



QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Committee Meeting Minutes
March 08, 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
	Steven Labarre	Member, Oakham
	Charles Miller	Member, Barre
	Donald Stogitis	Member, Hardwick
	Peggy Thompson	Member, New Braintree
	Mark Wigler	Member, Hubbardston

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Maureen Marshall	Superintendent of Schools
Sheila Muir	Assistant Superintendent
District Administrators/Staff	
Townspeople	
Press	

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by John Barringer and seconded by Steven Labarre to approve the February 16, 2012 minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a) Superintendent of Schools

Supt. Marshall requested a modification be made to the 2011-2012 school calendar. The administration requests that April 6, 2012 be changed to an early release professional day. Students PreK-12 would be dismissed at the normal "early dismissal" time. Teachers would attend a professional development workshop on the new teacher evaluation process following student dismissal. The Committee expressed no objection to the modification of the calendar.

Supt. Marshall also announced that this is Principal Marilyn Tencza's last meeting in the District as she will be leaving QRHS to accept position as Director of Curriculum/Instruction in the Leicester Public Schools. Dr. Marshall praised Principal Tencza for the work she has done at QRHS and thanked her for her contributions. Mr. Brophy, Mr. Barringer and Chairman Leonard echoed the Superintendent's praise and thanked her for her service to the students and staff of QRSD.

b) Assistant Superintendent

Asst. Supt. Muir informed the Committee that the District would be hosting students from the Sturgess Charter School on Friday, March 9th. The students will be meeting with members of the community from 1:30 – 2:30 PM and answering questions regarding their experience in the IB program. The session will be videotaped for those who cannot be in attendance.

Mrs. Muir also provided an update on the QRHS principal search. Focus groups with parents and faculty members have been held to solicit input on qualities/criteria they want in a new principal. Additional sessions will be scheduled.

- c) Director of Administrative Services
Presentation of Warrants: In the absence of the Director of Administrative Services, the Secretary reported that Payroll Warrants 17 & 18 and Accounts Payable Warrants 20a, 22a & 22c were reviewed and signed by the warrant subcommittee. (There is no AP warrant #21). Accounts Payable 24C is available for signature this evening.
- d) Teacher Advisory Council
Karen Melanson, Vice President of the QRTA, stated that the Teachers Association is committed to promoting the impact members have on the Quabbin community. She pointed out as an example that the Oakham Center School employs 50 people. Of the 50 employees; 29 live in the District and collectively have 57 children attending Quabbin schools.
- e) Student Advisory Council – No report was given.

4. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Administrative Review –No report was given
- Audit - No report was given.
- Budget – Mr. Brophy overviewed the results of the Feb. 28th meeting. At this meeting, the Administrative Team provided an update on increases/decreases to various line items. The next meeting of the Supt’s Budget Task Force will be held on March 22nd.
- Central Office – Mr. Wolanin stated that the Central Office subcommittee will be meeting within the next two weeks to discuss solar proposals. Mr. Miller distributed information on the Quabbin Solar Proposal. The Central Office Subcommittee will invite Quabbin Solar along with other groups that have approached the District regarding solar proposals.
- Collective Bargaining – No report was given.
- Plant & Facilities – Supt. Marshall reported that the District continues to wrap up the roof/panel project and is working on punch list items.
- Policy Review/Reform – Dr. Allan informed the Committee that he will be meeting with the Superintendent to review the remaining policy sections for temporary adoption.
- Special Education – Mrs. Bolger overviewed the February 28th subcommittee meeting. At this meeting the subcommittee discussed staffing and the appointment of the Director of Student Services. Kristin Campione has been serving as the Interim Director and the Superintendent has recommended the appointment of Mrs. Campione to the position of Director of Student Services. Mrs. Bolger briefly summarized Mrs. Campione’s professional/educational background.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bolger and seconded by Dr. Allan to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a contract with Kristin Campione to fill the position of Director of Students Services.

The motion passed unanimously.

- Technology – No report was given.

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

6. **SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS –**

- a) Dr. Allan stated that he had an opportunity to talk with former QRSD students who are attending an educational program that he is associated with. The students indicated that they felt well prepared as a result of the education they received while students in Quabbin.
- b) Mr. Wolanin reported on a good turnout at the QRHS Open House held earlier this evening. He also thanked Mrs. Tencza for all she has done for the students/families at the High School.
- c) Mr. Miller asked for an updated list of grants the District receives.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Landry, Secretary