

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING

Organizational Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

7:00 PM

Cafeteria

Davis Hill Elementary School

Committee Members Present:

Thomas Ackerman
Cynthia Ahearn
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Shirley Conrad
Melinda Coyle
Steven Hammond
Robert Imber
Mark James

Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Joseph Sova
Kathleen Sweeney
Margaret Watson
Marcie Zaharee

Committee Members Absent:

None

Administration Present:

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Superintendent of Schools
Peter Brennan, Business Manager
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

I. Call to Order

Superintendent Tom Pandiscio called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Doctor Pandiscio welcomed new School Committee members Colleen Cipro of Rutland, Duncan Leith of Holden, and Marcie Zaharee of Sterling and welcomed back recently re-elected members Cynthia Bazinet of Holden, Robert Imber of Princeton, John Nunnari of Rutland, Joseph Sova of Sterling.

It was noted that since Members Cipro, Imber and Sova had not yet been sworn in at their town halls, they would be ineligible to vote at this meeting.

II. Election of Chairman

The Superintendent briefly explained the By-Laws and Regional Agreement in regard to the election of the Chair and Vice-chair. The Superintendent advised that the election is conducted by paper ballot, which is to be signed by the Member and to be included in the public record. The Superintendent accepted the following nomination for Chair:

Motion: To nominate Margaret Watson as Chair.

(K. Sweeney)

(C. Bazinet)

Member Watson read a prepared statement (attachment 1).

Motion: To close nominations

(D. Leith)

(M. James)

Vote:

In favor:

Thomas Ackerman
Cynthia Ahearn
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Shirley Conrad
Melinda Coyle
Steven Hammond
Mark James
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Kathleen Sweeney
Margaret Watson
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Colleen Cipro
Robert Imber
Joseph Sova

(Motion passed 16-0-3)

The ballots were distributed and collected (attachment 2). The results were as follows:

Thomas Ackerman	Margaret Watson
Cynthia Ahearn	Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet	Margaret Watson
Robert Carter	Margaret Watson
Shirley Conrad	Margaret Watson
Melinda Coyle	Margaret Watson
Steven Hammond	Margaret Watson
Mark James	Margaret Watson
Duncan Leith	Margaret Watson
Judith Newton	Margaret Watson
John Nunnari	Margaret Watson
Norman Plourde	Margaret Watson
Michael Sherman	Margaret Watson
Kathleen Sweeney	Margaret Watson
Margaret Watson	Margaret Watson
Marcie Zaharee	Margaret Watson

Member Watson took over as Chair of the School Committee.

III. Election of Vice-chair

Chair Watson thanked the Committee for electing her to her second year as Chair of the School Committee.

Chair Watson accepted the following nomination for Vice-chair:

Motion: To nominate Cynthia Bazinet as Vice-chair.

(M. James)

(C. Ahearn)

Members James and Ahearn spoke to their nomination. Member Bazinet thanked them for their support and stated she would serve as Vice-chair if called upon.

Motion: To close nominations

(J. Nunnari)

(S. Hammond)

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson

Thomas Ackerman

Cynthia Ahearn
Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter
Shirley Conrad
Melinda Coyle
Steven Hammond
Mark James
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:
None

Abstained:
Colleen Cipro
Robert Imber
Joseph Sova

(Motion passed 16-0-3)

The ballots were distributed and collected (attachment 3). The results were as follows:

Thomas Ackerman	Cynthia Bazinet
Cynthia Ahearn	Cynthia Bazinet
Cynthia Bazinet	Cynthia Bazinet
Robert Carter	Cynthia Bazinet
Shirley Conrad	Cynthia Bazinet
Melinda Coyle	Cynthia Bazinet
Steven Hammond	Cynthia Bazinet
Mark James	Cynthia Bazinet
Duncan Leith	Cynthia Bazinet
Judith Newton	Cynthia Bazinet
John Nunnari	Cynthia Bazinet
Norman Plourde	Cynthia Bazinet
Michael Sherman	Cynthia Bazinet
Kathleen Sweeney	Cynthia Bazinet
Margaret Watson	Cynthia Bazinet
Marcie Zaharee	Cynthia Bazinet

Member Cynthia Bazinet will serve as Vice-chair of the School Committee.

IV. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

(M. Sherman)

(M. James)

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Cynthia Ahearn
Robert Carter
Shirley Conrad
Melinda Coyle
Steven Hammond
Mark James
Duncan Leith
Judith Newton
John Nunnari
Norman Plourde
Michael Sherman
Kathleen Sweeney
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Colleen Cipro
Robert Imber
Joseph Sova

(Motion passed 16-0-3)

The organizational meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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