

Wachusett Regional School District Committee

Regular Meeting #1411

Monday, August 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. Presentation by SEPAC
- IV. Chair's Opening Remarks
- V. Student Representative's Report
- VI. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Discussion of Report
 - B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee
 - a. **Motion:** To authorize the use of \$505,038 of additional Chapter 70 funds as a funding source for FY25, and thereby reduce the assessment to the member Towns as follows:

Holden:	\$ 37,256,959
Paxton:	\$ 7,740,336
Princeton:	\$ 6,074,615
Rutland:	\$ 16,432,498
Sterling:	\$ 13,557,080
TOTAL:	\$ 81,061,488
 - b. **Motion:** To approve the updated 10-year Capital Improvement Plan as presented.
 - c. **Motion:** To recommend capital projects for the member towns to undertake for FY26.
 - d. **Motion:** To refer [Policy 1000](#) - **Policy Related to Operations** - *Non-discrimination and Harassment* to the Policy Subcommittee.
 - e. **Motion:** To refer [Policy 3820](#) - **Policy Related to Education** - *Observation of Education Programs for Special Needs Students* to the Policy Subcommittee.
 - f. **Motion:** To refer [Policy 3813](#) - **Policy Related to Education** - *Audio, Video and/or Stenographic Recordings of Meetings* to the Policy Subcommittee.
- VII. Unfinished Business
- VIII. Secretary's Report
 - Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approval of the Regular Session Minutes of July 8, 2024

- B. Approval of the Management Subcommittee Minutes of January 4, 2024
- C. Approval of the Education Subcommittee Minutes of April 4, 2024
- D. Approval of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Improve School Committee Operations Minutes of March 4, 2024
- E. Approval of the Diversity, Equity and Anti-Racism Minutes of April 10, 2024

IX. Committee Business

- A. ~~(Member Lavoie) **Motion:** To request district administration provide the Committee with the following Title IX data regarding athletics at the high school in relation to male and female opportunities:~~
 - ~~The total population of enrolled students who participate in WRHS official athletic programs, broken down by males and females.~~
 - ~~A breakdown of each official Athletic Program at the High School by gender, sport, and level (ie Boys Varsity Football)~~
- B. (Citizen request per policy P1660) **Motion:** To request district administration provide the school committee with PRS (Problem Resolution System) data from the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years at the September 9th, 2024 school committee meeting. This data should include, but not be limited to:
 - The complaint number
 - Complaints which were referred to the Office of Civil Rights
 - Whether PRS found the district in compliance or noncompliant
 - A description of noncompliance (e.g., denial of FAPE, inappropriate transportation services, denial of parent's ability to provide informed consent, etc.)
 - Corrective action required (e.g., compensatory services, training, policy development, etc.)
 - Whether the corrective action required third-party involvement
 - The corrective action deadline
 - The date when the corrective action was completed
- C. (Citizen request per policy P1660) **Motion:** To request the district collaborate with all stakeholders to create a Special Education Manual accessible to staff and families to ensure understanding and compliance with special education laws. Examples below:
 - [Chelsea Public Schools](#)
 - [Framingham Public Schools](#)
 - [Andover Public Schools](#)
 - [Boston Public Schools](#)
 - [Public Schools of Brookline](#)
 - [Barnstable Public Schools](#)

X. Treasurer's Report/Financial Statement

XI. SEPAC Report

XII. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Policy Subcommittee (L. Kirshenbaum-Chair, J.Brennan, G.Kaminski, M.Lavoie, M.Wallace)
- B. Business/Finance Subcommittee (J. Brennan-Chair, B.Beardmore, M.Gustafson-Vice-Chair, L.Salmon-Garrett, L.Woodland)

Motion: To amend Policy DP4713.1: **Policy Relating to Budget/Finance Audit Advisory Board** - first reading.

- C. Legal Affairs Subcommittee (L. Salmon-Garrett-Chair, M.Gustafson Vice-Chair, S.Haber)
- D. Superintendent Goals and Evaluation Subcommittee (S. Poole-Chair, P.DuBois, L.Kirshenbaum, M.Wallace, J.Winters)
- E. Facilities and Security Subcommittee (L.Woodland-Chair, B.Beardmore Vice-Chair, D.Lorway, K.Ottmar, S.Poole)
 - 1. ~~**Motion:** To approve the updated 10-year Capital Improvement Plan as presented.~~
 - 2. ~~**Motion:** To recommend capital projects for the member towns to undertake for FY26.~~
- F. Audit Advisory Board (M. Lavoie-Chair, P.DuBois Vice-Chair)
Motion: To accept the Annual Financial Statements and Governance Letter prepared by District Auditors Marcum LLC for fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.
- G. Ad Hoc Subcommittees
- H. School Council Reports:
 - Central Tree Middle School (M.Lavoie), 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 (S.Haber), Paxton Center School (K.Ottmar), Thomas Prince School (P.DuBois), Wachusett Regional High School (J.Brennan), Special Education Parent Advisory Council (S.Runstrom/M.Lavoie), Early Childhood Center (M.Wallace)

XIII. 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.