

Winchester Board of Education  
Type of Meeting: Regular BOE Meeting Minutes  
Date: November 15, 2022, @ 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Town Hall – Hicks Room

Meeting Facilitator: Melony Brady-Shanley, Superintendent  
Doug Pfenninger, BOE Chairman

Jeannette Brodeur, Salvatore Lovetere, Cheryl McGlynn, Nora Mocarski, Kristin Peterson, Sondra Strubhar, Tara Sundie, and Renata Waldron

I. Call to order: @ 6:58 pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

II. Roll call: Cheryl McGlynn, Jeannette Brodeur, Sondra Strubhar, Melony Brady-Shanley, Doug Pfenninger, Nora Mocarski, Renata Waldron, Tara Sundie, Salvatore Lovetere. Kristin Peterson arrived at 7:06 pm.

III. Agenda Review Discussion Possible Action:

Melony Brady-Shanley would like the Board to consider adding Veteran's Day under Presentations.

MOTION to consider adding Veterans' Day under Presentations.

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Sondra Strubhar, U

Melony Brady-Shanley would like the Board to consider adding a letter of retirement under Correspondence to the Board.

MOTION to consider adding a letter of retirement under Correspondence to the Board.

First: Doug Pfenninger, Second: Jeannette Brodeur, U

a) Regular Board of Education Agenda: November 15, 2022

IV. Comments from the Chairman:

Doug Pfenninger thanked Salvatore Lovetere for his service to our country as a marine.

V. Presentations:

a) Kid Governor Program - Three finalists in 5th grade and the presentation of the locally elected student

Barbara Silverio explained the Kid Governor Program.

The three finalists were:

- Isabella Biraga
- Angela Devino
- Emma Dean

Each finalist spoke about their presentation and why it was important to them.

Tara Sundie commented on what a wonderful job they did, and Melony Brady-Shanley thanked the winners for doing such a great job on their presentations.

VI. Public Comment:

Board of Education Chairman to read Public Comment Regulations. Three minutes are allotted to each speaker per Board Policy #1120. No BOE employee, student, or community member should be defamed within a public comment.

VII. Consent Agenda Items Discussion Possible Action:

- a) Minutes of Regular BOE Meeting – October 11, 2022
- b) Minutes of Committee Meetings – October 25, 2022

For the record, Nora Mocarski commented on Page 7, under Columbus Day Discussion, that the school menu is saying Indigenous People's Day should be referred to as a holiday.

MOTION to approve Minutes of Regular BOE Meeting - October 11, 2022, with edit and approve Minutes of Committee Meeting - October 25, 2022.

First: Jeannette Brodeur, Second: Cheryl McGlynn, U.

VIII. Gilbert Report from Board of Education Representative:

Renata Waldron mentioned that the SRO presentation was discussed. Gilbert is still in the talking phase and looking into other possibilities.

Melony Brady-Shanley and Doug Pfenninger are waiting for Gilbert to respond to the SRO survey that was sent out. Melony Brady-Shanley received the list of school districts that participated in the survey and will share it with the Board.

IX. Correspondence to the Board:

- a) Honorable Mention in the Bonnie B. Carney Award of Excellence for Educational Communications - WPS Facebook Page
- b) Veterans Day

Melony Brady-Shanley commented that the Pearson and Hinsdale Schools did a wonderful job representing our veterans.

c) Resignation Letters

- Katherine Stansfield
- Maribeth Seeger

MOTION to accept with regret.

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Cheryl McGlynn, U.

X. Superintendent's Reports & Action Items Discussion Possible Action:

- a) Superintendent's Report
- b) School Enrollment
- c) Chronic Absences
- d) Gilbert Enrollment & Grade Level Enrollment
- e) Monthly Budget Summary - FY23
- f) Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

XI. Board Action Items:

- a) New Hire(s)
  - Sharon Ashley Roberts, Long-Term Substitute, Special Education
  - Taylor Steeves, Paraprofessional
  - Aislynn Jamieson, CHAMPS Program Assistant
  - Addie Mehl, Paraprofessional
- b) 2023 Board of Education Meetings

MOTION to approve with edit to move February 14, 2023 meeting to February 7, 2023.

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Cheryl McGlynn, U.

- c) 2023-2024 School Calendar

MOTION to approve 2023-2024 School Calendar.

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Sondra Strubhar, U.

- d) Internet2 CAP Distance Learning Scholarship Program Grant

MOTION to approve to apply for the Internet2 CAP Distance Learning Scholarship Program Grant in the amount of \$800.00.

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Jeannette Brodeur, U.

- e) Connecticut Space Grant

MOTION to approve to apply for the Connecticut Space Grant in the amount of \$1,500.00.

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Tara Sundie, U.

- f) 2022 – 2023 CT Regional Early Childhood Alliance Mini-Grant

Emily Bernard explained the purpose of the grant.

MOTION to approve to apply for the 2022-2023 CT Regional Early Childhood Alliance Mini-Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00.

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Sondra Strubhar, U.

g) Plant the Moon/Plant Mars Challenge

MOTION to approve to apply for the Plant the Moon/Plant Mars Challenge

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Doug Pfenninger, U.

XII. New Business Discussion and Possible Action:

a) Policies for First Read

1) Policy # 4218.232 - Personnel, Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco

MOTION to move Policy #4218.232 - Personnel, Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco with edit to second read.

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Cheryl McGlynn, U.

2) Policy # 1120 Public Comment Regulations

MOTION to move Policy # 1120 Public Comment Regulations to second read.

First: Doug Pfenninger, Second: Sondra Strubhar, 8,0,1.

3) Policy # 5141.213 - Opioid Antagonists in Schools

MOTION to move Policy # 5141.213 - Opioid Antagonists in Schools to the second read with edits and review with Medical Advisor

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Renata Waldron, U.

4) Policy # 4118.11 - Discrimination

The Board decided to table Policy #4118.11 - Discrimination

5) Policy # 6144.1 - Exemption from Instruction

MOTION to move Policy # 6144.1 - Exemption from Instruction to second read with changes

First: Nora Mocarski, Cheryl McGlynn, U.

6) Policy # 7230.2 - Indoor Air Quality

MOTION to move Policy # 7230.2 - Indoor Air Quality to second read.

First: Doug Pfenninger, Second: Kristin Peterson, U

7) Policy # 6115.3 - Flag Display

MOTION to move Policy # 6115.3 - Flag Display to second read with edits.

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Jeannette Brodeur, U.

8) Policy # 5141.3 (a) - Health Assessments and Immunizations

MOTION to move Policy # 5141.3 (a) - Health Assessments and Immunizations to second read with edits.

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Kristin Peterson, 7, 2, 0.

9) Bylaws of the Board - Gilbert Board Membership

MOTION to move to amend by law as presented.

First: Doug Pfenninger, Second: Sondra Strubhar, 1 abstention.

b) Policies for Second Read

1) Policy # 3171.1 Non-Lapsing Education Fund

MOTION to approve Policy # 3171.1 Non-Lapsing Education Fund

First: Doug Pfenninger, Second: Renata Waldron, U.

2) Policy # 6140 Curriculum

MOTION to approve Policy # 6140 Curriculum as amended.

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Kristin Peterson, U.

3) Policy # 4112.1 Personnel-Certified Appointment

MOTION to approve Policy # 4112.1 Personnel-Certified Appointment.

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Sondra Strubhar, U.

4) Policy # 4218.11 Certified Non-Certified Nondiscrimination

MOTION to approve Policy # 4218.11 Certified Non-Certified Nondiscrimination

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Jeannette Brodeur, U.

5) Policy # 6163.11 Instruction Media Center

MOTION to approve Policy # 6163.11 Instruction Media Center.

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Jeannette Brodeur, U.

6) Policy # 5145 Behavior on Bus Guidelines

MOTION to approve Policy # 5145 Behavior on Bus Guidelines with an amendment.

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Doug Pfenninger, U

XIII. Public Comment:

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MOTION to adjourn the meeting

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Kristin Peterson, U

IX. Adjourn: @ 8:48 pm