

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

**Executive Session**

Monday, June 9, 2008

Cafeteria  
Davis Hill Elementary School

*Committee Members Present:*

Margaret Watson, Chair	Stacey Jackson
John Nunnari, Vice-chair	Mark James
Robert Carter	Duncan Leith
Colleen Cipro	Michael Pantos
Shirley Conrad	Robert Pelczarski
Melinda Coyle	Michael Sherman
Steven Hammond	Joseph Sova
Robert Imber	

*Committee Members Absent:*

Thomas Ackerman	Norman Plourde
Cynthia Bazinet	Marcie Zaharee

*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 8:48 PM. Chair Watson turned the meeting over to Superintendent Pandiscio. Superintendent Pandiscio called the Committee's attention to a memorandum prepared by Director of Human Resources Susan Sullivan, dated June 5, 2008 (attachment 1). He also provided members with a copy of the proposed Agreement Between Wachusett Regional School District and AFSCME, Council 93, Local 2885 – Clerical Employees July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 (attachment 2). The Superintendent reviewed the proposed contract language, explaining this is a one year contract with the clerical union.

Motion: To ratify the Agreement Between Wachusett Regional School District and AFSCME, Council 93, Local 2885 – Clerical Employees July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009, as presented.

(M. James)  
(R. Carter)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson

John Nunnari  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
Shirley Conrad  
Melinda Coyle  
Steven Hammond  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Mark James  
Duncan Leith  
Michael Pantos  
Robert Pelczarski  
Michael Sherman  
Joseph Sova

Opposed:  
None

(Motion passed unanimously)

The Superintendent updated the Committee on on-going negotiations with the custodial union.

Member Imber asked the Superintendent for an update on the high school project. There was discussion around the table as to whether this matter could be discussed in this executive session, as possible litigation was not the purpose of calling this executive session. Following discussion, it was agreed this topic could be discussed, as it was raised in a legally called executive session.

The Superintendent reported that an arbitration panel has been selected, a number of discovery motions have been filed. He reported an updated schedule was recently received from TLT Construction. He reported that copies of original estimating and bid documents have been subpoenaed from TLT Construction. He reported that counsel for the District will be filing a Motion for Summary Judgment. The Superintendent is of the opinion many things are being argued that have no basis. The Superintendent is not sure where TLT Construction is coming from as a company. High School Building Committee Chair Leith informed the Committee that the services of counsel, Holland & Knight, have been costing the District an estimated \$50,000 per month, noting that the May 2008 bill from Holland & Knight was just over \$62,000.

It was acknowledged these minutes are not to be released until the high school building project litigation is settled.

Motion: To adjourn.

(M. Sherman)  
(M. Coyle)

Roll call vote:  
In favor:

Margaret Watson  
John Nunnari  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
Shirley Conrad  
Melinda Coyle  
Steven Hammond  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Mark James  
Duncan Leith  
Michael Pantos  
Robert Pelczarski  
Michael Sherman  
Joseph Sova

Opposed:  
None

(Motion passed unanimously)

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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