

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Executive Session

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

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Committee Members Present:

Margaret Watson, Chair	Stacey Jackson
John Nunnari, Vice-chair	Julianne Kelley
Cynthia Bazinet	Duncan Leith
Robert Carter	Michael Pantos
Colleen Cipro	Robert Pelczarski
William Clute	Norman Plourde
Sherry Conrad	Michelle Sciabarrasi
Kristine Goodwin	Joseph Sova (7:04 PM)
Steven Hammond	Kori Stuart
Robert Imber	Dawn Torres-Gale

Committee Members Absent:

None

Administration Present:

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Superintendent of Schools
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Chair Watson called the executive session of the School Committee to order at 7:02 PM and turned the meeting over to Superintendent Pandiscio. Superintendent Pandiscio began with explaining the history of this year's budget process.

7:04 PM Member Sova joined the meeting.

Superintendent Pandiscio distributed copies of *Salary Concessions FY10* (attachment 1) and proceeded to explain how these concessions came about. Superintendent Pandiscio commended the bargaining units for their support during this process.

Motion: To endorse the FY10 salary concessions, as presented, and to support and endorse the signing of Memorandums of Agreements with the affected bargaining units.

(J. Sova)

(S. Hammond)

Discussion continued. When asked, Superintendent Pandiscio confirmed he would not be recommending any programmatic cuts this evening. Chair Watson noted that three members (Goodwin, Leith, Nunnari) would recuse themselves from this vote.

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Shirley Conrad
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Michael Pantos
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Joseph Sova
Kori Stuart
Dawn Torres-Gale

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Kristine Goodwin
Duncan Leith
John Nunnari

(The motion passed 17-0-3)

Superintendent Pandiscio called the Committee's attention to the *Marketing and Cost Summary Analysis for Health Insurance Coverage October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010* (attachment 2). Superintendent Pandiscio explained in detail the information contained in the spreadsheet. Superintendent Pandiscio reported on a meeting of the Insurance Advisory Committee, held during the afternoon before this School Committee meeting and told the School Committee that the Insurance Advisory Committee had agreed, in principle, to the *October 1, 2009 renewal high deductible w/contribution strategy change* as outlined on the spreadsheet. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions about the District's health insurance benefit.

7:38 PM Member Bazinet left the table.

Motion: To endorse the health insurance plan for October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010, as presented, this action to be non-precedent setting.

(J. Sova)
(S. Conrad)

7:40 PM Member Bazinet returned to the table.

Questions, answers and discussion continued. Chair Watson noted that three members (Goodwin, Leith, Nunnari) would recuse themselves from this vote.

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Shirley Conrad
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Michael Pantos
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Joseph Sova
Kori Stuart
Dawn Torres-Gale

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Kristine Goodwin
Duncan Leith
John Nunnari

(The motion passed 17-0-3)

Chair Watson reminded members that matters discussed in executive session are confidential, particularly noting the two attachments reviewed during the meeting should not be released.

Motion: District administration investigate a flexible spending plan in conjunction with the health insurance plan for employees.

(M. Pantos)

(J. Sova)

Member Bazinet made a friendly amendment, which was accepted by the maker and seconder of the motion, to remove language referencing health insurance. Chair Watson noted that three members (Goodwin, Leith, Nunnari) would recuse themselves from this vote.

Motion: District administration investigate a flexible spending plan.

(M. Pantos)

(J. Sova)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Shirley Conrad
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Michael Pantos
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Joseph Sova
Kori Stuart
Dawn Torres-Gale

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Kristine Goodwin
Duncan Leith
John Nunnari

(The motion passed 17-0-3)

Motion: To adjourn executive session, to return to public session.

(S. Hammond)

(J. Sova)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
John Nunnari
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
William Clute
Shirley Conrad
Kristine Goodwin
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber

Stacey Jackson
Julianne Kelley
Duncan Leith
Michael Pantos
Robert Pelczarski
Norman Plourde
Michelle Sciabarrasi
Kori Stuart
Dawn Torres-Gale

Opposed:

None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

The executive session adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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