

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Monday, September 23, 2019

*Executive Session*

Media Center  
Wachusett Regional High School  
1401 Main Street, Holden

*Wachusett Regional School District Committee*

Kenneth Mills, Chair	Matthew Lavoie
Christina Smith, Vice-chair	Linda Long-Bellil
Scott Brown	Amy Michalowski
Michael Dennis	Benjamin Mitchel
Stephen Godbout	Asima Silva
Maleah Gustafson	Linda Woodland
Sherri Haber	Megan Weeks
Laura Kirshenbaum	Adam Young

*Committee Members Absent:*

Melisa Ayala	Sarah LaMountain
Anthony DiFonso	Karl Ottmar
Robert Imber	

*Committee Members Participating Remotely:*

None

*Administration Present:*

None

Chair Mills called the executive session to order at 8:37 PM. Chair Mills announced the executive session was called to discuss contract strategy with Superintendent of Schools McCall. Chair Mills opened the floor to discussion, questions, and comments.

Talking points included:

- Process to follow after vote in open session to enter into negotiations.
- What are the next steps for the Committee and Chair to take.

- If Superintendent McCall's contract is allowed to extend to June 30, 2021, what is the appropriate time for negotiations? There is always the option to negotiate and have the new contract begin July 1, 2020.
- What are considered standard terms in a contract with a Superintendent of Schools. The Committee should consider and come to agreement about what terms should or should not be included in a successor contract with Superintendent McCall.

9:03 PM Member Young left the table.

- Discussion ensued about term of the contract and how to facilitate effective evaluation.

9:10 PM Member Young returned to the table.

9:13 PM Vice-chair Smith and Member Godbout left the meeting.

- Discussion ensued about perceptions about renewal versus non-renewal and how to gain information about evaluation of leadership and vision of superintendent in the future, and how that could be leveraged in future contract.

9:15 PM Member Weeks left the meeting.

9:35 PM Member Kirshenbaum left the meeting.

Chair Mills reported the next Management Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2019. An agenda item for that meeting can be to discuss the structure of a negotiating subcommittee to be formed. Any member of the School Committee interested in serving on a negotiating subcommittee should email Chair Mills.

Motion: To adjourn executive session, not to return to public session

(M. Lavoie)

(A. Young)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Kenneth Mills

Scott Brown

Michael Dennis

Maleah Gustafson

Sherri Haber

Matthew Lavoie

Linda Long-Bellil

Amy Michalowski

Benjamin Mitchel  
Asima Silva  
Linda Woodland  
Adam Young

*Opposed:*  
None

The motion was approved unanimously.

The executive session adjourned at 9:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Lavoie, Member  
Wachusett Regional School District Committee

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