

Winchester Board of Education

Type of Meeting: BOE Special Meeting

Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Time: 7:00

Location: Join Zoom Meeting

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Phone Number: 929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 796 667 1341

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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 at 7:06 pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Present: Doug Pfenninger, Nora Mocarski, Kristin Peterson, Alexandria Propfe, Cheryl McGlynn, Michelle Hintz, Tara Sundie, and Richard Dutton

Absent: Shana DeVaux

IV. Minutes

**MOTION** to accept minutes from

First: A. Propfe, Second: K. Peterson → U.

IV. Discussion

A. Budgetary Update of Commissioner Network Grant

a. We anticipated we would receive a reduced amount of 50%, but unfortunately, we received LESS than 50%. Melony is working with Nancy O’Dea Wyrick to mitigate the loss of funds.

B. Gilbert School Corp Assignments

a. Ms. Alison Shea replaced Mr. Check Seaback on the Gilbert School Corp

b. Regarding the **Joint Finance Committee** (meets with Winchester Board of Education on a mutually agreed to schedule) - members: Jennifer Marchand, Alison Shea, Ellen Marino (Chairman), Steven Sedlack

i. To our knowledge, this committee has not met during BOE Chair Doug Pfenninger’s tenure.

c. Next Gilbert School Corporation meeting: August 19, 2020

V. Board Action Items:

A. The naming of 55 Oak Street Building

a. **MOTION** to name the 55 Oak Street Building the “The Oak Street School.”

i. First: N. Mocarski, Second: A. Propfe → U. 8-0

B. Review of the WPS Reopening Plan

a. Pages 3-25 of the Winchester BOE packet was discussed.

- b. There will be a teacher present at school who will teach students at home simultaneously as the class is underway at the buildings for families who decide to stay at home (survey showing 21% of families wish to stay home).
- c. 50% of families are planning to use the bus. This is less than in the past.
- d. CARES Act - Per Superintendent Brady-Shanley, Winchester Schools has to give a portion of the CARES funding to Gilbert School Corporation.
- e. BOE Member C. McGlynn proposed that the Winchester School BOE write a letter to the Gilbert School Corporation to request a reduction of tuition to reflect the reduced population for the 2020-21 school year. Rationale: Gilbert will have fewer students attending next year, they also have received over \$900,000 of PPP monies from the federal government, and we have to pay for our own needs because of COVID.
  - i. It was decided that we will all get the specific enrollment data first before making a motion on this decision.
- f. Each student will have a Chromebook, grades K-6
- C. Appointment of Assistant Principal Emily Bernard at Batcheller School
  - a. Superintendent M. Brady-Shanley recommends Emily Bernard to be the Batcheller School's Assistant Principal
    - i. **MOTION** to appoint Ms. Emily Bernard as Assistant Principal of the Batcheller School
      - 1. FIRST: D. Pfenninger, SECOND: A. Propfe → U.
- D. Adjust Calendar Days - 8/26, 8/27, and 8/28/2020 for PD for staff leaving 177 days for students as allowable by the State of Connecticut.
  - a. **MOTION** to approve an adjusted calendar as presented
    - i. First: A. Propfe. Second: C. McGlynn → U.
- E. Renaming of Columbus Day - Indigenous People's Day
  - a. **MOTION** to rename Columbus Day in the school's calendar
    - i. First: C. McGlynn Second: T. Sundie → 7-0-1

IV. Adjournment at 8:37 pm

**MOTION**: to adjourn at 8:37 pm

First: A. Propfe, Second: C. McGlynn → U.