

Winchester Board of Education
Type of Meeting: Special BOE Meeting Minutes
Date: Thursday, March 3, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
Location: Town Hall – 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 @ 7:04 pm

II. Roll call

Richard Dutton, Salvatore Lovetere, Sondra Strubhar, Nora Mocarski, Doug Pfenninger, Jeannette Brodeur, Renata Waldron, Cheryl McGlynn, Melony Brady-Shanley.
Kristin Peterson joined the meeting at 7:07 pm.

III. Business

a) Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

Melony Brady-Shanley reviewed the Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.

Question: Does the enrollment of 610 include Pre-K through Grade 6?
The enrollment consists of the Winchester Public Schools students who physically attend our school. Regular and Special Education students are strictly tuition-based.

Question: What is the cost of the contract?
The cost of the contract is 1/18th of the salary.

Question: Are we at capacity with enrollment?

We are at capacity right now.

Question: Please explain who the 8 Administrators are.
Melony Brady-Shanley, Seamus Cullinan, Barbara Silverio, Rosanne Field, Cassandra Murphy, Kim Roy, Emily Bernard, Nancy O’Dea Wyrick

Question: Do we contract teaching positions out?

No, we try not to contract out and keep teaching positions within the school system.

Question: We currently have 4 Kindergarten Assistants and are proposing 3?

Yes, at this time, we have three positions filled.

Question: Do we need all four custodian positions?

Yes, we need all four custodian positions, and Melony Brady-Shanley explained their roles.

Question: Do you think it will be hard to fill the speech pathologist position?

It wasn't hard. We actually just filled the position.

Question: If a person is not a citizen, does it affect the reimbursement?

We are not aware of any non-citizens within the school district.

Question: We have a budget for speech and language, and the Federal Government also gives us money for other services?

Yes, the Federal Government gives the district money for any other related services that are not special education services.

Question: Do our staff and teaching positions fall within reasonable benefits and salary brackets?

Unfortunately, we are in the low and average range. A lot depends on the different contracts. We did make an effort to bring them to a level that is closer to the average range. We need to retain, attract and be competitive.

Melony Brady-Shanley is looking to the Board to see which option she should further look into for the next board meeting.

MOTION to have the budget proposed prepared (Option 2) Page 18

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Salvatore Lovetere, 8, Yes, 2, No - abstention

MOTION: Asking the Board Chair to meet with the Gilbert School Chair before March 8 to put into writing on paper the commitment to taking on the proportionate share of any reductions in the budget.

Friendly amendment in the event that the party cannot agree to a written agreement that an oral agreement would also be acceptable.

First Nora Mocarski, Second: Cheryl McGlynn, 8, Yes, 2, No - abstention.

Question: Instead of waiting for the town to reject the budget, would it be better to go back and relook at numbers on the Gilbert Corp side?

Sondra Strubhar would like to make a formal request to see whether we can revisit the Gilbert budget.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting.

First: Doug Pfenninger, Second: Cheryl McGlynn

IV. Adjournment @ 8:39pm