

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING

Minutes

Executive Session #2

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Cafeteria

Davis Hill Elementary School, Holden

*Committee Members Present:*

Margaret Watson, Chair	Robert Imber
Cynthia Bazinet, Vice-chair	Mark James
Thomas Ackerman	Norman Plourde
Robert Carter	Michael Sherman
Colleen Cipro	Joseph Sova
Shirley Conrad	Kathleen Sweeney
Melinda Coyle	Marcie Zaharee
Steven Hammond	

*Committee Members Absent:*

Cynthia Ahearn	Judith Newton
Julianne Kelley	John Nunnari
Duncan Leith	

*Administration Present:*

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

*Others Present:*

Leo P. McCabe, Esq., District Counsel  
Denise O'Leary, Court Stenographer  
William Beando, Principal, Wachusett Regional High School  
Peter McMorrow, Assistant Principal, Wachusett Regional High School

Chair Watson called the executive session of the School Committee to order at 9:56 PM.

Attorney McCabe explained to the School Committee that this hearing would follow the same format as the previous hearing, even though the student is not present.

The Court Stenographer swore in Principal William Beando.

Attorney McCabe asked questions of Principal Beando.

Motion: To extend the School Committee meeting for 30 minutes to 10:30 PM.  
(M. Sherman)  
(M. James)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Thomas Ackerman  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
Shirley Conrad  
Melinda Coyle  
Steven Hammond  
Robert Imber  
Mark James  
Norman Plourde  
Michael Sherman  
Joseph Sova  
Kathleen Sweeney  
Marcie Zaharee

*Opposed:*

None

(Motion passed unanimously.)

Attorney McCabe's questioning of Principal Beando concluded at 10:11 PM, at which time members of the School Committee were given the opportunity to ask questions. Several members directed questions to Principal Beando.

10:12 PM Superintendent Thomas Pandiscio returned to the table.

School Committee members continued to direct questions to Principal Beando.

The Court Stenographer swore in Superintendent Thomas Pandiscio.

Attorney McCabe asked questions of Superintendent Pandiscio, after which members of the School Committee were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Motion: To close the hearing.

(M. Sherman)  
(S. Conrad)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Thomas Ackerman  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro

Shirley Conrad  
Melinda Coyle  
Steven Hammond  
Robert Imber  
Mark James  
Norman Plourde  
Michael Sherman  
Joseph Sova  
Kathleen Sweeney  
Marcie Zaharee

*Opposed:*  
None

(Motion passed unanimously.)

Motion: To continue the executive session for purposes of deliberation.  
(M. Zaharee)  
(R. Imber)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Thomas Ackerman  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
Shirley Conrad  
Melinda Coyle  
Steven Hammond  
Robert Imber  
Mark James  
Norman Plourde  
Michael Sherman  
Joseph Sova  
Kathleen Sweeney  
Marcie Zaharee

*Opposed:*  
None

(Motion passed unanimously.)

Attorney McCabe brought forward the Proposed Findings of Fact – John Doe #2, which were read aloud, discussed and corrected, point by point.

Motion: To adopt the Proposed Findings of Fact – John Doe #2, as a whole, as presented and amended.

(R. Imber)

(S. Conrad)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Thomas Ackerman  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
Shirley Conrad  
Melinda Coyle  
Steven Hammond  
Robert Imber  
Mark James  
Norman Plourde  
Michael Sherman  
Joseph Sova  
Kathleen Sweeney  
Marcie Zaharee

*Opposed:*

None

(Motion passed unanimously.)

Motion: That the Wachusett Regional District School Committee, acting pursuant to its authority under M.G.L. c. 76, §17, and based upon the Findings of Fact – John Doe #2 adopted by the Committee, vote to exclude the student, John Doe #2, from the Wachusett Regional High School, its advantages and privileges.

(R. Imber)

(J. Sova)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Thomas Ackerman  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
Shirley Conrad  
Melinda Coyle  
Steven Hammond  
Robert Imber  
Mark James  
Norman Plourde  
Michael Sherman

Joseph Sova  
Kathleen Sweeney  
Marcie Zaharee

*Opposed:*  
None

(Motion passed unanimously.)

Attorney McCabe directed the Court Stenographer to refer to the student as John Doe #2.

Motion: To return to public session.

(J. Sova)  
(T. Ackerman)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Thomas Ackerman  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
Shirley Conrad  
Melinda Coyle  
Steven Hammond  
Robert Imber  
Mark James  
Norman Plourde  
Michael Sherman  
Joseph Sova  
Kathleen Sweeney  
Marcie Zaharee

*Opposed:*  
None

(Motion passed unanimously.)

The executive session concluded at 10:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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