

WINCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Type of Meeting: REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING - MINUTES

Date: TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018

Location: P. FRANCIS HICKS ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, TOWN HALL – 7:00 P.M.

Board of Education (BOE) Members (in alphabetical order by last name): Shana DeVoux, Jamie Duffy, Dr. Richard Dutton, Cheryl Heffernan, Michelle Hintz, Nora Mocarski, Secretary; Doug Pfenninger, Chairman; Alexandria Propfe, Christine Royer

Call to Order @ 7:02pm

Pledge

Roll Call:

PRESENT: M. Brady-Shanley, Superintendent. S. Cullinan, Director of Student Services, S. DeVoux (enter 7:08), J. Duffy, R. Dutton, C. Heffernan, M. Hintz, N. Mocarski, N. O’Dea-Wyrick, Director of Finance & Business Services, D. Pfenninger, BOE Chair, A. Propfe.

ABSENT: C. Royer

Agenda Review Discussion Possible Action

None

Comments from the Chairman

Green Leaf Program kicked off in Pearson Gym.

Madagascar performance was fantastic

Welcome to Dr. Dutton.

Superintendent Melony Brandy-Shanley and Board of Education Chair, Doug Pfenninger met with Steve Sedlack and Tony Serio and addressed the Winchester Board of Education letter to the W. L. Gilbert School Corporation Board dated April 11, 2018.

It was decided that they will meet again on June 5, 2018, in AM.

The Gilbert/Winchester contract stipulates that we are to have joint meetings between the two boards.

This will begin at June 5th at Beardsley Library basement. Time: TBA

Presentations

“2018-2019 Development Plan” - packet pages, 3-10.

Focused takeaways:

Connectedness from this year and next year’s goals

Continuous, aligned and focused

For purposes of building mastery by staying focused

Results - [in packet p. 10].

SBAC [Handout: “Smarter Assessments”] - Common Core Aligned Test. Informational packet regarding the length of the test and what is tested. This is for our edification. It is called, “The Blueprint.”

Finance - \$22K balance in the positive.

Public Hearing

None

Consent Agenda Items Discussion Possible Action

Motion to approve all minutes: First: M. Hintz. Second: J. Duffy → 7-0-1 (One abstention).

Correspondence to the Board

Congratulations to Rachel Manzer, as the STEAM choice to represent the State of CT. Two-day summit.

OCR - Our responsibility on this complaint has lessened because OCR had to scale back. Their office has developed an accessibility support arm of this requirement because there were too few experts to help us. As a result of the scaling back by OCR, our workload has been reduced by half. There are fewer requirements to respond to in the progress monitoring towards compliance. Fewer deadlines and responses. We are 95%

compliant with our website, but we have not met all timelines yet going forward because we have 2.5 years to meet all compliance deadlines.

Superintendent's Reports & Action Items Discussion Possible Action

See pp. 31-32.

Teacher absenteeism. - comparison YTD.

All types of Staff absenteeism decreased except one: funerals: +1.

Reduced usage days: -379.5

Substitute savings: \$23,870

Student enrollment & chronic absenteeism

+23 YTD of students.

As of 4/30/2018: Down to 5.75%.

Homeschooling - [handout: "Homeschooling Information"] - Shared: Our community data, process, state law, suggested procedures for home instruction.

Board Action Items

Committee memberships adjustments/clarifications as of today:

Finance: to delete underline of Michelle Hintz; delete "Vacant"; change quorum to "3."

Curriculum: Change quorum to "2" from "3."

Policy: To add "Michelle Hintz" as "Chair." (underline her name). Add "Dr. Richard Dutton" and "Jamie Duffy; Delete "Nora Mocarski"

Ad Hoc Facilities: To keep Michelle Hintz, but to delete underline of Hintz; add and make "Douglas Pfenninger" "Chair" with underline; Add "Shana DeVoux."

Appointed BOE Members to the Gilbert School Board: Add "Dr. Richard Dutton."

Correction to BOE meeting

See BOE packet page 41: Minutes from December 12, 2017, under "Board Action Item #D" were incorrect.

Motion to STRIKE from December 12, 2017 Winchester Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes under "Board Action, Item D" as stated: "M. Walker will be paid a ½ year's salary while on leave" to correct this to state: "Will not receive pay or benefits during the time of said fellowship."

Motion: First: A. Propfe, Second: J. Duffy → 7-0-1.

Approval of Beverage Exemption

Motion: To accept the Beverage Exemption.

Motion: First: J. Duffy. Second: M. Hintz.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business Discussion and Possible Action

First read of Policies - Next meeting: 7 pm Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

#5113.2

#5123

#5131.911

#5141.21

FOI Information: See handout of FOI information from Superintendent M. Brady-Shanley's professional development training as requested by some members of the BOE.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:22 pm: First: M. Hintz, Second: A. Propfe → Unanimous.