



**QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Committee Minutes
Thursday, May 26, 2022
Educational Support Center**

PRESENT

Chair	Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
Vice-Chair	Lee Wolanin	Member, Barre
	Dr. Richard Allan	Member, Barre
	Debra Chamberlain	Member, Hubbardston
	Joanne Cormier	Member, Hubbardston
	David Deschamps	Member, Barre
	Jenna Garvey	Member, Hardwick
	Ned Kelly	Member, Hardwick
	David Marsh	Member, Barre
	Walter Nutter	Member, Oakham
	Peggy Thompson	Member, New Braintree
	Mark Wigler	Member, Hubbardston

ABSENT

	Robert Bergeron	Member, Hubbardston
	Emily Cartier	Member, Hardwick
	Fred Jean- Francois	Member, Oakham

ALSO PRESENT

	Dr. Sheila Muir	Superintendent of Schools
	Cheryl Duval	Director of Administrative Services
	District Administrators/Staff	Anne Doble; Colleen Mucha; Joe Wyman; Jill Peterson; Tricia Worthington; Andrew Walsh; Chris Carlson; Kristin Campione; Greg Devine
	Town Officials/Residents	Ellie Downer, Turley Publications; other parents/residents not recognizable on Zoom

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 28, 2022 – Motion made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the minutes of April 28, 2022. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a) Superintendent of Schools

- Superintendent's Report – Dr. Muir reported that the district is planning for end of year activities with the Class of 2022 graduation taking place next Friday, June 3rd.
- 2021-2022 School Year Update

- COVID Update – Dr. Muir reported that since our last report, there have been 69 staff members and 165 students who have tested positive for COVID-19. She also reported that for the next school year DESE will no longer be funding at home testing or pooled testing.

b) Director of Administrative Services

- Presentation of Warrants – Payroll, Biweekly 23 & 24, Weekly 44-47 and Accounts Payable 32B, 32FQ, 32PQ, 33A, 33B, 34A, 34B

c) Teacher Advisory Council – No report was given

d) Student Advisory Council – No report was given

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Administrative Review

- No report was given

b) Audit

- No report was given

c) Budget

- No report was given – budget changes will be discussed later in the agenda

d) Central Office

- No report was given

e) Collective Bargaining

- No report was given

f) Plant and facilities

- No report was given

g) Policy & Review

- Motion made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Kelly to place Policy EFA School Meal Charge Policy on the table for 30 days for public review.
Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- Motion made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Wolanin to place updates to Policy AC Nondiscrimination Policy on the table for 30 days for public review.
Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- Discussion ensued in regard to updating the entire policy manual with gender neutral wording. No vote was required.
- Dr. Allan reported to the Committee that Rebecca Siegel, a grade 11 student had made a presentation to the subcommittee in regard to allowing outside sports participation to count toward physical education requirements. This is Rebecca's IB CAS Project. It was agreed that this would be placed on the next Policy & Review/Reform Subcommittee meeting agenda in October in order to allow time to investigate liability as well as which sports would be involved, how this would be monitored, etc.

h) Special Education

- No report was given

i) Technology

- A subcommittee meeting was held prior to this evening's School Committee meeting. Included in the discussion was to review a request from a concerned citizen in regard to broadcasting School Committee meeting online. Discussion ensued in regard to how we would be able to accomplish this. Mr. Walsh reported that the Zoom meetings would be recorded and then uploaded to YouTube for the public to review. We are unable to broadcast live.
Motion made by Mr. Marsh and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve QRSD School Committee meetings be uploaded to YouTube no later than the Monday following our monthly meetings with access to the link on the QRSD website.
Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Discussion then ensued in regard to the updated camera security system. An RFP has been posted. Five bidders came out to the district for a walkthrough. Bids are due by Monday, June 6th. The District will do their own cabling to keep the costs down.

Also discussed was the concern of supply chain issues with new equipment for new students.

j) AdHoc School Configuration

- No report was given

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- FY23 Budget changes due to budget adjustments - Ms. Duval reported that the administration had worked on itemized additions and reductions which amounted to a total deduction of \$591,089.58 resulting in proposed budget #4 of \$36,441,998.00 which represents an increase of \$852,025 or 2.4% over the FY22 budget.

Motion made by Mr. Wigler and seconded by Mr. Marsh to amend the FY23 budget from \$37,033,088 to \$36,441,998 with a deduction of \$591,090 which represents a \$852,025 or 2.4% increase over the FY22 budget.

Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote: Dr. Allan – yes; Mr. Marsh – yes; Mr. Deschamps – yes; Mr. Wolanin – yes; Mr. Kelly – yes; Ms. Garvey – yes; Mrs. Chamberlain – yes; Ms. Cormier – yes; Mr. Wigler – yes; Mrs. Thompson – yes; Mr. Nutter – yes; Chairman Brophy – yes.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

7. SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS

- Dr. Allan presented a copy of the Barre Gazette which had a full page feature of Quabbin alum, including Lisa Rollins who was part of our post grad program and is now employed by the Facilities Department for the district.
- Mr. Wolanin commended our bus drivers for a job well done. He also commended them for pulling over and letting a long line of vehicles go by.
- Ms. Cormier commended our faculty, staff and administration for their hard work over the past year.
- Mrs. Thompson spoke in regard to the Girls on the Run Program which took place at Polar Park with 30 girls participating from OCS in grades 3 – 5. This was organized by Mrs. Ludwig and involved weekly practices. All the girls had a great time.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Introduction of School Resource Officer Gillespie – SRO Patrick Gillespie introduced himself to the Committee and gave a brief description of his accomplishments and what brought him to the Barre Police Department.

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9. REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica A. Bennett
School Committee Secretary