

Board of Education Meeting - Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER, 7pm

Facilitator: Douglas Pfenninger, Board of Education Chair, 7:00 pm

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

Present: Melony Brady-Shanley, Superintendent, Michelle Hintz, Nora Mocarski, Doug Pfenninger, Chairperson, Alexandria Propfe, Chris Royer, Cheryl Heffernan.

Absent: Shana DeVoux, Liz O'Dowd, Jamie Duffy

AGENDA REVIEW

Regular BOE Agenda, Feb. 13, 2018

MOTION to move up Recognitions & Presentations: Motion → 1st: N. Mocarski,
Second: C. Royer → Unanimous

MOTION to add item to agenda after Recognitions: Receipt of electronic BOE packets
instead of hard copy: Motion → C. Heffernan, Second: A. Propfe → Unanimous.

RECOGNITIONS

Seamus recognized Ms. Christine Levasseur - Paraprofessional. Instrumental for our SRC Program.

Principal Silverio recognized Julia Reinert - as the "Shining Student" from Pearson Elementary School

PRESENTATIONS

The HUB purpose and development discussed - originated in 2015.

Mid-Year Performance Report [PPT presentation - added to packet]

Presented by Myra Desroches, Rosanne Field, Dean of Students, Mrs. Susan Goodenough, Rachel Manzer, and Lori Snyder

In general, positive growth in student progress evident in math and reading. Discussion of reasons why included in PPT slides.

Pearson has moved into "Category 2" with the State BOE
Progress made in Dibels, Amplify Math, and NWEA

ADDED ITEM TO AGENDA

ELECTRONIC PACKETS: Discussion. Contact the Superintendent if you want electronic packets only. Otherwise, both will continue to be available.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Superintendent's mid-year evaluation was completed in January 2018 using Council of School Superintendents rubric criteria. Positive review in all areas of rubric.

Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley thanks the faculty and staff for working together as a team and notes that each has played a significant role. Thanks to a supportive BOE as well.

Lighthouse Training - first meeting with Nick Caruso. He is no longer funded by the State of CT

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION: to approve Minutes & Alliance Grant, by M. Hintz, Second C. Royer → Unanimous.

Eversource Incentive Energy Projects

MOTION to approve the Letter of Agreement of the Eversource Incentive Energy Projects upon the condition with Eversource that the Winchester Board of Education receive a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Eversource that would allow us to transfer funds from Batcheller to Hinsdale should the Ad Hoc Committee decision goes to open Hinsdale.

MOTION: C. Royer; SECOND: M. Hintz. → Unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

Compliance Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT & ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent's report [pp. 36-37] - Instruction, Finance, Operations, Community and Climate

School enrollment - overall increase of 20 students, K-6, since August. Most increase is to Batcheller.

Chronic Absences - overall 5.52% - hitting goal.

Hiring's discussed.

Flu report - dramatic increase in the last few weeks.

Snow days update. Blue represent no school days. [p. 57]

EdAdvance Lunch Program Update discussed [handout]

Acceptance of donation from American Mural Project - \$1000.00 in support of Community Playground

MOTION: A. Propfe, SECOND C. Heffernan. → Unanimous

REPORTS OF BOE STANDING COMMITTEES

Policy - first read on new policies. Hoping to finish second packet at next meeting

Finance - see page 62 of BOE packet

MOTION to strike Item “g” under “Reports of BOE Standing Committees” from page 2 of the BOE Agenda of 2/13/18, C. Heffernan, SECOND: M. Hintz → Unanimous.

Facilities Ad Hoc - reviewed CREC report on Jan. 22, 5th discussed publicity.

CREC report is on Winchester website. “Facility Assessment” dated January 19, 2019.

Site issues in Hinsdale - flooding issues with an abutter, tunnel under the building.

Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 2pm to go into tunnel. 1987 engineering report states there is a pipe that is at first, wide but narrows down to a covert under Hinsdale Avenue that creates a choke point that creates the flooding. Steve Sedlack claims they fixed this after digging up the road in the past. However, there are no records to confirm. The trip into the tunnel on 2/15/18 is to analyze this issue.

Special Meeting: Feb. 1, 2018 discussed

CABE Lighthouse meeting discussed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Superintendent Brady-Shanley to present disaggregated data of student performance in ELA and math (i.e. ELL students, special education, AAs, Hispanic, male/female).

NEW BUSINESS

Policy #4111 - 1st Read - Added “sexual orientation” and “gender identity and expression.” Deleted “mental retardation” and added, “Intellectual learning disability.”

Policy #4117.4 - 1st Read - decreased from seven to four school days. From 20 to 10 days.

Policy # 4121 - 1st Read

Policy #5000 - 1st Read. Added “sexual orientation” and “gender identity and expression.”

Anticipating incorporation of 40 new policies in one year.

Special Budget meeting, Thursday, February 15, 2018: The final presentation to BOE of the Winchester Public Schools budget.

ADJOURN at 8:59pm.

MOTION: M. Hintz, SECOND A. Propfe → unanimous.