluation consisted of five educational core competencies and twenty-three subcategories. Within all categories, the Committee rated the Supt. as meeting or exceeding expectations. In fifty percent of the categories, the Superintendent was rated as exceeding expectations. Overall, the evaluation was outstanding.
- Audit - No report was given.
- Budget – The next meeting will be held on February 28, 2012.
- Central Office – Mr. Wolanin summarized the subcommittee meeting held earlier this evening. The Subcommittee discussed the transitional areas of Interim Special Education Director, High School Principal and Superintendent of Schools.

The Superintendent informed the Committee that North Middlesex Regional has extended her contract to August 30, 2012. The North Middlesex School Committee has expressed a desire to continue the shared services agreement until August 30, 2012. The Supt. intends to retire effective August 31, 2012.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Lee Wolanin and seconded by Ned Kelly to continue the shared services agreement between Quabbin and North Middlesex through August 30, 2012.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair informed the Committee that Supt. Marshall has indicated that she is willing to continue to work for the Quabbin Regional School District within the limitations of the retirement statute for at least the 2012-13 school year as it transitions to a new superintendent.

A motion was made by Lee Wolanin and seconded by Ned Kelly to authorize the Chair to negotiate an agreement with Superintendent Marshall for at least one full year (2012-13).

The motion passed unanimously.

- Collective Bargaining – An executive session will be held later this evening to discuss negotiations with teachers, food service, secretaries and custodians.
- Plant & Facilities – Mr. Kelly stated that the atrium roof project is down to punch list items. The entrances are open and progress continues.
- Policy Review/Reform – Dr. Allan provided an update on the Policy Review & Reform meeting of February 6, 2012. He stated that several sections of the policy manual have been approved, but 5 sections still must be reviewed. The Subcommittee authorized Dr. Allan and Supt. Marshall to review policies and forward recommendation to the full committee for adoption of the remaining policy sections.

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Brophy to approve the recommended changes to the QRHS 2012-13 Program of Studies.

A brief discussion ensued.

The motion passed by a vote of 11-1. Mr. Sarabia voted no.

- Special Education – A special education subcommittee will be held prior to the next school committee to discuss special education staffing.
- Technology – No report was given.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – No one addressed the Committee.

8. **SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS** –Mr. Wolanin congratulated the QRHS boys & girls basketball teams and coaches for their recent game vs. St. Peter's. Mr. Wolanin also congratulated the QRHS wrestling team for their very successful season.

9. **REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Wolanin to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining with the secretaries, custodians, food service and teachers. The Committee will return to Open Session.

The Chair indicated the Mr. Barringer and Mrs. Bolger may attend the executive session.

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; Mrs. Thompson-yes; Mr. Barringer-yes; Mr. Labarre-yes; Mr. Leonard-yes.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM

The Committee returned to open session at 9:50 PM

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreements (Secretaries, Custodians, Cafeteria, Teachers)

- a. A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Lee Wolanin to ratify the contract with custodians as presented.

The motion passed unanimously. The vote went as follows: Dr. Allan-yes; Mrs. Bolger-yes; Mr. Brophy-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Wolanin-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Mr. Sarabia-yes; Mr. Stolgitis-yes; Mrs. Thompson-yes; Mr. Barringer-yes; Mr. Labarre-yes; Mr. Leonard-yes; Mr. Bergin (Municipal Rep)-yes.

- b. A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Lee Wolanin to ratify the contract with secretaries as presented.

The motion passed 12-1. The vote went as follows: Dr. Allan-yes; Mrs. Bolger-yes; Mr. Brophy-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Wolanin-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Mr. Sarabia-yes; Mr. Stolgitis-yes; Mrs. Thompson-yes; Mr. Barringer-yes; Mr. Labarre-yes; Mr. Leonard-yes; Mr. Bergin (Municipal Rep)-no.

- c. A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Lee Wolanin to ratify the contract with custodians as presented.

The motion passed unanimously. The vote went as follows: Dr. Allan-yes; Mrs. Bolger-yes; Mr. Brophy-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Wolanin-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Mr. Sarabia-yes; Mr. Stolgitis-yes; Mrs. Thompson-yes; Mr. Barringer-yes; Mr. Labarre-yes; Mr. Leonard-yes; Mr. Bergin (Municipal Rep)-yes.

- d. A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Lee Wolanin to ratify the contract with teachers as presented.

Mr. Barringer and Mrs. Bolger recused themselves from the vote.

The motion passed 9-1-1. The vote went as follows: Dr. Allan-yes; Mr. Brophy-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Wolanin-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Mr. Sarabia-yes; Mr. Stolgitis-yes; Mrs. Thompson-abstained; Mr. Labarre-yes; Mr. Leonard-yes; Mr. Bergin (Municipal Rep)-no.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Tex Sarabia to adjourn.
The meeting adjourned at 9:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Landry, Secretary