

Winchester Board of Education Regular Meeting – Minutes

Date: October 9, 2018

Meeting Facilitator: Melony Brady-Shanley, Superintendent and Nora Mocariski, acting Chairman

Board of Education Members: Dr. Richard Dutton, Cheryl Heffernan, Michelle Hintz, Secretary: Nora Mocariski, Alexandria Propfe, Christine Royer, Shana DeVoux and Doug Pfenninger

Call to Order @7: 00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

PRESENT: Chris Royer, Cheryl Heffernan, Michelle Hintz, Melony Brady-Shanley, Nora Mocariski, Alex Propfe and Dr. Dutton

ABSENT: (excused) Doug Pfenninger; (unexcused) Shana DeVoux

Agenda Review:

Motion to add Letter of Resignation under Correspondence

First: Dr. Dutton; Second: Cheryl P - 5-0 unanimous

Friendly amendment - add letter as number C

First: Chris R; Second Alex P - 5-0 unanimous

Motion to add conversation about dates for Interviews under New Business as letter B.

First: Chris R; Second: Cheryl P - 5-0 unanimous

Motion to add ED09 under section Board actions items as C.

First: Chris R; Second: Cheryl P - 5-0 unanimous

Motion to add M Core loan approval item add under Board Actions item as D

First: Chris R; Second: Cheryl P - 5-0 unanimous

Motion to eliminate executive session.

First: Chris R; Second: Cheryl P - 5-0 unanimous

Comments from the Chairman:

It's been a pleasure to be chairing tonight.

Presentations: None

Public Hearing: None

Consent Agenda Items Discussion Possible Action:

Motion to approve all.

First: Chris R; Second: Alex P - 5-0 unanimous

Correspondence to the Board:

- a) Letter required by the state - all schools part of asbestos management - the letter was sent out
- b) Hinsdale School Renovation: 6 firms HSRC - interviewing five firms on Thursday and Monday; Deciding following the meeting on Monday
- c) Letter of resignation from Jamie Duffy - Nora read the letter that was received on October 1st at the town clerk's office; no letter was sent to the BOE; we have 30 days from receipt of the letter at the town clerk's office

Superintendent's Report

Finance: Heading to Mediation on WEA negotiation

Community & Climate: Great job on the reading challenge; assembly called 'Yes You Can'; Building strong community feeling within the school via assembly; Riverfront recapture field trip.

WPS enrollment is up four since August; 96% attendance rate; September was a rough month in both schools due to illness

Finance Report

Final 17-18 budget report - \$4K end balance more than thought due to projects not being as expected - \$155,025 will go into the non-lapsing fund (non-expiring fund)

1st quarter report: \$15K unencumbered - extra money for snow; was able to hire a speech and language path. So saving money there because no longer contracting it out.

Facilities

Pearson Playground completed

Replacing freezer and exterior doors at Pearson

Exterior lighting has been fixed, and the parking lot has been reconfigured at Batcheller

Roof leaking has been patched above three classrooms and cafeteria at Batcheller (may need to address the roof at a later date for long-term approach)

Looking to investigate the possibility of consolidating 8-9 bus stops on Pratt street to help facilitate traffic and address safety issues.

Board action items

Motion to amend the August BOE minutes, Switch Batcheller to Hinsdale

First: Cheryl H; Second: Chris R - 5-0 unanimous

No action needed on the approval of the revised school security plan - it will be signed by Nora, and the BOE needs to acknowledge it.

Motion to approve EO9 to allow the district to take part in the national school lunch

First: Chris R; Second: Cheryl - 5-0 unanimous

** Note - Alex left meeting at 7:33 pm

Motion to approval to execute the documents for the M Core Loan and have Nora sign

First: Dr. Dutton; Second: Chris R - 4-0 unanimous (one absent)

** Note - Alex rejoined meeting at 7:36 pm

New Business:

Per current contract, the BOE should meet with Gilbert Board. Michelle will email proposed dates to board

Interview dates for BOE vacant spot – Tuesday, October 23rd (start time TBD)

Motion to adjourn:

First: Cheryl H; Second: Alex P - 5-0 unanimous