



QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2011

Educational Support Center

PRESENT

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
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	
QRSD Faculty Members	
Townspeople	
Press	

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

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ned Kelly and seconded by John Barringer to approve the minutes of September 8, 2011.

The motion passed unanimously.

III. Administrative Reports

a) Superintendent of Schools

- i. The Superintendent informed the Committee that the High School received the final report from NEASC Visiting Committee. A copy of the report will be released to the public on October 14, 2011. The School Committee Secretary will email a copy of the final report to all members.
- ii. The Superintendent provided a status report on the FY12 budget. Special Town Meetings in Oakham and New Braintree would be held on October 17th and October 20th to vote on the school budget.

The Supt. and Director Duval presented a response to the letter the Oakham Board of Selectmen sent to residents regarding the FY12 school budget. The response clarified facts posted in the missive.

A brief discussion ensued.

b) Director of Administrative Services

- i. Richard Sullivan, Partner for the Auditing Firm Powers & Sullivan, reviewed the FY11 audit report, financial statement and federal report. Mr. Sullivan reported that Cheryl Duval and financial team were audit ready. All reports were consistently on time and accurate. Mr. Sullivan indicated that he had no unusual items to report to the Committee. The results of audit testing were “no findings”, which is the best you can expect. In summary, Mr. Sullivan indicated that there was nothing to report to consider a deficiency and the FY11 audit was very positive and consistent with previous years.

Supt. Marshall commended Director Duval and the financial team for their stellar work.

Committee Members echoed the Superintendent’s commendation of Director Duval and the Quabbin Financial Team.

- ii. Presentation of Warrants: AP warrants 8A, 8C, 9A, and 10A and Payroll Warrants 6, 7 and 8 were approved by the Warrant Subcommittee.

- c) Teachers Advisory Council – Dennis Dextrateur reported that an art exhibit by QRHS Teacher Michelle Sarkasian will be displayed at Hanover Theatre. Open House was held on October 6th and the High School will be hosting a college application night on November 15th. On November 11th, 5 athletes and one coach will be inducted into the Quabbin Athletic Hall of Fame.

- d) Student Advisory Council –No report was given.

IV. **Subcommittee Reports**

- a) Administrative Review Subcommittee – No report was given.
- b) Alternative Funding Adhoc Subcommittee – No report was given.
- c) Barre Building Subcommittee –No report was given.
- d) Central Office Subcommittee – A Central Office Subcommittee meeting will be held on Friday, October 21st at 4:00 PM.
- e) Collective Bargaining Subcommittee –Mark Brophy reported that the Collective Bargaining Subcommittee continues to meet with collective bargaining groups.
- f) Plants & Facilities Subcommittee – The Supt. reported that steel was erected over the Columbus Day weekend. The project is slightly behind schedule due to the steel delivery but is expected to wrap up on time.
- g) Policy, Review and Reform Subcommittee – Next meeting scheduled for October 3, 2011 may be rescheduled due to a conflict with Tastefully Quabbin event.

- h) Special Education Subcommittee – Paula Bolger reported that a meeting will be scheduled within the next few weeks.
- i) Technology Subcommittee –Tim Williams reported that a meeting with the new Director of Technology was held. Mr. Walsh, Director of Technology, will attend the November School Committee meeting to present a technology report.
- j) Budget Subcommittee –This item was discussed under the Superintendent’s Report.

5) **Unfinished Business**

There were no items for action by the Committee.

6) **Public Comment**

No one addressed the Committee.

7) **School Committee Concerns**

Ned Kelly asked if the audit report will be sent to the Towns. Director Duval confirmed that copies of the full audit report will be sent to all Member Towns.

8) **New Business**

- a) Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve – Tony Ingrisano, representative from the Massachusetts ESGR Committee explained the role of the ESGR which is to advocate for service people with employers.

A motion was made by Charles Miller and seconded by Ned Kelly to authorize the signing of the Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent and Chairman Pro Tem Mark Brophy signed the Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve.

- b) Proposed Field Trip to Ghana, West Africa – Dot Verheyen-Cudjoe reviewed details of the proposed Project Ghana service learning trip to Ghana, West Africa in July 2013.

Committee members asked questions regarding the trip proposal and requested additional information on safety protocols.

The Committee requested that more information be provided at the November 10th meeting.

Ms. Verheyen-Cudjoe encouraged interested Committee Members to attend a parent information meeting to be held next week and will provide date/time of upcoming meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Steven Labarre and seconded by Tim Williams to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Landry, Secretary