



QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Committee Minutes
Thursday, September 3, 2020
Educational Support Center

This meeting was held remotely in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, Section 2 utilizing Zoom Technology.

PRESENT

Chair	Lee Wolanin	Member, Barre
Vice-Chair	Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
	Emilly Cartier	Member, Hardwick
	Debra Chamberlain	Member, Hubbardston
	Dave Deschamps	Member, Barre
	William Hansen	Member, Hubbardston
	Ned Kelly	Member, Hardwick
	David Marsh	Member, Barre
	Marcelino Sarabia	Member, Hardwick
	Peggy Thompson	Member, New Braintree
	Mark Wigler	Member, Hubbardston

Absent: Dr. Richard Allan, Barre
David Correia, Hubbardston
Walter Nutter, Oakham
Fred Jean-Francois, Oakham

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sheila Muir	Superintendent of Schools
District Administrators/Staff	Cheryl Duval; Colleen Mucha; Stacey Skerry

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Mr. Wolanin began the meeting by discussing the norms of the executive session portion of the meeting – alone in the room, all information discussed is confidential.
2. **DISCUSSION OF ATHLETIC, BUS/TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING FEES FOR FY2020-2021 (Policy DN – Collection of School Related Fees and Charges)** – Dr. Muir proposed the recommendation of putting a one year moratorium on Athletic, Bus/Transportation (SC Bus) and parking fees. The Administrative team does not feel that these fees are fair and equitable at this time due to the questionable sports season, especially for fall, with possibility of fewer games and practices. In addition, with the hybrid model of teaching, students are only on campus two days per week for parking or for taking the school choice busses. Motion made by Mr. Brophy and seconded by Mr. Marsh to place a one year moratorium on athletic, school choice bus/transportation, and student parking fees. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 10 – 0 - 1: Mr. Marsh – yes; Mr. Brophy – yes; Mr. Deschamps – yes; Chairman Wolanin – yes; Mr. Kelly – abstain; Mr. Sarabia – yes; Ms. Cartier – yes; Mrs. Chamberlain – yes; Mr. Hansen – yes; Mr. Wigler – yes; Mrs. Thompson - yes

3. REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION – To discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining. The Committee will return to open session after executive session.

Motion made by Mr. Brophy and seconded by Mr. Deschamps to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. to enter into executive session. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Committee will return to open session following executive session.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

4. VOTE FOR RATIFICATION OF QRTA MOU FOR REOPENING SCHOOL DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Motion made by Mr. Brophy and seconded by Mr. Marsh to accept the MOU of the QRTA for the QRSD reopening of schools during the COVID-19 pandemic dated July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020 is hereby amended and continued until June 30, 2021.

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 10 – 0 – 1: Mr. Marsh – yes; Mr. Brophy – yes; Mr. Deschamps – yes; Chairman Wolanin – yes; Mr. Kelly –yes; Mr. Sarabia – yes; Ms. Cartier – yes; Mrs. Chamberlain – yes; Mr. Hansen – yes; Mr. Wigler – yes; Mrs. Thompson - abstain

5. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Brophy and seconded by Mr. Marsh to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica A. Bennett
School Committee Secretary



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The executive session meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m.

Discussion ensued in regard to a one year Memorandum of Agreement between the QRTA and the QRSD for Reopening School During COVID-19 Pandemic.

Mr. Brophy reported that the focus of this agreement was on safety. Other areas covered include:

An employee who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms is seeking a diagnosis or is under a quarantine/isolation order, may request two weeks of paid leave under the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act (FFCRA) until December 31, 2020.

The District will provide all PPE for staff, including hand sanitizer. Staff members must provide their own mask, but one will be provided for them if they require it.

COVID-19 transmission reduction was discussed including unsafe student behaviors, hand sanitizing, sanitization of spaces.

Teacher year and length of day for teachers was included in the MOU.

All other provisions of the QRTA agreement are in place with the exception of the items in the MOU.

The MOU will be in effect through June, 30, 2021.

At this time, the current contract expired on June 30, 2020. The district is still in negotiations for a successive contract for 1, 2 or 3 years.

Motion made by Mr. Brophy and seconded by Mr. Marsh to adjourn the executive session meeting at 7:16 p.m. and reconvene in open session. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

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