

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Monday, May 11, 2020

Executive Session

MEETING CONDUCTED REMOTELY, VIA GOOGLE MEET

*Wachusett Regional School District Committee*

Kenneth Mills, Chair	Linda Long-Bellil
Melissa Ayala	Amy Michalowski
Michael Dennis	Benjamin Mitchel
Maleah Gustafson	Karl Ottmar
Sherri Haber	Asima Silva
Jeffrey Haynes	Megan Weeks
Robert Imber	Linda Woodland
Laura Kirshenbaum	Adam Young
Matthew Lavoie	

*Committee Members Absent:*

Christina Smith, Vice-chair	Stephen Godbout
Scott Brown	

*Administration Present:*

Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

*Others:* Naomi Stonberg, District Counsel

I. Call to Order

Chair Mills called the executive session to order at 9:24 PM.

II. Executive Session to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel (Darryll McCall, Superintendent of Schools), to return to public session

For the information of members, Chair Mills projected a draft of a contract with Superintendent Darryll McCall. Discussion of the proposed contract between the WRSD and Dr. Darryll McCall ensued. Chair Mills explained the proposed contract term is three years, July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023. The significance of the November 1, 2022 negotiation date was questioned, discussed, and debated.

Motion: To extend the meeting until 10:30 PM.

(M. Weeks)  
(L. Long-Bellil)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills  
Melissa Ayala  
Michael Dennis  
Maleah Gustafson  
Sherri Haber  
Jeffrey Haynes  
Robert Imber  
Laura Kirshenbaum  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Amy Michalowski  
Benjamin Mitchel  
Karl Ottmar  
Asima Silva  
Megan Weeks  
Linda Woodland  
Adam Young

*Opposed:*

None

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of the draft contract and the significance of the November 1, 2022 negotiation date continued. Upon inquiry, Chair Mills confirmed the proposed contract is three years in length, beginning July 1, 2020. Inserting "in an effort," or words to that effect, in the paragraph relating to the November 1, 2022 negotiating date was suggested. When asked, Attorney Stonberg voiced her opinion that this edit would not have much of an impact, and she believed Superintendent McCall and his attorney would not object to such an edit. Some additional discussion about **Employment** Article One, 1-1 continued.

10:15 PM Member Young left the meeting.

Chair Mills next projected **Conditions of Employment** Article Two, 2.1. Chair Mills explained the language addressing the evaluation process and edited dates for the annual evaluation of the Superintendent. Discussion ensued.

10:25 PM Member Mitchel left the meeting.

Chair Mills continued, explaining Article Three, 3-1 (Compensation and Benefits) and Article Four, 4-1.1 (Vacation and Leaves) are connected, and he explained the changes to the language. The proposed FY21 salary of the Superintendent was discussed.

Chair Mills concluded the review of the proposed contract stating all other language in the proposed contract is the same as what is in the current contract with Superintendent McCall.

Motion: To extend the meeting until 11:00 PM.

(M. Lavoie)  
(A. Silva)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills  
Melissa Ayala  
Michael Dennis  
Maleah Gustafson  
Sherri Haber  
Jeffrey Haynes  
Robert Imber  
Laura Kirshenbaum  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Amy Michalowski  
Karl Ottmar  
Asima Silva  
Megan Weeks  
Linda Woodland

*Opposed:*

None

The motion passed unanimously.

10:26 PM Member Silva left the meeting.

Member Lavoie, a member of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Negotiate the Superintendent's Contract reported that subcommittee had voted in support of the draft contract with the Superintendent.

Motion: To approve the draft contract between the Wachusett Regional School District and Dr. Darryll McCall, inclusive of the edited/added language in Article One, Section 1.1.

(L. Long-Bellil)  
(L. Kirshenbaum)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills  
Melissa Ayala  
Michael Dennis  
Maleah Gustafson  
Sherri Haber  
Jeffrey Haynes  
Robert Imber  
Laura Kirshenbaum  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Amy Michalowski  
Karl Ottmar  
Megan Weeks  
Linda Woodland

*Opposed:*

None

The motion passed unanimously.

III. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn executive session, to return to public session

(R. Imber)

(L. Kirshenbaum)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills  
Melissa Ayala  
Michael Dennis  
Maleah Gustafson  
Sherri Haber  
Jeffrey Haynes  
Robert Imber  
Laura Kirshenbaum  
Matthew Lavoie  
Linda Long-Bellil  
Amy Michalowski  
Karl Ottmar  
Megan Weeks  
Linda Woodland

*Opposed:*

None

The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session adjourned at 10:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Mills, Chair  
Wachusett Regional School District Committee

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