

Winchester Board of Education

Type of Meeting: Regular BOE Meeting MINUTES

Date: April 20, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

Location: Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting Facilitator:

Melony Brady-Shanley, Superintendent

Doug Pfenninger, BOE Chairman

Members: Nora Mocarski, Kristin Peterson, Richard Dutton, Alexandria Propfe, Cheryl McGlynn, Michelle Hintz, Shana DeVaux, and Tara Sundie

I. Call to order @ 7:04pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll call:

A. BOE Present: Doug Pfenninger, BOE Chair, Tara Sundie, Nora Mocarski, BOE Secretary, Richard Dutton, Kristin Peterson, Cheryl McGlynn, Alexandria Propfe, Michelle Hintz

B. BOE Absent: Shana DeVaux, (unexcused)

C. Central Office: Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley, Nancy O’Dea-Wyrick, Director of Business Services and Finance, Seamus Cullinan, Director of Student Services

D. Administration: Principal B. Silverio, Principal K. Roy, E. Bernard.

IV. Agenda Review Discussion Possible Action:

a) Regular Board of Education Agenda: April 20, 2021

MOTION to remove Executive Session

First: M. Hintz, Second: N. Mocarski → U.

V. Comments from the Chairman:

Thank you for all hands involved in the budget process. It marks the first increase in ten years.

VI. Presentations:

a) Hygiene Protocols for WPS during Pandemic

Page 7 of the packet was shared. Practices that will continue were discussed.

b) CHAMPS Presentation, Director Theresa Padin presented the news of the success of the program and its success as a model for the rest of the State of Connecticut in general during COVID. Dr. Anthony noted the high participation rate (Enrollment 80 students - the highest enrollment ever). Slide deck was presented. Grant-funded since 2011. New partners were added in light of COVID. These included Greenwoods Country Club, American Mural Project. The focus was to

keep parents and students engaged. An “At-Home Kit” was provided to those who signed up with CHAMPS with additional supplemental material on a monthly basis. Kudos to the staff for participating in the development of these materials. Next goals include 130 students. Requested a grant increase to maintain both, At-Home and in-person programs. Theresa has requested \$200,000, up from \$127,000 from the State. This program is thriving with WPS faculty well involved.

VII. Public Hearing:

Five minutes allotted to each speaker per Board Policy #9325 No BOE employee, Students or community members should be defamed within a public comment.

None.

VIII. Consent Agenda Items Discussion Possible Action:

- a) Minutes of Special Meeting – March 4, 2021
- b) Minutes of Regular BOE Meeting – March 9, 2021
- c) Minutes of Policy and ByLaws Meeting – March 23, 2021
- d) Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting – March 23, 2021
- e) Minutes of Special Meeting - April 14, 2021

MOTION to approve all five consent agenda items a) through e) above.

T. Sundie, C. McGlynn → U.

IX. Gilbert Report from Board of Education Representative

A new Head of School was hired. Extracurricular programs have started. There is a Gilbert School Corporation meeting tomorrow night.

X. Correspondence to the Board:

None.

XI. Superintendent’s Reports & Action Items Discussion Possible Action:

- a) Superintendent’s Report
Pages 16 through 17 were read into the record. PD next year will focus on Formative

Assessments

- b) School Enrollment
WPS - 535.
- c) Chronic Absences
Cut in half from the month prior; Average daily attendance is strong: only two percentage points off of where we were last year.
- d) Gilbert Enrollment & Grade Level Enrollment
Gilbert, 7-12: 426 (April) + 20 International Students = 447 Total.
- e) Monthly Budget Summary
Fiscal Year 2021
Appropriated Budget: \$136,498 in the black.
Lunch budget: \$22,680 in the black.

- f) Monthly Hinsdale Report
Superintendent MBS will provide the WBOE monthly updates.
Page 27 was read into the record.

XII. Board Action Items:

- a) New Hires - Two paraprofessionals were hired and a custodian Page 28 and 29.
- b) WBOE and TGS Special Education MOU July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.
This memo is the exact language as the current year.

MOTION to accept the MOU as presented in the BOE packet.
R. Dutton, C. McGlynn → U.

- c) School Readiness Grant Program
Emily Bernard discussed the School Readiness Grant Program.
Goals of the program were shared.
WPS BOE must approve this grant.
Two recipients are Winchester Area Child Care and Ed Advance Head Start Readiness Program.

MOTION to approve the School Readiness Grant Program
First: N. Mocarski, Second: C. McGlynn → U.

XIII. New Business Discussion and Possible Action:

- a) Gilbert School Corporation Representation
Looking for someone to serve on the Gilbert School Corp. Please let BOE Chair D. Pfenninger know if you, someone you know, if someone is interested in serving.
- b) Discussion of the need for an updated Residency Policy
5111 - Admission Placement. Amended on 11/10/2020 - residency requirement
MOTION to move this discussion to the Policy Committee
First: N. Mocarski; Second: R. Dutton → U.

- c) Tina Koutroumanis request for one year of child-rearing leave for the 2021-22 school year - no salary, benefits, nor time accumulation.

MOTION to approve the one year child-rearing leave per WEA Teacher Contract.
First: D. Pfenninger, Second: C. McGlynn → U.

- d) First Read Policy # 4113.6/4213.6 - Remote Work/Telecommuting – move to second read in May.

XIV. ~~Executive Session:~~

XVI. Adjourn:

MOTION to adjourn at 8:28pm

First: C. McGlynn, Second: A. Propfe

Submitted by Nora Mocarski, BOE Secretary