

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING

Minutes

Annual Budget Hearing

Monday, March 23, 2009

7:00 PM

Media Center

Wachusett Regional High School

Committee Members Present:

Margaret Watson, Chair
John Nunnari, Vice-chair
Thomas Ackerman
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Shirley Conrad
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber

Stacey Jackson
Mark James
Duncan Leith
Michael Pantos
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Marcie Zaharee

Committee Members Absent:

Melinda Coyle

Administration Present:

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Superintendent of Schools
John Locke, Deputy Superintendent
Darryll McCall, Director of Operations
Susan Sullivan, Director of Human Resources
Peter Brennan, Business Manager
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Student Representatives Present:

Keara Aquino
Hillary Blakeney
Greg Savageau

Others present, who desired to be recorded as present (see attached Attendance Sheet – attachment 1).

I. Call to Order

Chair Watson called the Annual Budget Hearing to order at 7:04 PM. She explained the format that will be followed: Superintendent Pandiscio will

make a presentation, after which there will be a Public Hearing, on budget-related matters only.

II. Presentation of the *Proposed FY10 Appropriation*

Chair Watson introduced Superintendent of Schools Thomas Pandiscio and turned the meeting over to him for presentation of the *Proposed FY10 Appropriation*. School Committee members and the public were provided copies of the FY10 Budget Narrative, FY10 Proposed Assessments, FY10 Proposed Appropriation (attachment 2). Superintendent Pandiscio gave a brief history of where the District has made both increases and decreases. A PowerPoint presentation was shown (attachment 3). The Superintendent's address concluded at 7:24 PM.

III. Public Hearing

Chair Watson read aloud the *Guidelines to the Public Hearing*. Chair Watson then invited members of the public to address the School Committee.

Richard Fenton, Paxton Finance Committee Chair, read a prepared statement (attachment 4).

Jack Malone, Paxton Selectboard, addressed the School Committee.

Michael Quinlivan, Paxton Selectboard, addressed the School Committee.

IV. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the Annual Budget Hearing.

(J. Sova)
(M. Pantos)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
John Nunnari
Thomas Ackerman
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Shirley Conrad
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Opposed:
None

(The motion passed unanimously)

The Annual Budget Hearing adjourned at 7:41PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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