

WINCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Type of Meeting: Regular BOE Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Location: P. FRANCIS HICKS ROOM, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, TOWN HALL

1. Call to order at 7:03pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call (alpha order):
  - a. Present: Melony Brady-Shanley, Superintendent, Michelle Hintz, Nora Mocarski, Liz O'Dowd, Doug Pfenninger, Alexandria Propfe
  - b. Absent.: Chris Royer, Theresa Starzyk, Robert Vogt, Jr.
4. Agenda Review.
  - a. Regular BOE Agenda, October 11, 2017.
5. Comments from the Chairman
  - a. Chairman Pfenninger commented that tonight's meeting is the last of the current BOE membership prior to the November, 2017 election. He commended that this Board has been respectful, courteous, and has established a nice culture. He wished candidates who are running for re-election good luck.
6. Recognitions - There were none.
7. Presentations:
  - a. Batcheller School Improvement Plan, presented by Principal Debra Grainsky.
  - b. Pearson School Improvement Plan, presented by Barbara Silverio.
8. Public Hearing
  - a. Jose \_\_\_\_\_ CT Advocacy Manager. Charter Association for CT and NY - Inviting all BOE members for a legislative breakfast tomorrow at Explorations at 8am on 10/12/17.
    - i. To speak to BOE regarding budget deficits.
  - b. Murel Renzullo wishes schools would teach cursive handwriting. Spoke of various needs and applications. Left a copy of a research study with BOE to review. Asked that the BOE include question on a parent survey regarding how many people in this community care about cursive writing.
9. Consent Agenda Items
  - a. Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting, September 17, 2017
  - b. Stipends pp. 21 & 22
    - i. Special Education Team Leader \$1020.
    - ii. Special Education Team Leader \$1020.
      1. Motion: M. Hintz. Second: L. O'Dowd → Unanimous.
  - c. Acceptance of donated drums from Music Theater International
    - i. Drums and CDs to stay housed in the schools.
      1. Motion: L. O'Dowd, Second: M. Hintz second → Unanimous.
10. Superintendent's Report & Action items
  - a. Supers report read.
  - b. School Enrollment reviewed.
  - c. Chronic Absences report reviewed.
  - d. Proposed calendar change for Spring, 2018:

- i. Proposal to add two half-day PD:
  - 1. Adjust calendar to make March 7, 2018 & April 4, 2018 half days for professional development. CHAMPS will provide after school care for these two days only for no cost to parents.
    - a. Motion: M. Hintz to add two half days of PD to current calendar, Second: N. Mocarski → Unanimous.
- e. OCR Complaint - We are working with company to make our website compliant. Expensive. 15 minute for one doc to make ADA compliant. Frontline our website company.
  - i. Question on how much this compliance will cost. Approximately \$10,000 to redesign our current website.
  - ii. OCR resolution agreement created and OCR accepted. Timelines were included.
  - iii. We have 1.5 yrs to do this with midpoint checks.
  - iv. Within 60 days, we have to complete parts of the strategic action plan. All district websites must be compliant and what is more, anything linked to our page has to also be ADA compliant. I.e. Facebook, the town website, etc.
    - 1) Question: how many other schools? Melony knows of only Manchester.

#### 11. Board Action Items

MOU - Recruitment Stipend. Tabled and put to the Curriculum Committee for review.

- 1) To add to November BOE agenda

#### 12. Reports of BOE Standing Committees

- 1. Special BOE meeting - October 5, 2017.
- 2. Finance Committee - October 5, 2017.
- 3. Ad Hoc Facilities - September 26, 2017.
- 4. Policy Committee - Nothing to report other than item #14 below on agenda. 5000 series within policies at the next BOE meeting. First read.
- 5. Curriculum Committee - September 12, 2017.

#### 13. Unfinished Business

- 1. Budget line item transfers - Motion: M. Hintz, L. O'Dowd, second → Unanimous.

#### 14. New Business

- 1. Policy #3541.5 Business / Non Instructional Operation:
  - a. Motion: N. Mocarski, Second: L. O'Dowd → Unanimous
- 2. Policy # 3281 School Fundraisers:
  - a. Motion: Motion: A. Propfe, Second: L. O'Dowd → Unanimous.

#### 15. Executive Session

- 1. Motion at 9:04pm into executive session at 8:57pm with the Superintendent and inviting N. O'Dea Wyrick for purposes of discussing the retirement of a non-certified employee -
  - a. Motion made by: M. Hintz, Second: L. O'Dowd. → unanimous.
- 2. Motion at 9:06pm out of executive session
  - a. Motion: M. Hintz, Second: L O'Dowd. → unanimous

#### 16. Adjourn at 9:06pm

- a. Motion: L. O'Dowd, Second: M. Hintz.