



QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Committee Minutes
Thursday, May 10, 2012
Educational Support Center

PRESENT

Chair	Edward Leonard	Member, Hubbardston
Vice Chair	Lee Wolanin	Member, Barre
	Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
	John Barringer	Member, Oakham
	Ned Kelly	Member, Hardwick
	Steven Labarre	Member, Oakham
	Charles Miller	Member, Barre
	Richard Paula	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
Sheila Muir	Assistant Superintendent
District Administrators/Staff	
Town Officials	
Parents/Townspeople	
Press	

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ned Kelly and seconded by Rick Paula to approve the minutes of April 12, 2012. & April 26, 2012.

The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-3. Mr. Leonard, Mr. Labarre and Mr. Stolgitis abstained.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a) Superintendent of Schools

- Superintendent's Report - Dr. Marshall reported that the district administrators continue to meet to discuss proposals if override fails and the District must make additional cuts to the FY13 budget.
- Captain Brennock and NJROTC Cadet Kaleighna Wheeler presented a powerpoint on the JRTOTC trip to Pearl Harbor.

b) Assistant Superintendent - No report was given.

c) Director of Administrative Services

- Presentation of Warrants - Director Duval reported that Payroll Warrants 22 & 23 and Accounts Payable Warrants 28a, 28c, 29a, 30b were signed/approved by the Warrant Subcommittee

d) Teacher Advisory Council - Dot Verheyen-Cudjoe reported that the QRTA will be connecting with parent groups/PTO's and plan to hold forums in member towns to help disseminate information on the FY13 budget and its impact on students.

e) Student Advisory Council - No report was presented.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Administrative Review – No report was presented.

b) Audit - No report was presented.

c) Budget - Mr. Brophy reported that a meeting to answer questions re: FY 13 line item budget will be held on Thursday, May 17th at 6:00 PM.

d) Central Office – Mr. Burnett informed the Committee that Hampshire Council of Governance is assisting the district on the solar program RFP. He hopes to have the process completed by July 1st.

e) Collective Bargaining – No report was given.

f) Plant & Facilities – Mr. Kelly reported on the April30th subcommittee meeting. A representative from the DOER provided information on renewable energy grants and grants through the green community program. The subcommittee discussed the budget its affect on the capital projects. Mr. Kelly also reported that the atrium roof project is winding down.

The following motion was made by Ned Kelly and seconded by Lee Wolanin:

VOTED: That the Quabbin regional School District hereby appropriates the amount of thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$ 37,500) dollars for the purpose of paying costs of the feasibility study to repair the Ruggles Lane Elementary School roof/windows located at 105 Ruggles Lane, Barre, MA 01005, including all costs incidental and related thereto (the "Study") said amount to be expended under the direction of the Ruggles Lane Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the District is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 16(d), and the District Agreement, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA's") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; provided further, that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

FURTHER VOTED: That within seven (7) days from the date on which this vote is adopted the Secretary be and hereby is instructed to notify the Board of Selectmen of each of the member Towns of this District as to the amount and general purposes of the debt herein authorized, as Required by the District Agreement and by Chapter 71, Section 16(d) of the General Laws.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Paula-yes; Mr. Brophy-yes; Mr. Wolanin-yes; Mr. Sarabia-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mrs. Thompson-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Barringer-yes; Mr. Wigler-yes; Mr. Labarre-no; Mr. Stolgitis-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Mr. Leonard-yes.

The motion passed by a vote of 12-1.

Mr. Miller asked about the process for disposition of materials. Mr. Burnett stated that the disposal of capital assets must first be offered to the towns, then to citizens, then if no one replies, the item(s) can be disposed. If it is an expensive capital asset, it must be put out to bid.

- g) Policy Review/Reform – No report was given.
- h) Special Education – No report was given.
- i) Technology - Mr. Williams reported that the next Technology Subcommittee meeting will be held on Monday, May 21st at 5:00 PM

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) FY13 Budget

The Superintendent stated that as discussed in the Budget Subcommittee meeting held earlier in the evening, no decisions regarding additional cuts (if the override fails or is not put on election warrant) have been made. The administration continues to meet to discuss potential scenarios. Meetings with parent groups in all member towns will be held prior to town meetings. In addition, the administration has had discussions with area school district regarding the possibility of sharing programs (professional development programs, etc.).

The Chair reviewed the history of the budget since the regionalization of the QRSD.

A review of the override process was discussed.

Audience members (Laura Foley-Hubbardston, Katherine Triffalo-Barre, Bill Hanson-Hubbardston, Karen Chick-Hubbardston, Ed Blanchard-Hubbardston, Michael Stoddard-Hubbardston,) asked questions of the Committee.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT - Paul Rochette, Oakham Finance Committee Member, commended the Committee for their work on the budget and encouraged parents and members of the community to contact area legislators to ask them to do something about the unfunded mandates imposed on the schools and towns.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) The Superintendent requested the Committee review a Building Use Fee Policy. The Chair assigned this to the Central Office Subcommittee for further review.

9. SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS

- Mr. Miller asked about the timeline for superintendent search. The Central Office Subcommittee will discuss the process.
- Mr. Wigler commended the High School for re-establishing the recognition of valedictorian of graduating class.
- Mr. Wolanin reported on the success of the Middle School Washington, DC trip (7th year of trip).
- Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Barringer for his services on the Committee. Committee members echoed Mr. Miller's sentiment.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by John Barringer and seconded by Mark Brophy to adjourn.
The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Landry, Secretary