



QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2011

Educational Support Center

PRESENT

Lee Wolanin	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
Sheila Muir	Assistant Superintendent
District Administrators/Staff	
QRSD Faculty Members	
Townpeople	
Press	

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

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by John Barringer and seconded by Mark Brophy to approve the minutes of October 13, 2011 and October 25, 2011.

The motion passed 11-0-1. Peggy Thompson abstained.

III. Administrative Reports

a) Superintendent of Schools

- i. The Superintendent thanked the school administrators for their work last week getting school together during the power outages. She extended special thanks to the Hardwick parents, teachers and administrators for their efforts during difficult circumstances. She thanked the town officials for keeping the district well advised of conditions.

- ii. The Superintendent commended the JROTC students for the excellent job during the recent NJROTC inspection. The JROTC students will next be marching in the Barre Veterans Day Parade.
- b) Director of Administrative Services
 - i. Cheryl Duval informed the committee that we received a draft report from Moody's. The District maintained it's a-1 rating.
 - ii. Presentation of Warrants: AP warrants 11A, 12A and 13C and Payroll Warrants 9 & 10 were approved by the Warrant Subcommittee.
- c) Teachers Advisory Council – Dennis Dextrateur reported that the Quabbin hosted the 11th annual Quabbin Cross Country Invitation. 417 runners participated. Quabbin varsity team placed 3rd. Middle School team finished in 4th place. The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be held on November 18th at 7 pm and a Financial Aid Night will be held on November 15th at 7 pm.
- d) Student Advisory Council – Student Council President Lydia Dineen was introduced to the Committee and answered questions from Committee Members.

IV. **Subcommittee Reports**

- a) Administrative Review Subcommittee – Lee Wolanin informed the Committee that the Administrative Review Subcommittee developed the new evaluation format for the Superintendent Evaluation. Committee members were asked to complete the evaluation and return to School Committee Secretary by December 8th.
- b) Alternative Funding Adhoc Subcommittee – No report was given.
- c) Barre Building Subcommittee – No report was given.
- d) Central Office Subcommittee – No report was given.
- e) Collective Bargaining Subcommittee – Mark Brophy reported that the Collective Bargaining Subcommittee continues to meet with collective bargaining groups.
- f) Plants & Facilities Subcommittee – Ned Kelly reported that the atrium roof project continues on schedule.
- g) Policy, Review and Reform Subcommittee – Mark Brophy updated the Committee on the Nov. 7th meeting. An assessment report (MCAS, AYP, SAT & AP results) was presented. The District continues to make progress. Discussion will continue at the December meeting on the IB program at the High School. The High School was named to College Board AP Honor Roll for number of students enrolled in AP courses and the students scores.
- h) Special Education Subcommittee – Paula Bolger reported on the November 7th subcommittee meeting. The Director of Student Services provided a general overview of where we are and her goal to increase parent involvement on SEPAC.
- i) Technology Subcommittee – Tim Williams reported that Mr. Walsh, Director of Technology, will attend the next School Committee meeting to present a technology report.
- j) Budget Subcommittee – Mark Brophy reported that the District is waiting for the Oakham Town Meeting scheduled for November 21st. If the budget is defeated, a joint meeting with DESE representatives, school committee, administration and town officials will be held to lay out the process for DESE fiscal take over of the District.

5) **Unfinished Business**

a) Proposed Field Trip to Ghana, West Africa, July 2013 (3 weeks) – Dot Verheyen-Cudjoe introduced Sarah McClaughlin from World Challenge, who provided a review of the World Challenge Program and the proposed 3 week expedition to West Africa in Summer 2013.

A discussion ensued. Committee members asked Ms. McClaughlin questions.

A motion was made by Mark Brophy and seconded by Tim Williams to approved the trip as presented to Ghana, West Africa in July 2013.

The motion passed 10-0-2. Tex Sarabia and Donald Stolgitis abstained.

b) Reauthorization of Music Department Field Trip

A motion was made by Tex Sarabia and seconded by John Barringer to approved the QRHS Music Department Field Trip to Disneyland (Anaheim, CA) on April 15-20, 2012.

A brief discussion ensued. Peter Lewis reviewed the itinerary for the trip.

The motion passed unanimously.

c) A motion was made by Ned Kelly and seconded by Mark Brophy to notify Office of Attorney General that the Quabbin Regional School District Website (www.qrsd.org) will serve as the official site to post school district meeting notices.

A brief discussion ensued.

The motion passed unanimously.

6) **Public Comment**

No one addressed the Committee.

7) **School Committee Concerns**

Tim Williams stated that Quabbin was well represented at the recent Model UN held at St. John's High School. He commended the students for their participation.

8) **New Business**

a) Proposed Field Trip to France, Germany and the Alps – April 12-20, 2013

Lori Montiverdi reviewed the itinerary for the proposed trip.

A motion was made by Tex Sarabia and seconded by John Barringer to approve the trip as proposed.

The motion passed unanimously.

b) Proposed Field Trip to New York City – December 2, 2011

Lori Montiverdi reviewed the itinerary for the proposed trip.

A motion was made by Ned Kelly and seconded by Peggy Thompson to approve the trip as proposed.

The motion passed unanimously.

c) QRSD Strategic Plan

The Superintendent reviewed the draft of the Strategic Plan. She requested input from the Committee. The school improvement plans and budget will be built around the strategic goals upon approval.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Landry, Secretary