

Winchester Board of Education
Type of Meeting: Regular BOE Meeting Minutes
Date: May 10, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
Location: Hicks Room

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

Jeannette Brodeur, Richard Dutton, Salvatore Lovetere, Cheryl McGlynn, Nora Mocarski, Kristin Peterson, Sondra Strubhar, and Renata Waldron

I. Call to order at @7:11pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

II. Roll call: Richard Dutton, Renata Waldron, Nora Mocarski, Doug Pfenninger, Melony Brady-Shanley, Sondra Strubhar, Salvatore Lovetere, Cheryl McGlynn
Absent: Kristin Peterson and Jeannette Brodeur.

III. Agenda Review Discussion Possible Action:
a) Regular Board of Education Agenda: May 10, 2022

MOTION to add an item to the agenda: Discussion of movement of the Register of Voter materials.

First: C. McGlynn
Second: D. Pfenninger U

IV. Comments from the Chairman:

V.

Presentations:

a. Social-Emotional Learning Programming at Winchester Public Schools presented by Seamus Cullinan, Director of Student Services, and Cassandra Murphy, Assistant Director of Student Services

Seamus Cullinan and Cassandra Murphy reviewed the Social Emotional Learning Programming presentation.

QUESTION: What happens when a child has a root cause beyond the District's scope?

We have a process that we work through with each student. We have lots of different models that we can put into place with varying levels of support.

Unfortunately, there are times when our District cannot support a child, and in those situations, they are outplaced.

Seamus Cullinan and Cassandra Murphy explained the different partnerships that the District offers.

QUESTION: What is done to support the students that exit the program, and how are they doing?

We have a strategic process to keep track of where the students go and follow up with their progress and how they are doing.

Melony Brady-Shanley thanked Seamus Cullinan and Cassandra Murphy for all their hard work and dedication and what a great job they are doing.

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 members should be defamed within a public comment.

VII. Consent Agenda Items Discussion Possible Action:

a)

Minutes of Regular BOE Meeting – April 12, 2022

b)

Minutes of Committee Meetings – April 26, 2022

MOTION to approve Minutes of Regular BOE Meeting - April 12, 2022, and Minutes of Committee Meetings - April 26, 2022

First: Nora Morcarski, Second: Richard Dutton, U

VIII. Gilbert Report from Board of Education Representative:

IX. Correspondence to the Board:

a) Resignation Letters

- Cassandra Slippery
- Mary Casillas

b) Retirement Letter

- Robin Masslon
- Julie Prignano

MOTION to accept with regret

First: Sondra Strubhar, Second: Nora Mocarski, U

c) CABA Liaison Newsletter

Melony Brady-Shanley discussed the voting machines/equipment currently being stored at Pearson School.

- We are running out of space at Pearson School.
- Last month, the Board voted to move the Head Start program into Pearson and personnel needing office space.
- Machines are in the old PE office area where the Head Start program will be placed, and machines need to be moved.
- We have no other space for this equipment, so the Town Manager is finding a new location to store the machines/equipment.
- Pearson School will still be used for voting, and the machines will be dropped off and moved during voting.

QUESTION: How much equipment is being stored at Pearson School?

The equipment currently being stored are all the materials associated with the voting stand and the machine that does the counts.

It has been communicated that the equipment needs to be moved by June 30.

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 - FY22

QUESTION: How long are the children on the bus?

The longest a child is on the bus is 45 minutes. All children are on the bus for under 60 minutes.

QUESTION: How do we heat the schools?

Pearson and Hinsdale's Schools are heated by gas.

QUESTION: Are we locked into a price? No, we are not.

QUESTION: Is there a difference for the children who receive a free lunch? Is it the same?
There is no difference.

f) Monthly Hinsdale Report

QUESTION: Will Hinsdale have outside cameras?

Yes, we added extra cameras to the plan and the barn once it's installed.

XI Board Discussion

XII. Board Action Items:

a) New Hire(s)

- Haley Cassidy, Long-Term Substitute Special Education
- Theresa Stark, Paraprofessional
- Amanda Werner, 6th Grade ELA Teacher

b) 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2025 Executive & Administrative Assistant Contract

MOTION to approve 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2025 Executive & Administrative Assistant Contract

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Nora Mocariski, U

c) 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2025 Custodian Contract

QUESTION: Is there a language with consequences if you don't give sufficient notice.

There are no consequences, but stronger language has been used within the contract.

MOTION to approve 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2025 Custodian Contract

First: Waldron, Second: Sondra Strubhar, U

d) School Readiness Grant

Emily Bernard reviewed the School Readiness Grant.

QUESTION: Is staff trained in SI in these programs?

The staff is not SI trained.
Staff needs to be qualified.

MOTION to move forward with the School Readiness Grant submission

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Cheryl McGlynn, U

e) Results of the Hinsdale Mascot Survey

MOTION will allow the students to select a "new" mascot for the Hinsdale School.

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Renata Waldron, U - 6-0-1

f) TGS and WPS Special Education MOU - July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023

MOTION Friendly amendment to the motion to adjust grammatical mistakes.

Page 49: Grammatical changes need to be made. Holly Cassidy's name is spelled wrong. Change Chairman to Chairperson.

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Nora Mocarski, U

XIII. New Business Discussion and Possible Action:
Policies for First Read

a) Policy# 5113(a) Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal

MOTION to move to a second read

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Sondra Strubhar, U

b) Policy# 6171.2(a) Special Education

MOTION to move to a second read

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Sondra Strubhar, U

Polices Second Read

a) Policy# 4131 - Staff Development

MOTION to approve Policy# 4131 - Staff Development

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Doug Pfenninger, U

b) Policy# 6112 - School Day

MOTION to approve Policy# 6112 - School Day

First: Renata Waldron, Richard Dutton, U

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MOTION to move to Executive Session inviting Nancy O'Dea-Wyrick

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Salvatore Lovetere, U

Adjourn @ 9:14 pm

X. Executive Session:
Discussion of Certified and Non-Certified Compensation.

MOTION to direct the Superintendent to adjust certified and non-certified compensation.

First, Nora Mocarski, Second: Cheryl McGlynn, U

XI. Adjourn at @ 9:37pm