

*Wachusett Regional School District Committee*

*Regular Meeting #1404*

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

7:00 PM

Media Center - Wachusett Regional High School

1401 Main St. Holden, MA

**Revised Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Hearing
- III. Chair's Opening Remarks
- IV. Executive Session
  - A. To discuss strategy for contract negotiations with all bargaining units, as the Chair deems a discussion in public session would have an adverse effect on the District's bargaining position.
  - B. To discuss possible litigation
  - C. To update the Committee on WREA grievance 2023-2024-1, and return to public session.
- V. Student Representative's Report
- VI. Superintendent's Report
  - A. Discussion of Report
    1. Presentation by Maria Letasz, Director of Student Support
    2. School Choice
- VII. Unfinished Business
- VIII. Committee Business
  - A. **Motion**: To authorize the chair to send a letter on behalf of the Committee, to each of the State Representatives and Senators who represent the District, requesting that the legislature reconsider the 1.35% inflation rate used in Ch70 calculations for FY25, and adjust it to account for the value lost from previous years' inflation rate cap and the ongoing struggles of inflation as felt at the local level.
- IX. Secretary's Report  
Consent Agenda:
  - A. Approval of the Regular Session Minutes of February 12, 2024
  - B. Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of February 12, 2024
- IX. Treasurer's Report/Financial Statement
- X. SEPAC Report

XI. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Management Subcommittee (S. Runstrom-Chair, S.Haber, Vice-Chair, J.Brennan, M.Gustafson, L.Kirshenbaum, L.Long-Bellil, L.Salmon-Garrett, L. Woodland).
1. **Motion:** To amend Policy 1111: **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation**: *School Committee Member Responsibility* - first reading.
  2. **Motion:** To amend Policy 1160: **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation**: *School Committee Member Ethics* - first reading.
- B. Education Subcommittee (L.Long-Bellil, Chair, J.Winters Vice-Chair, P.DuBois, G.Kaminski, L.Kirshenbaum)
- C. Business/Finance Subcommittee (J.Brennan, Chair, M.Gustafson, Vice-Chair, P.DuBois, K.Govardhan, L.Long-Bellil)
- D. Legal Affairs Subcommittee (L.Salmon-Garrett, Chair, S.Haber Vice-Chair, K.Govardhan, G.Kaminski, S.Poole)
1. **Motion:** To amend Policy 1340: **Policy Related to Support Committee Operations**; *School District Counsel* - first reading.
- E. Superintendent Goals and Evaluation Subcommittee (L.Kirshenbaum-Chair, L.Salmon-Garrett, Vice-Chair, B. Beardmore, S.Poole)
- F. Facilities and Security Subcommittee (L. Woodland, Chair, B. Beardmore, Vice-Chair, D.Lorway, K.Ottmar, S.Poole)
1. **Motion:** To delete Policy 7152 - **Policy Related to Support Operations - Safety Procedures and Programs** - second reading
  2. **Motion:** To amend Policy 4110.1 **Policy Related to Budget/Finance - Capital Finance**- second reading
- G. Diversity, Equity, and Anti-Racism Subcommittee (M.Gustafson, Chair, Sue Valentine, Vice-Chair, J.Brennan, A.Silva, L. Woodland)
1. **Motion:** To amend Policy 6611: **Policy Relating to Pupil Services: Student Immunizations** - first reading.
  2. **Motion:** To amend Policy 6438: **Policy Relating to Pupil Services: Bullying Prevention Policy** (formerly Anti-Bullying Policy) - second reading.
- H. Audit Advisory Board (M.Gustafson, Chair, K.Govardhan)
- I. Ad Hoc Subcommittees
1. Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to Improve Subcommittee Operations (S.Runstrom, S.Haber, L. Salmon-Garrett)
    1. **Motion:** To amend Policy 1520: **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation** - *Policy Development*, first reading; such amendment to take effect May 1, 2024.
    2. **Motion:** To amend Policy 1230: **Policy Relating to School Committee Operation** - *Subcommittees of the School Committee*, first reading; such amendment to take effect May 1, 2024.
- J. School Council Reports:  
Central Tree Middle School (S.Haber), Chocksett Middle School (L.Woodland), Davis Hill Elementary School (S.Poole), Dawson Elementary School (M.Gustafson), Glenwood Elementary School (B.Beardmore), Houghton Elementary School (J.Winters), Mayo Elementary School (L.Salmon-Garrett), Mountview Middle School (L.Kirshenbaum), Naquag Elementary School (K.Govardhan), Paxton Center School (S.Runstrom), Thomas Prince School (P.DuBois), Wachusett Regional High School (M.Lavoie/L.Long-Bellil), Special

Education Parent Advisory Council (M.Gustafson/D.Lorway), Early Childhood  
Center (B.Beardmore)

XII. New Business

XIV. Adjournment

*The above agenda items are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*