Winchester Board of Education  
Type of Meeting: Special Meeting Minutes  
Date: January 24, 2023, @ 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Hinsdale School Science Center  

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: @ 6:00 pm  
II. Pledge of Allegiance:  

III. Roll call: Renata Waldron, Nora Mocarski, Jeannette Brodeur, Cheryl McGlynn, Doug  
Pfenninger, Tara Sundie, Salvatore Lovetere, Sondra Strubhar, Melony Brady-Shanley,  
Greg Shugrue, Holly Cassidy, Astrid Robitaille, Ellen Marino, Theresa Padin, Jennifer  
Marchand, Scott Beecher, and Kristin Peterson  

IV. Agenda Review: Melony Brady-Shanley and Greg Shugrue met for an extended  
period making sure to the best of their ability that they have put together a contract that  
we agree to and can live with. We believe this is the strongest contract that comes  
before both organizations. We are working towards both school districts to be able to  
move forward.  

V. Business:  
   a) Presentation Draft Contract Winchester Board of Education and The W. L.  
      Gilbert School Corporation by Melony Brady-Shanley and Greg Shugrue  

Melony Brady-Shanley and Greg Shugrue presented.  

General Discussion/Feedback:  
   ● Love seeing everyone work together  
   ● Cheryl McGlynn handed out a summary of comments under the following:  
      ○ Academy Designation  
      ○ Term of Contract  
      ○ Academy Services  
      ○ Students  
      ○ Regular Education Tuition Payment  
      ○ Enrollment Count Requirements & Invoice  
      ○ Budget Development  
      ○ Capital Improvements and Arbitration, each party should have their  
        lawyer
Cheryl McGlynn would like to be involved in the DAS meeting

- Need to review the language of the contract, concerned with the length
- There is nothing written about cancellation, and it should be included
- Both Districts will be equitable and will take responsibility for the cut
- The language in the contract needs to be clear that the contract and arbitration decision will be abided by. It needs to be spelled out.
- Eager to have clarity from the DAS meeting
- The contract is expected to be in place for the month of February for budget season
- The outstanding answers from DAS that we are necessitating the need to be included in the contract and will be met
- There will be room for revisions in the contractual language for further refinement. Both parties need to agree
- Next steps are to receive everyone's thoughts, and we will be able to move forward
- a 10-year contract is a better choice
- Both districts need to know what is going to be happening
- It's all about the stability
- Arbitration is a concession by Gilbert
- We want to be collaborative partners
- The Winchester Board wants a contract for credibility due to its negative history.
- Not in favor of the split in the budget development
- We all experienced the same budget cycle that wasn’t shared equally. The cut from the Board of Selectmen got out of hand
- The past budget was not transparent. Can’t support documents with certain budget cuts.
- Wouldn’t mind a tax increase to improve education
- We should all be working together for the kids

Melony Brady-Shanley is unable to share her budget with the taxpayers if she has no advocacy. We want to be able to provide information that would provide stability to our successors.

Doug Pfenninger is very optimistic.

Melony Brady-Shanley and Doug Shugrue will have a lawyer look at the contract language. They didn’t want to invest in a lawyer at this time. They wanted to explain and review with both Boards first.

VI. Adjournment: @ 7:12 pm