

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING
Minutes

Annual Budget Hearing

Special Meeting, Monday, March 27, 2006
7:00 PM

Cafeteria
Davis Hill Elementary School

Committee Members Present:

Alice Livdahl, Chair	Mary Catherine Maher (7:08 PM)
Michael Sherman, Vice-chair	Kelly Maxwell
Thomas Ackerman	Phillip Mighdoll
Cynthia Ahearn	Judith Newton
Cynthia Bazinet	John Nunnari
Elizabeth Brennan	Norman Plourde
Shirley Conrad	Kathleen Sweeney (7:09 PM)
David Gibbs	Tammy Tod
Mark James	Margaret Watson

Committee Members Absent:

Charles Capparelli	Robert Carter
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Administration Present:

Thomas Pandiscio, Superintendent of Schools
John Locke, Director of Operations
Susan Sullivan, Director of Administrative Services
Jason Newton, Director of Student/Information Services
Peter Brennan, Comptroller
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

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

I. Call to Order

Chair Livdahl called the Annual Budget Hearing meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Chair Livdahl introduced Superintendent of Schools Thomas Pandiscio and turned the meeting over to him for presentation of the *FY07 District & School Improvement Budget*, hardcopies of which were distributed (attachment 2)

II. Presentation of the *Proposed FY07 Appropriation*

Superintendent Pandiscio showed a PowerPoint presentation and spoke to the proposed budget. Copies of the *FY07 Revised Proposed Appropriation 03.27.06* were available for review (attachment 3). Superintendent Pandiscio's presentation concluded at 7:21 PM.

III. Public Hearing

Chair Livdahl opened the public hearing portion of this meeting, inviting members of the public to address the School Committee.

Paul Challenger, Chair, Holden Finance Committee, spoke in support of the budget.

Joseph Sullivan, Chair, Holden Selectboard, reported that the Holden Selectboard had voted 4-1 in favor of the proposed budget, noting the concern of sustainability.

Brian Bullock, Holden Town Manager, reported that the process to date had been very positive and encouraged the School Committee to approve the budget.

Glenn Gaudette, Holden, read a prepared statement (attachment 4).

Joseph O'Brien, Princeton, who is a member of the Princeton Selectboard, addressed the School Committee as an individual in support of the budget. Mr. O'Brien noted his appreciation to date of the process utilized this budget season.

Fred Goodrich, Chair, Paxton Selectboard, commended District administration for the work done in preparation of the FY07 budget. Mr. Goodrich voiced agreement with Mr. Sullivan with regard to sustainability. Mr. Goodrich also noted his belief that one of the charts in the PowerPoint used transposed numbers (for Paxton), which would explain a question raised about that particular chart/slide.

IV. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the Annual Budget Hearing.

(M. Sherman)
(J. Nunnari)

Vote:

In favor:

Alice Livdahl
Michael Sherman
Thomas Ackerman
Cynthia Ahearn

Cynthia Bazinet
Elizabeth Brennan
Shirley Conrad
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Opposed:
None

(Motion passed unanimously.)

The Annual Budget Hearing adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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