

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING

Minutes

Annual Budget Hearing

Monday, March 24, 2008

7:00 PM

Cafeteria

Davis Hill Elementary School

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Cynthia Ahearn

Administration Present:

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

Student Representatives Present:

None

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

I. Call to Order

Chair Watson called the Annual Budget Hearing to order at 7:00 PM.

II. Presentation of the *Proposed FY09 Appropriation*

Chair Watson introduced Superintendent of Schools Thomas Pandiscio and turned the meeting over to him for presentation of the *Proposed FY09 Appropriation*. School Committee members and the public were provided a copy of the FY09 Budget Narrative, FY09 Proposed Assessments, FY09 Proposed Appropriation, Proposed FY09 Expense Allocation Summary and a hardcopy of the PowerPoint FY09 District and School Improvement Budget (attachment 2). Superintendent Pandiscio walked through the narrative and explained the four spreadsheets, before moving on to showing the PowerPoint presentation. The Superintendent spoke to each slide, giving additional details and explanations. At the conclusion of the Superintendent's presentation, Dr. Pandiscio turned the meeting over to Chair Watson, who opened the floor to School Committee members who might have questions. Several members asked questions of the Superintendent.

III. Public Hearing

Chair Watson then invited members of the public to address the School Committee.

Alan Berg, Holden Finance Committee, addressed the School Committee.

IV. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the Annual Budget Hearing.

(J. Sova)

(S. Conrad)

Vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson
Cynthia Bazinet
Thomas Ackerman
Robert Carter
Colleen Cipro
Shirley Conrad
Melinda Coyle
Steven Hammond
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Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:
None

(Motion passed unanimously.)

The Annual Budget Hearing adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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