

WINCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Type of Meeting: REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING - MINUTES

Date: TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019

Location: P. FRANCIS HICKS ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, TOWN HALL – 7:00 P.M.

Board of Education (BOE) Members (in alphabetical order by last name): Shana DeVoux, Dr. Richard Dutton, Cheryl Heffernan, Michelle Hintz, Nora Mocarski, Secretary; Kristin Peterson, Doug Pfenninger, Chairman; Alexandria Propfe, Christine Royer

Called to order at 7:00 pm.

- I. Call to Order - 7 pm
- II. Roll Call - Present: K. Peterson, M. Hintz, D. Pfenninger, N. Mocarski, R. Dutton, C. Heffernan, A. Propfe, S. Cullinan, Director of Student Service, M. Brady-Shanley, Superintendent., N. O’Dea-Wyrick, Director of Finance & Business Services, Barbara Silverio, Principal, Pearson School, Rosanne Field, Batcheller Principal

Excused: C. Royer

Unexcused: S. DeVoux

- III. Agenda Review Discussion Possible Action
 - A. Regular Board of Education Agenda: January 8, 2019
- IV. Comments from the Chairman
 - A. Reminder to send agenda items at least one week before BOE meetings the Board Chair
 - B. Superintendent evaluation scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2019 - at 10 am
- V. Presentations
 - A. Quarterly financial report [BOE page 6] - Appropriated budget current year. A modest positive balance of \$16,496 as of this report
 1. Special Ed out of district cost (-289,185) - We received an increase of approximately 5 students to the district. We are working with shared services to continue working on bringing Special Education students back into our programs to save monies.
 2. Page 7 - already used a 1/3 of the snow budget because of much use of salt and sand on Batcheller School.
 3. Page 8 - \$90,206 projected balance. Using a conservative balance. We can carry over up to 15% because we don’t know what will happen with grant allocation next year. We also do not know the future of district grants.
 4. Page 9 – National School Lunch - Net income \$18,374.
 - a) Some bills have not been paid yet because we are waiting for funds from the state.
 - b) Food Service funds will arrive regardless of the government shutdown.
 5. Page 3 - Overview of projects completed.
 6. Page 10 - Budget calendar shared.
 7. Page 11 - Budget Assumptions - Anticipating 1.8 million reductions to 2019-2020 budget because of an anticipated decrease in grant funding from the State of Connecticut. And can only carry over only 15%. We may not be an Alliance District next year.

- a) Turn Around Office: Alliance DAS = for building structures. We are assigned into this.
- b) Turn Around Office: Alliance SDE = for education, instruction remediation. We are assigned into this.
- c) Turn Around Office: Commissioners Network = we must apply to be in this. Works hand in hand with Alliance, but don't need to be in both.
- d) We won't know about the Alliance or Commissioner Network monies until May or June.
- e) Too early to speak about what to ask of the taxpayer at this time.
- f) Town Support for Education: unknown at this time.

8. Page 13 - Enrollment projections discussed. Numbers on page 13

B. Budget timeline discussed

C. Projected enrollments discussed

- VI. Public Hearing
- VII. Consent Agenda Items
 - A. MOTION: First: Dr. Dutton, Second: C. Heffernan → U
- VIII. Correspondence to the Board
 - A. Superintendent Brady-Shanley read Mrs. Mary DiMauro's retirement letter - effective on the last day of school in June of 2019.
- IX. Superintendents' Reports & Action Items
 - A. Page 21 was read
 - B. Page 22 student enrollment read
 - C. Page 23 chronic absenteeism numbers are lower in both schools (good)
 - D. Page 24 The Gilbert School enrollment: Reporting 515
- X. Board Action Items
 - A. None
- XI. New Business Discussion and Possible Action
- XII. Executive Session
 - A. MOTION: M. Hintz motion at 7:55 pm to go into executive session inviting Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley and Nancy O'Dea-Wyrick to discuss contract process update regarding WPS/Gilbert Tuition Agreement.
 - 1. Second: C. Heffernan → U
 - B. MOTION: C. Heffernan to come out of executive session at 9:20 pm
 - 1. Second: M. Hintz → U
- XIII. Adjourn
 - A. MOTION: A. Propfe to adjourn at 9:21 pm
 - 1. Second: C. Heffernan → U