

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting #1170 Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Media Center  
Wachusett Regional High School

*Committee Members Present:*

Margaret Watson, Chair	Stacey Jackson
Cynthia Bazinet	Julianne Kelley
Robert Carter	Duncan Leith
Colleen Cipro	Norman Plourde
William Clute	Michelle Sciabarrasi
Sherry Conrad	Joseph Sova
Kristine Goodwin	Kori Stuart
Steven Hammond	Dawn Torres-Gale
Robert Imber	

*Committee Members Absent:*

John Nunnari  
Michael Pantos  
Robert Pelczarski

*Administration Present:*

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

*Student Representatives Present:*

Leanne Becker  
Katie Carlson  
Greg Savageau

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

Chair Watson called the regular meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:05 PM. She announced that in Vice-chair Nunnari's absence, Member Leith will serve as Vice-chair at this meeting.

I. Public Hearing

No members of the public wished to address the School Committee.

Secretary's Report

- A. Approval of 1169<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes of the WRDSC held on September 14, 2009

Motion: To approve the minutes of the regular School Committee meeting held September 14, 2009.

(R. Imber)  
(S. Conrad)

The minutes of the regular meeting of the School Committee held September 14, 2009 were approved, by consensus, with Members Sciabarrasi and Stuart abstaining.

- B. Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the WRDSC held on September 14, 2009

Chair Watson asked members to review the minutes and if no corrections of substance were noted, these minutes could be approved in public session. If substantive corrections are noted, the minutes would be approved in executive session.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the executive session held September 14, 2009, not to be released.

(S. Hammond)  
(J. Sova)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Joseph Sova  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*

None

*Abstained:*

Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Kori Stuart

(The motion passed 15-0-2)

III. Treasurer's Report/Financial Statements

Chair Watson reminded the Committee that if there were questions regarding the Business Manager's report that Members should contact the Superintendent; if there were questions regarding the Treasurer's Report, Members should contact the Business/Finance Subcommittee Chair.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Watson called the Committee's attention to attachments 22 and 21 of the Superintendent's October 8, 2009 Report – two Massachusetts Association of School Committees publications entitled *School Committee-School Council Roles* and *School District Policy and the Policy Development Process*. Chair Watson made some brief comments on the responsibilities of School Councils and asked that any member in need of a copy of the Strategic Plan let her know and she would provide them with a copy.

Chair Watson informed the Committee the next regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, October 27<sup>th</sup>, because of a date conflict with a special Town Meeting to be held in Rutland.

B. Student Representatives (Greg Savageau, Leanne Becker, Katie Carlson)

All three Student Representatives addressed the Committee, reporting on complaints about the new high school website, a recent Student Council Conference, Parents Night at WRHS scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>. They gave a high school sports update, and told of a recent art exhibit entitled "Let It Out."

Chair Watson turned the meeting over to Superintendent Pandiscio, who showed a PowerPoint presentation and spoke of 2009 WRSD MCAS results (attachment 2). Following the presentation, members were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Superintendent. The Superintendent's presentation concluded at 8:09 PM.

8:06 PM Member Sova left the table

Chair Watson thanked Superintendent Pandiscio for his presentation.

8:10 PM Member Sova returned to the table.

- C. Management Subcommittee (M. Watson, Chair, J. Nunnari, Vice-chair, C. Bazinet, R. Imber, J. Kelley, D. Leith, N. Plourde, K. Stuart)

8:11 PM Superintendent Pandiscio left the table.

Chair Watson reported on the September 16, 2009 Management Subcommittee meeting. She explained that the subcommittee proposed revisions to the School Committee By-Laws and reminded members that the proposed amendments to the By-Laws had been sent to School Committee members in the September 10<sup>th</sup> and the October 8<sup>th</sup> Superintendent's Reports.

1. Motion: To amend Article II, Section 4, last sentence of paragraph #5, of the WRDSC By-Laws to read: Only **appointed** members of **a standing subcommittee or ad hoc** subcommittee shall attend executive sessions of that subcommittee.

(D. Leith)

(R. Imber)

Member Conrad referred to September 23, 2009 correspondence to Chair Watson from District Counsel Leo McCabe RE: Policy on Executive Sessions.

Motion: To remand back to the Management Subcommittee the proposed revision to the last sentence of paragraph #5 of Article II, Section 4 for further consideration.

(S. Conrad)

(C. Cipro)

Member Leith, with the concurrence of Member Imber, withdrew his motion.

Vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Joseph Sova

Kori Stuart  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*  
None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

Motion: To approve the amending of Article III, Section 1 of the School Committee By-Laws as follows: **A majority of the Committee or any subcommittee constitutes a quorum. A conference or training program is excluded from the quorum restriction so long as members do not deliberate. The attendance of a quorum at a meeting of another public body is permitted so long as the members communicate at the open meeting and do not deliberate among themselves.** Executive sessions may be held at any time by a majority roll call vote of the Committee.

(J. Sova)  
(S. Hammond)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Joseph Sova  
Kori Stuart  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*  
None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

Motion: To approve the amending of Article III of the School Committee By-Laws by adding a new Section 3 to read as follows:

***Emergency Meetings*** An emergency meeting of the School Committee or any of its subcommittees may be called by the Superintendent and/or the Chair of the Wachusett Regional District School Committee for a sudden, generally unexpected occurrence or set of circumstances demanding immediate attention (M.G.L. 39:23A).

(R. Imber)  
(S. Conrad)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Joseph Sova  
Kori Stuart  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*

None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

8:15 PM Superintendent Pandiscio returned to the table.

2. Amended Policy – AP1170 ***Policy Relating to School Committee Operation Use of Electronic Messaging Between and Among School Committee Members***– second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of AP1170 ***Policy Relating to School Committee Operation Use of Electronic Messaging Between and Among School Committee Members***, waiving the reading.

(D. Leith)  
(S. Hammond)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Joseph Sova  
Kori Stuart

*Opposed:*

Dawn Torres-Gale

(The motion passed 16-1.)

3. Draft Policy – DP1620 **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation Notice to Committee Members and Public** – second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of Draft Policy – DP1620 **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation Notice to Committee Members and Public.**

(S. Conrad)

(D. Leith)

Chair Watson read the draft policy.

Vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Robert Pelczarski

Norman Plourde  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Joseph Sova  
Kori Stuart  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*  
None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

4. Amended Policy – AP1680 **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation Minutes of School Committee**– first reading

Motion: To approve the first reading of Amended Policy – AP1680 **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation Minutes of School Committee**, waiving the reading.

(S. Hammond)  
(D. Torres-Gale)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Joseph Sova  
Kori Stuart  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*  
None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

5. Amended Policy – AP1681.2 **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation Video Taping of School Committee Meetings** – first reading

Motion: To approve the first reading of AP1681.2 *Policy Relating to School Committee Operation Video Taping of School Committee Meetings.*

(J. Sova)  
(C. Bazinet)

Chair Watson read the proposed amended language.

Vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Joseph Sova  
Kori Stuart  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*

None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

Chair Watson called the Committee's attention to attachment 11 of the Superintendent's October 8<sup>th</sup> Report, a September 16, 2009 memorandum from the Superintendent to the Management Subcommittee RE: 2009-2010 Goal (attachment 3). Chair Watson read the goals aloud.

Motion: To approve Superintendent Pandiscio's 2009-2010 goals to the Management Subcommittee, as presented.

(J. Kelley)  
(C. Bazinet)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet

Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Joseph Sova  
Kori Stuart  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*  
None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

One of the Superintendent's goals is to "inform the School Committee of issues through the use of weekly emails," and the question was raised about School Committee members forwarding these email updates to others. While the Superintendent said he would have no problem with such action, he did appreciate the heads-up if this is going to be done. Superintendent Pandiscio stated that unless correspondence/documentation is on red paper (a sign of confidentiality), what he shares with the School Committee is public information. Discussion ensued, with several members voicing their opinions of not being in favor of directly passing along the Superintendent's emails verbatim.

Chair Watson announced the next meeting of the Management Subcommittee is posted for Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Curriculum Center.

- D. Education Subcommittee (C. Bazinet, Chair, S. Hammond, Vice-chair, R. Imber, S. Jackson, J. Nunnari, R. Pelczarski, N. Plourde, D. Torres-Gale)

Subcommittee Chair Bazinet called the Committee's attention to attachment 10 of the Superintendent's October 8<sup>th</sup> Report, a September 21, 2009 memorandum from the Superintendent to the Education Subcommittee RE: 2009-2010 Goal (attachment 4). Subcommittee Chair Bazinet read the goals aloud and referenced the Teacher Evaluation Rubric attachment.

Motion: To approve Superintendent Pandiscio's 2009-2010 goals to the Education Subcommittee, as presented.

(C. Bazinet)  
(S. Hammond)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Joseph Sova  
Kori Stuart  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*

None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

The Education Subcommittee will meet next on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM in the Superintendent's Conference Room.

8:43 PM Student Representative Greg Savageau left the meeting.

- E. Business/Finance Subcommittee (D. Leith, Chair, S. Conrad, Vice-chair, R. Carter, W. Clute, M. Pantos, M. Sciabarrasi, J. Sova)

1. Draft Policy – DP4621 **Policy Relating to Budget/Finance Deposits and Investments** – second reading

Motion: To approve the second reading of Draft Policy – DP4621 **Policy Relating to Budget/Finance Deposits and Investments**, waiving the reading.

(D. Leith)

(J. Sova)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter

Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Joseph Sova  
Kori Stuart  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*

None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

8:50 PM Student Representative Katie Carlson left the meeting.

Subcommittee Chair Leith called the Committee's attention to attachment 9 of the Superintendent's October 8<sup>th</sup> Report, a September 28, 2009 memorandum from the Superintendent to the Business/Finance Subcommittee RE: 2009-2010 Goal (attachment 5). Subcommittee Chair Leith read the goals aloud.

Motion: To approve Superintendent Pandiscio's 2009-2010 goals to the Business/Finance Subcommittee, as presented.

(C. Bazinet)

(S. Hammond)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Michelle Sciabarrasi

Joseph Sova  
Kori Stuart  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*  
None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

Subcommittee Chair Leith called the Committee's attention to Business Manager Peter Brennan's 2009-2010 goals, which had been presented to and accepted by the Business/Finance Subcommittee at the September 2, 2009 meeting and a copy of which is attached to the minutes of that meeting and had been included in the Superintendent's October 8<sup>th</sup> Report. The full School Committee does not need to approve these goals, but they are being shared for the Committee's information.

Subcommittee Chair Leith will be scheduling a meeting to conduct an evaluation of the Treasurer and to review the Treasurer's contract.

- F. Community Outreach Subcommittee (C. Cipro, Chair, R. Pelczarski, Vice-chair, R. Carter, K. Goodwin, M. Sciabarrasi, K. Stuart, D. Torres-Gale)

Subcommittee Chair Cipro reported on the Community Outreach Subcommittee meetings of September 22<sup>nd</sup> and October 13<sup>th</sup>, held just before this School Committee meeting. Superintendent Pandiscio presented his 2009-2010 goals to the Community Outreach Subcommittee (attachment 6).

Motion: To approve Superintendent Pandiscio's 2009-2010 goals to the Community Outreach Subcommittee, as presented.

(C. Cipro)  
(R. Carter)

There was discussion of the goals, as they are the same goals presented to the Management Subcommittee.

Vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley

Duncan Leith  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Joseph Sova  
Kori Stuart  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*  
None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

Subcommittee Chair Cipro reported the subcommittee had approved the memorandum from the Superintendent of Schools to Members of the Wachusett Community, giving Member Town residents the opportunity to sign up to be on a District “listserv,” whereby they will regularly receive emails informing them when School Committee agendas and minutes are available and where they can be accessed.

The next meeting of the Community Outreach Subcommittee will be Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM in the Superintendent’s Conference Room.

G. Audit Advisory Board (S. Conrad, J. Sova)

Audit Advisory Board Chair Conrad reported the AAB will meet with the auditors on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at 6:30 PM in the Curriculum Center.

H. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Supplemental Revenue FY11 (M. Sciabarrasi, J. Sova)

The first meeting of the ad hoc subcommittee will be Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Curriculum Center.

I. Building Committee (D. Leith, Chair)

1. High School

Building Committee Chair Leith reported the last meeting of the High School Building Committee will be Thursday, November 5, 2009, at 6:00 PM in the Curriculum Center. Members (past and present) of the Building Committee have been invited to the November 9<sup>th</sup> School Committee meeting, in order to give the School Committee, the public and District staff and administration the opportunity to thank them for their efforts.

J. School Council Reports:

Central Tree Middle School (M. Pantos), Chocksett Middle School (J. Sova), Davis Hill Elementary School (R. Carter), Dawson Elementary School (D. Torres-Gale), Glenwood Elementary School (J. Kelley), Houghton Elementary School (S. Conrad/N. Plourde), Mayo Elementary School (S. Hammond), Mountview Middle School (K. Goodwin), Naquag Elementary School (C. Cipro), Paxton Center School (W. Clute), Thomas Prince School (R. Imber/M. Sciabarrasi), Wachusett Regional High School (D. Leith), Special Education Parent Advisory Council (S. Jackson), Early Childhood Center (S. Jackson)

Julianne Kelley – Glenwood Elementary School

Stacey Jackson – Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Shirley Conrad – Houghton Elementary School

Kristine Goodwin – Mountview Middle School

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

Member Jackson was very pleased to have "Principals' Reports" included with Deputy Superintendent Jack Locke's and Director of Operations Darryll McCall's reports to the Superintendent.

Superintendent Pandiscio explained the role of the Municipal Representative and referenced his letter to Michael Quinlivan of Paxton, who has served as the Municipal Representative for the past two years.

Member Conrad referenced Senate Bill 269 *An Act to Amend Regional School Transportation Funding* and suggested that the Chair, on behalf of the School Committee, send letters in support of this Bill to area legislators, which the Chair agreed to do.

Member Kelley asked about the administration of H1N1 vaccines and what role the District and schools will be taking. Superintendent Pandiscio explained the District will assist by helping to schedule appointments, school PTAs/PTOs will solicit volunteers to help man the registration desks, the town Boards of Health will be responsible for procuring, storing, transporting, administering the vaccinations. Dates for these clinics have not yet been set.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

1. To approve the appropriation of School Building Authority funds in the amount of \$527,990 to the Town of Rutland for reimbursement for Central Tree Middle School

Motion: To approve the appropriation of School Building Authority funds in the amount of \$527,990 to the Town of Rutland for reimbursement for Central Tree Middle School

(J. Sova)  
(D. Leith)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Joseph Sova  
Kori Stuart  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*

None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

2. To approve the appropriation of School Building Authority funds in the amount of \$338,045 to the Town of Paxton for reimbursement for Paxton Center School

Motion: To approve the appropriation of School Building Authority funds in the amount of \$338,045 to the Town of Paxton for reimbursement for Paxton Center School

(J. Sova)  
(R. Imber)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson

Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Joseph Sova  
Kori Stuart  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*  
None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

3. To Approve the Submission of a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority with Regard to the Paxton Center School

For the record, Chair Watson read aloud the following motion, noting that similar motions will be brought forward for the Thomas Prince School and the Naquag Elementary School:

Motion: Having convened in an open meeting on October 13, 2009, the Wachusett Regional District School Committee in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated October 23, 2009 for the Paxton Center School located at 19 West Street, Paxton, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority categories for which Wachusett Regional School District may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future

- Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility.

and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Wachusett Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

(J. Sova)  
(K. Stuart)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Joseph Sova  
Kori Stuart  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*

None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

4. To Approve the Submission of a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority with Regard to the Thomas Prince School

Motion: Having convened in an open meeting on October 13, 2009, the Wachusett Regional District School Committee in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated October 23, 2009 for the Thomas Prince School located at 170 Sterling Road,

Princeton, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority categories for which Wachusett Regional School District may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future

- Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility.

and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Wachusett Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

(S. Conrad)  
(R. Imber)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Joseph Sova  
Kori Stuart  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*

None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

5. To Approve the Submission of a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority with Regard to the Naquag Elementary School

Motion: Having convened in an open meeting on October 13, 2009, the Wachusett Regional District School Committee in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated October 23, 2009 for the Naquag Elementary School located at 285 Main Street, Rutland, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority categories for which Wachusett Regional School District may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future

- Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility.

and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Wachusett Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

(C. Cipro)  
(S. Conrad)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith

Robert Pelczarski  
 Norman Plourde  
 Michelle Sciabarrasi  
 Joseph Sova  
 Kori Stuart  
 Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*  
 None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

6. To approve the sale of the \$2,134,000 General Obligation School Bonds dated October 15, 2009 (the Bonds), to Roosevelt & Cross, Inc. at the price of \$2,134,000 and accrued interest is hereby approved and confirmed. The bonds should be payable on October 15 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rate.

For the record, Chair Watson read the following motion:

Motion: To approve the sale of the \$2,134,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2009 Bonds of the District dated October 15, 2009 (the “Bonds”), to Roosevelt & Cross, Inc. at the price of \$2,134,000 and accrued interest is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on October 15 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rate, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2010	\$139,000	4.00%	2017	\$130,000	3.25%
2011	\$135,000	3.00%	2018	\$130,000	3.50%
2012	\$135,000	2.75%	2019	\$130,000	4.00%
2013	\$135,000	2.50%	2020	\$130,000	4.00%
2014	\$130,000	2.50%	2021	\$130,000	4.00%
2015	\$130,000	2.75%	2023	\$250,000	4.125%
2016	\$130,000	3.00%	2026	\$300,000	4.25%

Further voted: that the Bonds maturing on October 15, 2023 and October 15, 2026 (each a “Term Bond”) shall be subject to mandatory redemption or mature as follows:

Bond due October 15, 2023

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$125,000
2023*	\$125,000

\*Final Maturity

Bond due October 15, 2026

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	\$100,000
2025	\$100,000
2026*	\$100,000

\*Final Maturity

Further voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated September 24, 2009, and a Final Official Statement dated October 7, 2009 (the "Official Statement"), each in such form as may be approved by the District Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further voted: that the Bonds shall be subject to redemption, at the option of the District, upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in the Official Statement.

Further, that the consent to the financial advisor bidding the Bonds (First Southwest), as executed prior to the bidding for the Bonds by the District Treasurer, is hereby confirmed.

Further voted: that the District Treasurer and the Chairman of the Regional School District Committee (the "Chairman") be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a continuing disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the District, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Bonds for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds from time to time.

Further voted: that the District Treasurer, the Secretary and Chairman be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

(D. Leith)  
(S. Conrad)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin

Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Joseph Sova  
Kori Stuart  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*  
None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

7. To Approve the Amended 2009-2010 School Calendar

Superintendent Pandiscio referenced attachment 6 of his October 8<sup>th</sup> Report and explained the reasoning for the proposed changes to the 2009-2010 school calendar. The scheduled early release day for professional development, March 24, 2010, falls in the midst of MCAS testing and it is being proposed that the early release day be changed to March 17, 2009. The State of Massachusetts is holding a special election on January 19, 2010 and the Superintendent is seeking School Committee direction if that should be a no school day, based on School Committee action in 2007, or if school should be in session even if some of the schools are used as voting locations. Discussion ensued and members agreed to vote on each proposed change individually.

Motion: Classes in the Wachusett District will remain scheduled to be in session on Tuesday, January 19, 2010.

(N. Plourde)  
(J. Sova)

Following discussion, the maker and the seconder withdrew the motion, as it was agreed no action is necessary since a change is not being made to the school calendar.

Motion: The March 2010 professional development early release day will be changed from March 24, 2010 to March 17, 2010.

(S. Conrad)  
(K. Goodwin)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson

Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Joseph Sova  
Kori Stuart  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*  
None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

VI. Public Hearing

No members of the public wished to address the School Committee.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business brought before the School Committee.

VIII. New Business

Motion: To refer attachment 17 of the Superintendent's October 8, 2009 Report (Policy News: Observations of Special Education Programs) to the Education Subcommittee.

(R. Imber)  
(S. Hammond)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber

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

*Opposed:*  
None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

Chair Watson referenced attachment 31 of the Superintendent's October 8<sup>th</sup> Report, a thank you letter from Dawson Principal Patricia Scales to the Dawson PTA.

Motion: To acknowledge receipt of the electronic piano presented to the Dawson Elementary School from the Dawson Elementary School PTA and to have the Chair of the School Committee thank the Dawson PTA on behalf of the School Committee.

(D. Leith)  
(J. Sova)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Joseph Sova  
Kori Stuart  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*  
None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

IX. Executive Session

Motion: To enter executive session, not to return to public session.  
(R. Imber)  
(J. Sova)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
William Clute  
Shirley Conrad  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Joseph Sova  
Kori Stuart  
Dawn Torres-Gale

*Opposed:*

None

(The motion passed unanimously.)

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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