

Winchester Board of Education
Type of Meeting: Regular BOE Meeting Minutes
Date: October 11, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
Location: Pearson School Media Center

Meeting Facilitator: Melony Brady-Shanley, Superintendent
Doug Pfenninger, BOE Chairman

Jeannette Brodeur, Salvatore Lovetere, Cheryl McGlynn, Nora Mocariski, Kristin Peterson, Sondra Strubhar, Tara Sundie, and Renata Waldron

- I. Call to order: @7:05pm Pledge of Allegiance:
- II. Roll call: Jeannette Brodeur, Tara Sundie, Salvatore Lovetere, Kristin Peterson, Sondra Strubhar, Renata Waldron, Melony Brady-Shanley, Doug Pfenninger, Nora Mocariski, Cheryl McGlynn.
- III. Agenda Review Discussion Possible Action:
 - a) Regular Board of Education Agenda: October 11, 2022

Melony Brady-Shanley would like to suggest a motion to add the Aspire contract to tonight's discussion under New Business Discussion and Possible Action (d).

MOTION to add the Aspire contract to tonight's discussion under New Business Discussion and Possible Action (d)

First: Nora Mocariski, Second: Jeannette Brodeur, U

Salvatore Lovetere would like to add Columbus Day to tonight's discussion under New Business Discussion and Possible Action (e)

MOTION to add Columbus Day to tonight's discussion under New Business Discussion and Possible Action (e)

First: Salvatore Lovetere, Second: Sondra Strubhar, 6,3.

- IV. Comments from the Chairman
- V. Presentations:
- VI. Public Comment:

Board of Education Chairman to read Public Comment Regulations. Three minutes are allotted to each speaker per Board Policy #1120. No BOE employee, student, or community member should be defamed within a public comment.

David LaPointe, 11 Hillside Avenue, Winsted, CT. I would like the Board to go back and review the policy regarding public comment. The policy is unconstitutional, and a board member doesn't have the right to tell the public what they can and cannot say. The First Amendment states that you have the right to freedom of speech. The public should be able to speak about anything they want and name anyone on the Board.

VII. Consent Agenda Items Discussion Possible Action:

- a) Minutes of Regular BOE Meeting – September 13, 2022
- b) Minutes of Committee Meetings – September 20, 2022

The following edits were mentioned:

- Page 8, Policy 4118.114(a) Gifted and Talented **should read Policy 6172.1(a) Gifted and Talented.**
- Page 9, change Linda Gruppo **to Linda Groppo**
- Page 11, Question: Is it Stat20-minute have a 20-minute recess? **Should read: Is it a state law to have a 20-minute recess?**
- Page 12, under new business **change Melony Brady-Shanley discussed that for the last six years, the Board has had a vision to the Board has asked for a vision.**
- Page 12, Salvatore Lovetere did not sign up to volunteer for the Portrait of a Learner Program. **Please remove his name.**
- Page 13, under V. New Business, a) Air-Conditioning Unit at Pearson School, the third paragraph. **Please change we would pitch the \$70,000 to we would apply for a \$70,000 grant.**

MOTION to accept Minutes of Regular BOE Meeting - September 13, 2022, and Minutes of Committee Meetings - September 20, 2022, with edits.

First: Nora Mocariski, Second: Kristin Peterson, U

VIII. Gilbert Report from Board of Education Representative:

Renata Waldron shared that there has been a discussion about an ASO/SRO at TGS.

IX. Correspondence to the Board:

a) Resignation Letter

- Hope Zawisza

MOTION to accept with regret

First: Nora Mocariski, Second: Cheryl McGlynn, U

X. Superintendent's Reports & Action Items Discussion Possible Action:

- a) Superintendent's Report

- b) School Enrollment
- c) Chronic Absences
- d) Gilbert Enrollment & Grade Level Enrollment
- e) Monthly Budget Summary - FY23
- f) Science of Reading

Salvatore Lovetere made a motion to apply for a waiver for the usage of our current reading program.

First: Salvatore Lovetere, Second: Kristin Peterson, U

XI. Board Action Items:

a) New Hire(s)

- Amy Stone, Paraprofessional
- Madison Sipperly, Paraprofessional
- Jessica Faye, Paraprofessional

b) Year-End Critical Needs Grant 2022

MOTION to approve Year-end Critical Needs Grant 2002 from Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation in the amount of \$1,300.00.

First: Kristin Peterson, Jeannette Brodeur, U

c) NASA Connecticut Space Grant Consortium

MOTION to approve NASA Connecticut Space Grant Consortium in the amount of \$1,500.00.

First: Kristin Peterson, Second: Sondra Strubhar, U

d) Fiscal Year 2023 Food Service Supply Chain Assistance Grant

MOTION to approve Fiscal Year 2023 Food Service Supply Chain Assistance Grant in the amount of \$14,271.13.

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Kristin Peterson, U

XII. New Business Discussion and Possible Action:

a) Opioid and Antagonists in Schools

MOTION to move Opioid and Antagonists in Schools to next policy committee meeting.

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Sondra Strubhar, U

b) Policies for First Read

1) Policy # 3171.1 Non-Lapsing Education Fund

MOTION to move Policy # 3171.1 Non-Lapsing Education Fund to second read.

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Doug Pfenninger, U

2) Policy # 6140 Curriculum

MOTION to move Policy # 6140 Curriculum to second read.

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Tara Sundie, 8,1

3) Policy # 4112.1 Personnel-Certified Appointment

MOTION to move Policy # 4112.1 Personnel-Certified Appointment to second read.

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Jeannette Brodeur, U

4) Policy # 4218.11 Certified Non-Certified Nondiscrimination

MOTION to move Policy # 4218.11 Certified Non-Certified Nondiscrimination to second read with opposed amendment.

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Kristin Peterson, 8,0,1

5) Policy # 6163.11 Instruction Media Center

MOTION to move Policy # 6163.11 Instruction Media Center to second read.

First: Doug Pfenninger, Second: Sondra Strubhar, U

6) Policy # 5141.3(a) Health Assessments and Immunizations

MOTION to move Policy # 5141.3(a) Health Assessments and Immunizations to second read.

First: Kristin Peterson, Second: Tara Sundie, 7,2

7) Policy # 5145 Behavior on Bus Guidelines

MOTION to move Policy # 5145 Behavior on Bus Guidelines to second read.

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Tara Sundie, U

c) The Gilbert School Corporation Seat

Doug Pfenninger would like to nominate Candy Perez for the position on the Gilbert School Corporation Seat.

d. Aspire Contract

Due to the increased social/emotional needs of the students in our district, the district is seeking the support of an outside agency to provide us with BCBA support as well as a full time Behavioral Therapist for the remainder of the school year. The team will work with our Special Education students individually in a 6/8 week cycle focusing on behavior regulation and reintegration into the general education setting. They will also work on training non-certified staff on program development as well as consultation with the general education staff.

MOTION to approve Aspire Contract

First: Cheryl McGlynn Second: Jeannette Brodeur, U

e. Columbus Day Discussion

Salvatore Lovetere mentioned he saw a WPS October school menu and noticed on Monday, October 10, it said Indigenous People's Day instead of Columbus Day. His concern is that he doesn't want history to be erased and that the truth be taught in the schools.

Melony Brady-Shanley replied that the district is currently working on a social studies curriculum. The curriculum committee will review the curriculum and what information will be appropriate to move forward with for the next school year.

XIII. Public Comment:

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David LaPointe, 11 Hillside Avenue, Winsted, CT. In regards to the Gilbert School Corporation Seat, it should be filled with someone from this Board and not someone from the community who is not elected. In the past, it's always been someone from this Board. Suggested that the Chairman nominate within before looking outside.

Furthermore, being forced to have your children vaccinated is in the courts right now for discussion. There are still religious exemptions and children should not have medical procedures forced on them. It's up to the parents. Thank you for listening and I love to hear the debate and dialogue. We don't need mandates. We need good people on this Board to make the right decisions.

MOTION to adjourn meeting

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Salvatore Lovetere, U

IX. Adjourn: @9:04pm