

Winchester Board of Education

Type of Meeting: Regular BOE Meeting Minutes

Date: April 12, 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: @ 6:59 pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

III. Agenda Review Discussion Possible Action:

a) Regular Board of Education Agenda: April 12, 2022

Melony Brady-Shanley made the suggestion to add Supply Chain Assistance Funds Grant.

MOTION to add Supply Chain Assistance Funds Grant.

First, Kristin Peterson, Second, Jeannette Brodeur, U

IV. Comments from the Chairman:

Nora Mocarski will be serving as the Chairman for this evening.

V. Presentations:

a) Board of Education Appreciation - Wizard of Oz - Pearson Players Drama Club

Melony Brady-Shanley thanked the Board of Education members for all the work that they do for the children of our town.

Theresa Padin spoke to the Board about the background and process of the drama club. Students who participated in the play spoke to the Board about the roles they played and their experiences. Theresa will send the Board a link to view the Wizard of Oz.

Melony Brady-Shanley thanked the students for all their hard work.

b) Acknowledgment of Kim Roy, Assistant Principal of Pearson School

Kim Roy was honored in the Principal magazine this year focusing on her commentary and work that she has been doing at Pearson School along with her coaching abilities.

Kim Roy talked about her experience and what an honor it was to be acknowledged.

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.

VII. Consent Agenda Items Discussion Possible Action:

a) Minutes of Regular BOE Meeting – March 8, 2022

MOTION to accept change on Page 7 from outplace to replace.

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Salvatore Lovetere, U

b) Minutes of Committee Meetings – March 22, 2022

c) Minutes of Special Meeting - March 28, 2022

MOTION to accept B, C

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Salvatore Lovetere, U

VIII. Gilbert Report from Board of Education Representative:

IX. Correspondence to the Board:

a) Retirement Letter

Two custodians and one paraprofessional

b) Resignation Letter

SLPA teacher, School nurse, Kindergarten teacher, Second-grade teacher, and Media specialist

Melony Brady-Shanley mentioned several individuals are leaving one district for another and in most cases, it's a \$10,000-\$15,000 pay raise. She also mentioned that we have a couple of good candidates in the pipeline.

MOTION to accept with regret

First: Sondra Strubhar, Second: Jeannette Brodeur, U

c) CAFE Liaison Newsletter

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

a) Superintendent's Report

Question: Can we have more details regarding Staff Appreciation.

Melony Brady-Shanley will send out information.

Question: What was the feedback on the Hinsdale tour?

Rosanne Field explained the teachers were very excited, especially about the classrooms. Feedback was nothing but positive.

- b) School Enrollment
- c) Chronic Absences
- d) Gilbert Enrollment & Grade Level Enrollment
- e) Monthly Budget Summary - FY22
- f) Monthly Hinsdale Report

XI Board Discussion

XII. Board Action Items:

a) New Hire(s)

2 SLPAs, Preschool Teacher, Grade 1 Teacher, Kindergarten Teacher, Social Worker, Second Grade Music Teacher (covering for Mrs. McAvaney during her maternity leave).

Question: Does the Social Worker go to the Gilbert school?

Yes, Tiffany is assigned to the Gilbert School.

b) Supply Chain Assistance Funds Grant

MOTION to accept the Supply Chain Assistance Funds Grant

First, Cheryl McGlynn, Second, Jeannette Brodeur, U

c) Pearson School Air Conditioning - West State Mechanical, Inc.

Melony Brady-Shanley reviewed the plans.

Question: How much of Pearson School will have air conditioning?

- 95% of the school will be air-conditioned.
- Classrooms will keep their doors closed.
- Our goal is to get our instructional spaces air-conditioned.
- There is no air conditioning in the music room or gym.
- We have kept our current air conditioning system very well maintained.
- Not running the air conditioning all summer with the exception of the main office.

Question: Do we have an extended school schedule?

Yes, extended school is taking place at the Pearson School due to the moves.

MOTION to accept Pearson School Air Conditioning - West State Mechanical, Inc.

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Sondra Strubhar, U

d) EdAdvance Head Start / School Readiness Location for 22/23 School Year

Melony Brady-Shanley explained there is an opportunity to receive \$10,000 in-kind services from EdAdvance in lieu to provide them with space at Pearson School. There are two areas that would meet their needs. Reference Pages, 54 and 55.

MOTION to approve EdAdvance Head Start / School Readiness Location for the 22/23 School Year

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Kristin Peterson, U.

XIII. New Business Discussion and Possible Action:

- 1) Amendment to the 2021-2022 School Calendar - To finalize building move preparations. These additional half days will ensure that all buildings and materials are prepared for moving. This is a one-time request due to this special circumstance.
  - a. Request half days on June 8, 2022, June 9, 2022, and maintain June 10, 2022, as a half-day. Subject to change based on additional weather situations.

MOTION to approve request half days on June 8, 2022, June 9, 2022, and maintain June 10, 2022, as a half-day. Subject to change based on additional weather situations.

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Salvatore Lovetere, U

- 2) Policies for First Read
  - a) Policy# 4131 - Staff Development
  - b) Policy# 6112 - School Day
- 3) Policies Second Read
  - a) Policy # 0200(a) – Goals for the Public Schools

MOTION to accept Policy # 0200 as written.

First: Jeannette Brodeur, Second: Renata Waldron, U.

- b) Policy # 1110.1(a) & (b) – Communication with the Public / Parent Involvement

MOTION to accept Policy # 1110,1 (a)&(b) - Communication with the Public / Parent Involvement.

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Cheryl McGlynn, U, correct typo in Line 3.

- 4) Hinsdale School Discussion of New Mascot

Melony Brady-Shanley will send out an email to the Community so they can decide the following:

- Allow the students to select a "new" mascot for the Hinsdale School.
- Maintain the Hinsdale "Tiger" as a mascot for the "new" school building.
- Transfer the Batcheller "Owl" mascot to Hinsdale.

Melony Brady-Shanley will review the results with the Board.

- 5) Process for furniture disposal at Batcheller
  - a. Does the BOE want to hold a tag sale in June to rid the building of furniture that is not being taken to Hinsdale?

The Board decided to have the tag sale.

Nora read the 2022-2023 Healthy Food Certification Motions for Winchester BOE to the Board

2022-2023 Healthy Food Certification Motions For Winchester BOE

Consideration on 4/12/2022

Motion language for healthy food options: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Board of Education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the

schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

MOTION to accept language for healthy food options.

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Sondra Strubhar

All in favor to accept language for healthy food options: 6, 1, 1

Motion language for food exemptions: The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event, and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food sales.

MOTION to accept language for food exemptions.

First: Renata Waldron, Second: Cheryl McGlynn

All in favor to accept language for food exemptions: 7, 0, 1

Motion language for beverage exemptions: The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event, and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. The “school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held

and must be the same place as the beverage sales.

MOTION to accept language for beverage exemptions.

First: Jeannette Brodeur, Second: Kristin Peterson

All in favor to accept language for beverage exemption: 7, 0, 1

IX. . Public Comment:

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Stephanie Hester, 82 Boyd Street, Winsted

Has staff had counter-trafficking training? Is there someone on the school board or in the system who can be spoken to privately regarding counter-trafficking?

Question: What is counter-trafficking?

Giving the teachers the ability to see the signs of students who are private recruiters for trafficking.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting.

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Sondra Strubhar, U

XI. Adjourn: @ 8:46 p.m.