

WINCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Type of Meeting: REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING - MINUTES

Date: TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2018

Location: P. FRANCIS HICKS ROOM, 2<sup>ND</sup> 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, 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, C. Royer.

ABSENT: S. DeVoux

Agenda Review Discussion Possible Action

**Motion** to move up “Presentations”

First: C. Royer, Second: C. Heffernan → 8-0, Unanimous

**Motion** to add “Budget Transfer” to “Board Action Items”

First: C. Royer, Second: Dr. Dutton → 8-0, Unanimous

**Motion** to move up “Approval of Acting Principal - Rosanne Field at Batcheller Elementary School” to “Presentations”

First: C. Royer, Second: M. Hintz → 8-0, Unanimous

Presentations

Community Playground: The goal is to raise up to \$68,000. We have exceeded the goal: \$72,000 because of the generosity and support of the community. All donations, small and large were critical in this endeavor.

Lions Club donation - \$300 presented by the President of the Lions Club of Winsted, Joe Zibell

Auxiliary Thrift Shop - \$5000 presented by Millie Hudack of the Thrift Shop

PTO Donation - \$10,000 presented by PTO members, Sarah Guenther and Angelica Hollister

Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation - \$32,000 presented by Julia Scharnberg

Superintendent’s presentation of Rosanne Field to the position of Acting Principal for Batcheller Elementary School

**Motion** to approve to Rosanne Field to Acting Principal at Batcheller Elementary School

First: J. Duffy, Second: A. Propfe → 8-0, Unanimous.

Comments from the Chairman

BOE Chairman D. Pfenninger commented that this was a successful year for the Winchester Board of Education and acknowledged that the Board has created a culture success that is inclusive of a shared vision by all members. Challenges ahead were identified as building renovations and negotiations.

Presentations

FOI Act [Handout] - Superintendent Brady-Shanley attended professional development with the FOI Commission and described three types of BOE meetings, items that are FOI-able, and the timelines for notice of meetings, posting of votes, and posting of minutes.

See the CABA website for details

End of Year Performance - Data was shared on academic performance [PowerPoint presentation/handout].

Performance goals were not only met (3%), they exceeded: Math +11.5% and Reading: +8.16%. All cohorts in all grade levels increased performance. This was attributed to the hard work of teachers, coaches, and leadership.

Professional development, new curriculum in math, consistency in delivery of instruction, as well as collaboration time in Data Teams (45 minutes/month) to analyze data were identified as key levers for this growth.

Dr. Stoltz, CAS Coach, shared high praise for all efforts of students, teachers in the success of the interim assessment scores and noted the importance of leadership. She will write a letter of recognition of these efforts to the Commissioner of Education.

#### Facilities

Nothing to report.

#### Public Hearing

Jack Bourque commented that the public should hear our presentations so that they are all aware of the success that the Winchester Public Schools is experiencing. The audio/cable TV system should be used, and the BOE meetings should be televised for all citizens in Winsted.

#### Consent Agenda

**Motion:** To amend the Finance Committee attendance minutes to add: “M. Hintz, A Propfe, Dr. Dutton, and D. Pfenniger” to as attendees to the meeting.

First: D. Pfenniger, Second: C. Heffernan → 8-0, Unanimous.

**Motion:** To approve the “Consent Agenda Items” as presented

First: M. Hintz, Second: C. Royer → 8-0, Unanimous.

#### Correspondence to the Board

None.

#### Superintendent’s Report

See pp. 20-21 of BOE packet

School enrollment as of 5/31/18: 527 [Packet p. 22]

Chronic Absences as of 5/31/18: Pearson: 3.78, Batchellor: 7.73 [Packet p. 24]

New Hires:

Two 1st grade teachers replacing retirees: Samantha Carpinello & Chiara DeBisschop

One Behavior Technician. New position. 1.0 @ Batcheller.

#### Board Action Items

**MOTION:** Acceptance of Donations for the Community Playground

First: J. Duffy, Second: C. Heffernan → 8-0, Unanimous

**MOTION:** Recommendation to the Winchester Board of Selectman that Hinsdale Elementary School be renovated. It is anticipated that upon the completion of this renovation the Winchester Board of Education will approve a motion to sign over Batcheller Elementary School to the Town of Winchester.

First: M. Hintz, Second: Dr. Dutton → 8-0, Unanimous.

**MOTION:** To approve the budget transfers [p. 17 of BOE packet] as amended to \$75,000 to Object 430 (Amendment: Instead of the mathematical error of \$55,000, to change to the mathematically correct total of \$75,000).

First: C. Royer, Second: M. Hintz → 8-0, Unanimous

**MOTION:** To approve Ed Advance to be the Winchester Public Schools Food Service Vendor.

First: C. Heffernan, Second: A. Propfe → 8-0, Unanimous

#### Unfinished Business

None.

#### New Business Discussion and Possible Action

**Motion:** To approve Board Policies as presented (Policy #s: 5113.2, 5123, 5131.911, 5141, 21)

First: J. Duffy, Second: A. Propfe → 8-0, Unanimous.

BOE Retreat Scheduled for **Monday, July 9, 2018**

BOE Committees to meet on the following dates for 2018-2019

All Tuesdays: 9/25, 10/30, 11/27, 12/18, 1/29, 2/26, 3/26, 4/30, 5/28

Times: 6:30p Curriculum, 7:15p Policy, 8:00p Finance

Negotiation Committee members needed for Gilbert Contract and Teacher's Contract

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:42 pm

First: M. Hintz, Second: C. Heffernan → 8-0, Unanimous.

Minutes submitted by N. Mocarski, BOE Secretary.