

Winchester Board of Education

Type of Meeting: Special Meeting Agenda

Date: June 23, 2020 @ 7pm

Location: In-person: Pearson Library (mask & social distancing required)

Join via Zoom Meeting:

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Phone Number: 929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 796 667 1341

Password: 12345

I. Call to order @ 7:02pm

II. Roll call

- A. Board of Education (BOE) Members (in alphabetical order by last name):, Cheryl McGlynn, Michelle Hintz, Nora Mocarski, Secretary; Doug Pfenninger, Chairman; Alexandria Propfe, Tara Sundie, Dr. Richard Dutton (entered at 7:08), Kristin Peterson (entered 7:08)
- B. ABSENT: Shana DeVaux
- C. Central Office: Melony Brady-Shanley, Superintendent, Nancy O’Dea-Wyrick, Director of Finance

III. Business

1. COVID-Building Plan and Lease Presentation

- To lease St. Anthony’s school \$72,000 for the Winchester Public Schools for one year with the option to renew.
- RATIONALE: to better socially distance our students and to run school five days a week, with full-time instruction in light of COVID. This will increase our total building space by 11 additional classrooms.
  - 1 Grade 2 and 1 Grade 3 will go to Saint Anthony’s and Superintendent M. Brady-Shanley will supervise this building
    - This would be one grade from Batcheller and one from Pearson
  - Lease agreement shared and is currently in draft form.
  - Maintenance of the building: St Joseph Church will maintain the exterior, and the interior will be maintained by our Winchester Public Schools custodial staff. COVID funds will be used if there is a need to hire an extra custodian.
  - The funding saved from this year will be used to cover the lease costs.
  - Insurance increases to cover this building will not be significant.
  - Bussing will depend upon state guidelines, which are to be determined.
    - In the past, our bus runs did include SA, so this cost on bussing should be negligible.
  - SA building will be devoid of religious symbolism
  - We can put up Winchester Public School signage if so desired.

**MOTION**: to approve the lease for 2020-2021 subject to the attorney’s review.

First: K. Peterson, Second: C. McGlynn → U.

2. FY21 Budget Mitigation Plan

- Reduction will be made to our budget for 2020-2021 will be 120K. (Total cut was \$240, and Gilbert cut their budget by \$120K as well).
  - Mitigation plan presented. No reduction in faculty/staff.
- **MOTION** to accept the mitigation plan as presented for the 2020-2021 budget year.
  - First: T. Sundie, Second: K. Peterson → U

### 3. Superintendent Contract Extension to June 30, 2023

**MOTION:** to approve the extension of Superintendent of School Melony Brady Shanley's employment contract for one more year to June 30, 2023.

- a) First: C. McGlynn, Second: K. Peterson → U.

### 4. Voluntary Extended School Year Summer Program Reopening Plan

- Melony served on the State of Connecticut Reopening Committee to reopen schools in Connecticut, and she shared their document, which was the basis for the Winchester plan to open for the in-person summer school.
- 26 or 27 different areas had to be addressed for the Winchester summer school
- Health department has acknowledged the plan
- This will be posted on our website shortly after approval here tonight.

**MOTION** to approve the Voluntary Extended School Year Summer Program  
First: D. Pfenninger, Second: R. Dutton. → U.

## IV. Adjournment

**MOTION** to adjourn at 7:31pm

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

Submitted by: N. Mocarski, BOE Secretary.