

Central Berkshire Regional School District School Committee, Regular Meeting

Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**Becket Washington Elementary School
Becket, MA 01223**

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Central Berkshire's Mission

Central Berkshire Regional School District, in partnership with the community provides a rigorous, meaningful learning environment.

This meeting was audio and video recorded. Tiffany Daniels from iberkshires was attending remotely and recording.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Members Alpert, Case, Crane, Craft-Reiss, DiTomasso, Eberwein, Farella, Gelinas, Lacatell, Lattizzori (remote), Lounsbury, Stuart

Absent: Member, Tucker, Emerson

Also Present: Superintendent Leslie Blake-Davis, Assistant Superintendent Michael Henault, Director of Finance and Operations Gregory Boino, Recording Secretary Beth O'Connor

ARTICLE 12639 RESPONSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Art Sanders, a parent of a 7th and 9th grade student, spoke to his concern about MCAS scores. After reviewing his children's MCAS scores he looked at the online data and reviewed the dip in percentages for the math MCAS test. He expressed concern about Math at Nessacus but recognized that the school is in a much better place than 2018. The teachers reached out and were very responsive to his son. Questioned attention to the math curriculum and rigor of work. Looking forward to seeing the MCAS presentation and hope that academics will be the primary focus.

ARTICLE 12640 STUDENT AFFAIRS

A. Student Reports

Aidan reported the following; The Senior and Junior classes went on their field trip to Salem Ma and had a lot of fun. The Football game this week is Senior Night against Northampton. The National Honor Society will be hosting Trunk or Treat and all are welcome. Yondr pouches have started and is going well, some kids are choosing to leave their phones at home or in cars.

B. Other

ARTICLE 12641 FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Warrants

SCHOOL COMMITTEE**September 28, 2023****Warrant No. PR24-07****PAYROLL****General Fund: Operating Expenses****Employee Wages** **\$ 593,891.17****Other Funds**

Revolving Accounts \$ -

Grants \$ 95,888.70

School Lunch \$ 14,675.67

Total Other **\$ 110,564.37****Total Payroll** **\$ 704,455.54****Employer Medicare** **\$ 9,516.62****Total Payroll and Taxes** **\$ 713,972.16****SCHOOL COMMITTEE****September 28, 2023****Warrant No. PR24-07D****PAYROLL DEDUCTION****Accounts Payable from Agency Accounts****Payroll Deductions**

403B (Various Companies) \$ 16,927.52

457 (Various Companies) \$ 60.00

Wage Garnishments \$ -

Berkshire United Way \$ 11.30

Union Dues \$ 6,837.47

Federal Income Tax \$ 52,385.78

Berkshire County Retirement \$ 13,955.55

Mass Teachers Retirement \$ 114,616.84

OBRA Retirement \$ 1,228.69

Medicare Employee Contributions \$ 9,516.70

Massachusetts Income Tax \$ 30,876.03

Employee Contributions to Insurances \$ 4,471.24

Total Payable **\$ 250,887.12****SCHOOL COMMITTEE****September 29, 2023****Warrant #AP24-07**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Operating Expenses: General Fund

Accounts Payable	\$ 261,203.74
Employee Health, Life & Dental Insurance District Share	\$ -
Retiree Health & Life Insurance District Share	\$ -
Total General Fund	\$ 261,203.74

Operating Expenses: Other Funds

Agency: Employee Share Health, Life & Dental Insurance	\$ -
Agency: Retiree Share Health & Life Insurance	\$ -
Prior Year Encumbrances	\$ 420.00
Grants	\$ 366.81
Total Other Funds:	\$ 786.81

Revolving

School Lunch	\$ 4,000.00
WRHS - Baseball	\$ 128.68
WRHS - Basketball, Boys	\$ 184.14
WRHS - Basketball, Girls	\$ 193.69
WRHS - Basketball, Unified	\$ 52.50
WRHS - Football	\$ 2,112.92
WRHS - Lacrosse, Boys	\$ 785.30
WRHS - Lacrosse, Girls	\$ 581.58
WRHS - Soccer, Boys	\$ 991.50
WRHS - Soccer, Girls	\$ 1,080.45
WRHS- Softball	\$ 114.84
WRHS - Student fees	\$ 357.50
WRHS - Volleyball	\$ 237.21
Total Revolving Funds	\$ 10,820.31

Total Authorization for Payment	\$ 272,810.86
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

September 29, 2023

Warrant #APW24-06

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Capital Expenses: Other Funds

WRHS Building Project	\$ 284,962.47
Total Other Funds:	\$ 284,962.47

Total Authorization for Payment	\$ 284,962.47
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

October 12, 2023
Warrant No. PR24-08
PAYROLL

General Fund: Operating Expenses

Employee Wages \$ 593,533.91

Other Funds

Revolving Accounts \$ -

Grants \$ 95,956.76

School Lunch \$ 13,961.56

Total Other \$ 109,918.32

Total Payroll \$ 703,452.23

Employer Medicare \$ 9,497.04

Total Payroll and Taxes	\$ 712,949.27
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

October 12, 2023
Warrant No. PR24-08D
PAYROLL DEDUCTION

Accounts Payable from Agency Accounts

Payroll Deductions

403B (Various Companies) \$ 16,779.06

457 (Various Companies) \$ 60.00

Wage Garnishments \$ -

Berkshire United Way \$ -

Union Dues \$ 6,862.47

Federal Income Tax \$ 51,976.45

Berkshire County Retirement \$ 13,797.91

Mass Teachers Retirement \$ -

OBRA Retirement \$ 1,339.98

Medicare Employee Contributions \$ 9,497.00

Massachusetts Income Tax \$ 30,801.53

Employee Contributions to Insurances \$ 116.92

Total Payable	\$ 131,231.32
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

October 13, 2023
Warrant #AP24-08
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Operating Expenses: General Fund

Accounts Payable	\$ 202,396.63
Employee Health & Life Insurance District Share	\$ 935.77
Retiree Health & Life Insurance District Share	\$ 254.30
Total General Fund	\$ 203,586.70

Operating Expenses: Other Funds

Agency: Employee Share Life Insurance	\$ 155.03
Agency: Retiree Share Life Insurance	\$ 133.54
Prior Year Encumbrances	\$ 12,440.13
Grants	\$ 93,754.11
Total Other Funds:	\$ 106,482.81

Revolving

School Lunch	\$ 92,927.40
CBRSD Gift Account	\$ 925.48
WRHS - Cross Country	\$ 100.00
WRHS - Football	\$ 1,310.00
WRHS - PSAT	\$ 30.00
WRHS - Soccer, Boys	\$ 850.00
WRHS - Soccer, Girls	\$ 530.00
WRHS - Student Activities	\$ 9,084.31
WRHS - Volleyball	\$ 90.00
Total Revolving Funds	\$ 105,847.19

Total Authorization for Payment	\$ 415,916.70
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE**October 13, 2023****Warrant #APW24-07****ACCOUNTS PAYABLE****Capital Expenses: Other Funds**

WRHS Building Project	\$7,020,680.22
Total Other Funds:	\$7,020,680.22

Total Authorization for Payment	\$7,020,680.22
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B. Gifts, Donations and Grants**1. Acceptance of Donation to the Rural Health Grant**

MOVED BY MEMBER DITOMASSO, SECONDED BY MEMBER STUART

That the Central Berkshire Regional School Committee accepts the donation of \$2000 to the Rural Health Grant from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, as recommended by the District Treasurer.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Members Alpert, Case, Crane, Craft-Reiss, DiTomasso, Eberwein, Farella, Gelinas, Lacatell, Lattizzori,
Lounsbury, Stuart,
Nays: None
Abstentions: None.
Motion passes

2. Approval of Fundraising Event for WRHS French Club

MOVED BY MEMBER DITOMASSO, SECONDED BY MEMBER STUART

That the Central Berkshire Regional School Committee approves the fundraising event for the WRHS French Club of a raffle of three baskets for Doctors Without Borders.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Members Alpert, Case, Crane, Craft-Reiss, DiTomasso, Eberwein, Farella, Gelinas, Lacatell, Lattizzori,
Lounsbury, Stuart,
Nays: None
Abstentions: None.
Motion passes

3. Authorization of Scholarship Donations

MOVED BY MEMBER DITOMASSO, SECONDED BY MEMBER STUART

That the Central Berkshire Regional School Committee accepts the following scholarship donation totaling \$100 recommended by the District Treasurer. \$100 was donated to the Jacqueline Harrison Memorial Scholarship by the Class of 1970.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Members Alpert, Case, Crane, Craft-Reiss, DiTomasso, Eberwein, Farella, Gelinas, Lacatell, Lattizzori,
Lounsbury, Stuart,
Nays: None
Abstentions: None.
Motion carries passes

4. Acceptance of Connecting Activities Grant FY24

MOVED BY MEMBER DITOMASSO, SECONDED BY MEMBER STUART

The Central Berkshire Regional School Committee accepted the Connecting Activities Grant FY24 to CBRSD in the amount of \$4000 as recommended by the District Treasurer.

A question of who tis grant was for, this is the grant for Cathy Grady.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Members Alpert, Case, Crane, Craft-Reiss, DiTomasso, Eberwein, Farella, Gelinas, Lacatell, Lattizzori,
Lounsbury, Stuart,
Nays: None
Abstentions: None.
Motion passes

5. Acceptance of College & Career Grant FY24

MOVED BY MEMBER DITOMASSO, SECONDED BY MEMBER STUART

That the Central Berkshire Regional School Committee accepts College & Career Grant FY24 to CBRSD in the amount of \$6,500.00 as recommended by the District Treasurer.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Members Alpert, Case, Crane, Craft-Reiss, DiTomasso, Eberwein, Farella, Gelinas, Lacatell, Lattizzori, Lounsbury, Stuart,

Nays: None

Abstentions: None.

Motion passes

6. Approval of Fundraising Event for WRHS Class of 2026

MOVED BY MEMBER DITOMASSO, SECONDED BY MEMBER STUART

That the Central Berkshire Regional School Committee approves the fundraising event for the WRHS Class of 2026 of a charity flag football game for Elizabeth Freeman Center and the Class of 2026.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Members Alpert, Case, Crane, Craft-Reiss, DiTomasso, Eberwein, Farella, Gelinas, Lacatell, Lattizzori, Lounsbury, Stuart,

Nays: None

Abstentions: None.

Motion passes

7. Approval of Fundraising Event for Nessacus Class of 2029

MOVED BY MEMBER DITOMASSO, SECONDED BY MEMBER STUART

That the Central Berkshire Regional School Committee approves the fundraising event for the Nessacus Class of 2029 for a dance at Nessacus.

Question on date of dance; November 17th and fundraiser for the class of 2029.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Members Alpert, Case, Crane, Craft-Reiss, DiTomasso, Eberwein, Farella, Gelinas, Lacatell, Lattizzori, Lounsbury, Stuart,

Nays: None

Abstentions: None.

Motion passes

ARTICLE 12642 SECRETARY'S REPORT

A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 28, 2023

MOVED BY MEMBER DITOMASSO, SECONDED BY MEMBER STUART

To accept the minutes of the regular meeting of September 28, 2023.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Members Alpert, Case, Crane, Craft-Reiss, DiTomasso, Eberwein, Farella, Gelinas, Lacatell, Lattizzori, Lounsbury, Stuart,

Nays: None
Abstentions: None.
Motion passes

ARTICLE 12643 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Report

1. Superintendent’s Report

The Superintendent gave a shout-out to the administration at WRHS and NRMS for the implementation of the Yondr pouches. Students are adjusting and have been engaged in reading, playing games, and other communications without using their phones.

Superintendent Davis-Blake spoke to the superintendent’s report that was in the packet.

2. MCAS Results/DIP/SIP Summary

The PowerPoint presentation that was presented for the Districts MCAS/DIP/SIP data was in the packet. Listed below are some of the highlights of the presentation from the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Principals and Vice Principals.

Superintendent Blake-Davis noted that the Strategic Plan is aligned to the District Plan which is aligned to the School Improvement Plan.

MCAS Data:

- Began with MCAS Data and went over -glows and growth areas-fortunate to have strong administrators, have taken the information and gone into a deep dive of the data.
- Questions are welcome now or in the future on any data.
- MCAS-First year since 2019 that the District has received accountability data.
- Disaggregated data-CBRSD ILT is reviewing, also looking at test items by standards and student MCAS work received that data through MCAS information that is sent out to administration.
- Official Accountability Report-Middle Schools included with Elementary Schools, Elementary schools have increased, Nessacus has stayed the same and WRHS has dropped a bit.
 - Nessacus looked at other Middles schools in our area
 - DESE picks the schools we are comparable to on demographics (about 12)-DART Reports
- Questions asked about Hitting Target-would like to see more of this data
 - CBRSD was set at a higher target
 - Slope for Middle School is concerning
 - CBRSD had relatively robust targets due to less of a decrease during COVID. Did not meet all/many of them.
- ELA-
 - Increase in 3rd grade, need to continue the work on this-added Foundations, Heggerty, piloting new ELA program as well.
 - Increase in 4th, 5th, 6th,
 - 7th grade below the State-Universal Screening, this is happening in other Districts as well
 - 8th grade is a concern
 - Largest gaps are around language, writing and idea development
 - Teachers received 2 Professional Development days on the subject of idea development across genres, there are another 2 days of PD coming up.
 - 10th grade a dip and need to grow
 - This is comparable to 8th grade.
 - Teachers received 2 Professional Development days on the subject of idea development across genres, there are another 2 days of PD coming up.

- Math
 - 3rd grade is below average
 - 5th grade increase-comparable to the same level as other District in State
 - Increase for 6th graders
 - 7th grade just above
 - Growth levels in Math in every area.
 - 8th grade is an area of concern and a plan is in place to help increase scores
 - Working on a timely solution and have partnered with Mt Holyoke College which will offer Professional Development in math. CBRSD working with a leader from the college that is putting together a plan on the math standards and moving forward on those standards with high-level mathematical teaching. This is a yearlong PD and November is the start date.
 - Eureka Math is what is being used, and has been upgraded to Eureka Squared.
 - Principal Vosburgh spoke to the Math Curriculum that changes for 8th grade math curriculum to Eureka Squared assessments are mirrored to MCAS. Vice Principal Flynn is targeting classes in assessments, planning and professional development and this is the focal point for all the teachers. There is also co-teaching happening in two out of the four classes to make sure every level of learner is getting what they need.
 - 10th above the State but an area of concern
 - Will be using the Mount Holyoke College Professional Development for the WRHS teachers as well.
- Science
 - Test is a test that has different test categories.
 - The Elementary level is a hands-on curriculum. Shout-out to elementary science teachers. Scores are higher.
 - Grade 8 at the state level.
 - Physical science and explorer classes work on this as well.
 - The Point made that physical science only taught in 7th and 8th
 - Grade 10 is slightly below-Biology is very vocab heavy
 - Added .5 STEM for high school and Nessacus for a heavy lift on Vocab.
- DIP
 - Universal screening is vital.
 - Teaching; Research Approach, Collaborative Inventory
 - Instructional Rounds and working with Stephanie Rhinhorn at Middle and High School.
 - Walkthroughs at all Schools by the administration, using the tool Hallmarks of Instructional Practices, convene with administrators after walkthrough and debrief to work with feedback and implementation of growth and improve their teaching graph.
 - Social and emotional needs
 - Culturally Responsive Teaching
 - ADL Training with Phil Fogelman with Nessacus and Elementary School
 - Berk12 Training for Administrators
 - Concept of Belonging book group for DEIB group
 - Strengthen community Partnership
 - Family Engagement activities at all the schools.
 - Family communication goes out through text and email.
- SIP-Principal and Vice Principal
 - Craneville- Principal Rebecca Neet and Vice Principal Rebecca Sawyer
 - Universal Screening is used for Tier I instruction.
 - Math and Reading interventionist
 - Helps to target all kid's learning levels.
 - Amplify is a great tool.
 - Administrators get Equity coaching.
 - Family Communications/Partnership PTO & School Councils
 - Spooky STEM Night (K-2 for most of families)
 - Guest readers coming in reading in different languages
 - Kittredge- Principal Howie Marshall

- Focused on Title I support and are targeting students in small groups.
- Interventionist-Reading .5, no Math
- Walkthroughs
 - Teachers look forward to feedback.
- Responsive morning meeting.
- Positive-Behavioral/Safe Program
- The Continuum of Engagement-started this at Kittredge-posters, teachers like it and students engaged.
- Preschool- two classrooms still important, working with CRA and State and Licensure.
- Wendy Provencher programs are at the school.
- Becket/Washington Principal Mary Kay McCloskey
 - Heggerty-new curriculum that teachers and kids love it-succesful-K-2 and 3-5 are using it as well.
 - Title I
 - Foundations curriculum in grade 3-Professional Development on this and is going well.
 - ST Math curriculum is an effective program used at Craneville.
 - Possibly pilot at B/W second half of the year.
 - Two by Tens program-adults who volunteer to meet with students for 2 minutes a day for 10 consecutive days. This is a great program for students and adults and builds a positive relationship.
 - Family Communication-Family Literacy Night happened in July and another is scheduled for in December.
 - Math & Reading nights- families come and play subject related games with their families.
 - School 'Bobcat' for the day- lead the pledge, star for the day-students enjoy this engagement.
 - 'Bobcat' breakfast once a month at the school.
 - DEIB Committee is helpful and receives grants by partnering with the library and Berkshire Taconic for numerous cultural events at the school.
- Nessacus- Principal John Vosburgh, Vice-Principal Kelly Flynn
 - Title I is a crucial piece of learning at Nessacus, a shout-out to the Title I folks.
 - ELA Professional Development was impactful on the curricula discussed with Guest leaders.
 - Looking forward to more Professional Development in November.
 - Math Eureka Squared is more engaged and accessible for students, and offers digital lessons.
 - WINN Block is led by title I staff.
 - Universal screeners are a new tool for Nessacus but they have identified the needs of students and we can target their educational needs.
 - Instructional Rounds-Aaron and Shaun introduced this to Nessacus with Stephanie Rhinhorn the staff is very dedicated to this. The teachers at Nessacus were top in attendance for the Professional Development in October, the staff is very engaged.
 - Social Studies is a new curriculum, working with Colleen Trager, and it collaborates with ELA.
 - Hallmark content areas are being worked on.
 - Full Faculty training with Phil Folgeman was very well received giving the staff strategies for their toolboxes.
 - Twenty 7th grade students went to MCLA for Peers Student Training through the ADL, the trained students will push into classes. Recommend watching bullying a burger on YouTube. After three events hosted by the school, the school becomes a No School for Hate.
 - ADL has provided an Anti-Bias curriculum that has started in each grade level. This is helping kids with relationships and conflicts at the middle school level.
 - Code of Conduct-going well and opening up communication with families.
 - Two by Ten initiative in place and well received.
 - Equity coaching is also a great resource.

- Yondr pouch-A student recognized that they have an issue being addicted to their phone and the pouch proved it, and spoke to Dr. Vosburgh about it.
 - Continue to use Google classroom.
 - Ramble Wilde has been a field trip for the past three years. The 6th grade attends as a community building field trip, it is sponsored through a grant and is well received every year by staff and students.
 - CRA -partnering to find out how to help students by finding out the following information:
 - Where do they live
 - What their interests are
 - Create an Environment outside of school with equal opportunities for all
 - December Literacy Night- bring parents into Nessacus for this event.
- Wahconah-Principal Aaron Robb, Vice-Principal Stephen Messina
- Shaun Therrien Instructional Coach meets regularly with teachers.
 - Hallmarks- are identifying the greatest strengths and growths.
 - Instructional Rounds-global school improvement:
 - Students own their learning.
 - The design team runs this program
 - Currently discussing teaching and learning and steps to take leadership roles, a shout-out to the whole staff for their engagement in the work.
 - Also, a shout out to teachers they are working very hard to get students where they need to be.
 - Yondr Pouch is tough for some students, most students are okay with change and not having that attachment a positive because they are not in classrooms.
 - The Equity process with Cindy Weeks going well and has been a very helpful resource.
 - Code of Conduct has been very helpful for families can access information easily and a good resource for them and students.
 - Helps with the length of handbook.
 - Two by Ten initiated-50 percent of staff participate.
 - Student huddles, if a student is struggling, they meet with the teacher and build off the positive not negative.
 - Shout out to Jarod Shannon on this practice.
 - SACS have had DEB training, which gives them more tools.
 - WRHS create informational videos that are helpful for families and students. Also, they like them and they go out on multiple platforms. Example-Yondr pouches information.
 - Dual enrollment program students receive BCC credit, and the course is taught by a BCC teacher who comes to teach course at WRHS.
 - Currently, Early childhood classes, working with CBRSD Preschools.
 - Students asking for more of this programming.
 - Career Fair
 - Particularly for Juniors.
 - Seminars from different agencies, students view and talk to representatives.

Superintendent Blake-Davis thanked the administrators who presented very valuable information and thanked them for their time. She commented that CBRSD is fortunate to have such an outstanding group of educators who educate the whole child.

B. Recommendations

1. Preliminary October 1, 2023 Enrollment-

Superintendent reported that the enrollment numbers in the District are up and school choice has increased by nine students. Director Boino commented that these are the numbers used for the budget.

*Chair Peters recommended because of the time that the committee move out of order and move to Personnel as the next item.

C. Other

ARTICLE 12644 COMMUNICATIONS

A. Report of the Chair

1. Regional Agreement

The towns have the document via email and it was mailed to them. They have until January 1st to get their legal review and then it comes back to the school committee.

2. MASC/MASS Joint Conference Resolutions

Discussion started on the conference resolutions and voting on each one. The Chair asked if the committee could give their opinions on resolutions and then trust him with the vote. The Chair recognized as well that it was near 10:00 pm.

MOVED BY MEMBER CASE, SECONDED BY MEMBER ALPERT

That the Central Berkshire Regional School Committee extend tonight's meeting until 10:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Members Alpert, Case, Crane, Craft-Reiss, DiTomasso, Farella, Gelinas, Lacatell, Lattizzori, Lounsbury,

Nays: Eberwein, Stuart

Abstentions: None.

Motion passes

MOVED BY MEMBER LACATELL, SECONDED BY MEMBER ALPERT

That the Central Berkshire Regional School Committee send their representatives to the MASC Conference to vote as they see fit to resolutions that are listed and considered comments that are made tonight when voting.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Members Alpert, Case, Crane, Craft-Reiss, DiTomasso, Eberwein, Farella, Gelinas, Lacatell, Lattizzori, Lounsbury, Stuart,

Nays: None

Abstentions: None.

Motion passes

Discussion on Resolutions, and notes will be sent to Chair Peters.

Resolution #1: Full, Stable Funding for METCO

- No issues in supporting

Resolution #2: Regarding Investigations and Recommendations for Transportation Bidding Procedures

- No issues in supporting

Resolution #3: Regional Transportation

- Family opts out of transportation we can't count on reimbursement figure
- District decides to charge family
- No problem supporting this one

Resolution #4: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- Looking for a dedicated DEI administrator
- Question-Will this be a Mandate person
- CBRSD is doing DEI work without a dedicated administrator
- Can see how this would be an important role for the DEI work
- Could be looking at bigger Schools example: Boston
- **Ask if this is recommended not mandated-that is the big question whether to support this or not.
 - CBRSD/smaller school district could not financially afford this position

Resolution #5: MA School Building Authority

- No issues in supporting

Resolution #6: School Bus Stop Arm Surveillance act and enforcement and Penalties

- What kind of tech and cameras are being used
- How is the data being collected and stored; facial recognition, storage of the data, who will keep the data and safeguards around that
- **Voting depends on answers to 2nd question

Resolution #7: Related to MCAC

- MCAS under attack since it began
- MCAS Continue to improve and it is better than nothing
- Moratorium- question that
- Federal testing has to happen linked to funding
- Is it just being brought up for graduation requirements, then possible
- No vote was favorable

Resolution #8: Safe Storage of Firearms

- Vote No

ARTICLE 12645 SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Reports

1. Curriculum
 - a. Report

Member Lattizorri reported at the meeting on October 18th the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent reported on the MCAS/DIP data that was reported out at this meeting. The next meeting will be on November 28th via Zoom. Discussing the J.R. Bryant School and the Special Education Review.

2. Finance
 - a. Report

Member DiTomaso reported that there was a presentation on improving the WRHS Concession stands by Jeff Canterella and Glenn Lagerwall. The finance committee was supportive of the plan. Discussed bleacher maintenance due to safety concerns. Director Boino will look into a quote for bleacher sections that are in rough shape. No additional information on the building maintenance report, this will be added as a regular agenda item. The next meeting will be on December 12th at WRHS and the discussion will be on Rural Aid.

3. Policy
 - a. Report

Member Stuart reported that they have started the review process. The document will switch from a numbering system to a lettering system. When a policy is adopted by the committee it will go on the agenda to be voted on by the school committee. Meeting dates are set and on the calendar. Liz LaFond is helping with this from MASC.

- b. MASC-Update Policies
- 4. Personnel
 - a. Report
 - b. Executive Session – Negotiation

MOVED BY MEMBER LACATELL, SECONDED BY MEMBER CASE

That the Central Berkshire Regional School Committee goes into executive session at 9:30 p.m. in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A Section 21 (a) (3) to discuss potential of ratification of agreements with Administrative Assistants, Custodians and Cafeteria Workers employee units, for which the chair has declared an executive session is necessary to protect the bargaining position of the Committee, and to reconvene in open session at the conclusion of the executive session.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Members Alpert, Case, Crane, Craft-Reiss, DiTomasso, Eberwein, Farella, Gelinas, Lacatell, Lattizzori, Lounsbury, Stuart,
Nays: None
Abstentions: None.
Motion passes

Returned to Open Session at 9:40 p.m.

- c. Ratification of Agreement with Administrative Assistant

MOVED BY MEMBER LACATELL, SECONDED BY MEMBER ALPERT

Whereas on September 28, 2023, the Administrative Assistant's unit of the Central Berkshire Education Association of the Central Berkshire Regional School District agreed to settlement.

That the Central Berkshire Regional School Committee ratifies the settlement agreement with the Administrative Assistants unit for FY24 through FY26.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Members Alpert, Case, Crane, Craft-Reiss, DiTomasso, Eberwein, Farella, Gelinas, Lacatell, Lattizzori, Lounsbury, Stuart, Municipal Rep. John Bartels
Nays: None
Abstentions: None.
Motion passes unanimously

- d. Ratification of Agreement with Custodians:

MOVED BY MEMBER LACATELL, SECONDED BY MEMBER CASE

Whereas on October 21, 2023 the AFSCME Custodial Employees Unit of the Central Berkshire Regional School District agree to settlement.

That the Central Berkshire Regional School Committee ratifies the settlement agreement with the AFSCME Custodial Employees Unit for FY24 through FY26.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Members Alpert, Case, Crane, Craft-Reiss, DiTomasso, Eberwein, Farella, Gelinas, Lacatell, Lattizzori, Lounsbury, Stuart, Municipal Rep. John Bartels

Nays: None
Abstentions: None.
Motion passes unanimously

e. Ratification of Agreement with Cafeteria Workers:

MOVED BY MEMBER LACATELL, SECONDED BY MEMBER STUART

Whereas the AFSCME Cafeteria Workers Unit of the Central Berkshire Regional School District agree to settlement.

That the Central Berkshire Regional School Committee ratifies the settlement agreement with the AFSCME Cafeteria Workers Unit for FY24 through FY26.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Members Alpert, Case, Crane, Craft-Reiss, DiTomasso, Eberwein, Farella, Gelinas, Lacatell, Lattizzori, Lounsbury, Stuart, Municipal Rep. John Bartels

Nays: None
Abstentions: None.
Motion passes unanimously

Resumed the order of the agenda after this vote.

5. Safety and Wellness
a. Report

Member Lounsbury reported that the meeting for this month was canceled and is in the process of scheduling the next meeting. The Parent Advisory met and discussed the SRO with Officer William and Chief Strout. The meeting was attended by parents and school committee members via zoom and in person at WRHS. Key takeaways were the background that Officer Williams shared on his vast experiences, he is also the handler for the department comfort dog. Building relationships with students and officers. Chief Strout answered questions from the group concerning the pros and cons of an SRO. Waiting on news of grant status of the grant then funding can be discussed.

The committee will also be getting quarterly bullying and health updates from CBRSD Nursing Coordinator Kelly Jean Partridge.

b. SRO Report

Still waiting on news for the grant and would like to have a vote on this at a future school committee even if haven't received grant information. Spoke to the possible financial component and the MOU that would be designed by the Superintendent and Chief of Police then came back to the school committee.

B. Others

6. Wahconah Building Project
 - a. Report
7. Regional Agreement Ad Hoc
 - a. Report

ARTICLE 12646 PERSONNEL

Superintendent's Review of Personnel Changes

- Maher, Sarah; Nurse, CES, Hired October 2, 2023
- Secord, Paige; Paraprofessional, NMS, Hired October 2, 2023
- Love, Lawrence; Custodian, BES, Hired October 16, 2023
- Emerson, Michael; Custodian WRHS, Transferred August 28, 2023

Note: All salaries are set in accordance with current contracts.

ARTICLE 12647 OLD BUSINESS (Unfinished Business)

(Any business not completed or postponed from a previous meeting, or not covered if a meeting had to be adjourned for any reason prior to concluding entire agenda)

ARTICLE 12648 NEW BUSINESS (Emergency Business)

(Unforeseen business developed subsequent to posting of meeting and requiring timely attention. Member requests to place items on a future agenda [without deliberation of the substance of such item])

In the town of Washington there is the annual pumpkin walk and all are welcome.

ARTICLE 12649 REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE

MOVED BY MEMBER STUART, SECONDED BY MEMBER CASE

To adjourn the meeting at 10:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Members Alpert, Case, Crane, Craft-Reiss, DiTomasso, Eberwein, Farella, Gelinas, Lacatell, Lattizzori,
Lounsbury, Stuart,

Nays: None

Abstentions: None.

Motion carries passes

The following documents were emailed to members and are filed with the official minutes

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