Winchester Board of Education
Type of Meeting: Special - BOE Meeting Minutes
Date: March 21, 2023, @ 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: @6:59 pm Pledge of Allegiance:


III. Agenda Review Discussion Possible Action:
   a) Special Board of Education Agenda: March 21, 2023

MOTION to add crowdfunding request form under Board Action Items XI (g)

FIRST: Tara Sundie, Nora Mocarski, U

MOTION to add a Field Trip request for an overnight under Board Action Items XI (h)

First: Jeannette Brodeur, Second: Tara Sundie, U

MOTION to drop Policy 5141.4 - Reporting Child Abuse, Neglect, and Sexual Assault and go back to policy.

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Salvatore Lovetere, U

IV. Comments from the Chairman:

Melony Brady-Shanley acknowledged that March is Board of Education appreciation month. We bring the students in front of the Board of Education, so the Board is able to see all the great activities our students are participating in.

Melony Brady-Shanley also explained the roles of the Board of Education to the students.

V. Presentations:
   a) Drone Presentation

Rachael Manzer, STEAM Inst. The specialist explained the excitement of bringing the drone program to Winchester Public Schools. The students learn teamwork, collaboration, and communication.
Winchester Public Schools hosted the REC Drone Regional Championship for Mission Blackout 2023. We had four teams participate. Our students competed against middle and high school students.

Congratulations to our 4th-grade team, who qualified for Nationals located in West Virginia.

b) Drama Presentation

Theresa Padin, Director of CHAMPS & Partnership Development Coordinator, and Jackie McAvaney, Music Teacher, announced that the Drama Club would be performing Annie. The performances will take place at The Gilbert School on Friday, April 21, and April 22.

Several cast members performed musical highlights from the musical production.

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 Actions:
   a) Minutes of Regular BOE Meeting – February 7, 2022
   b) Minutes of Committee Meetings – March 7, 2023
   c) Minutes of Special Meeting – March 7, 2023

MOTION to approve

   a) Minutes of Regular BOE Meeting – February 7, 2022
   b) Minutes of Committee Meetings – March 7, 2023
   c) Minutes of Special Meeting – March 7, 2023

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Salvatore Lovetere, U

VIII. Gilbert Report from Board of Education Representative:
Renata Waldron mentioned that the budget had passed.

IX. Correspondence to the Board:
   a) Letter of Retirement - Susan Goodenough

Accept with regret

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Jeannette Brodeur, U

   b) Letter of Resignation - Julia Cardillo

Accept with regret

First: Nora Mocarski, Renata Waldron, U

   c) Thank You Letter from Vision to Learn
Vision to Learn donated $5,000.00 to our District and we were able to supply 200 pairs of glasses to our students.

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) Perfect Attendance – Strategy Update

XI. Board Action Items:
   a) Berkshire Alarm Sole Source Form

MOTION to approve Berkshire Alarm Sole Source Form
First: Nora Mocarski, Renata Waldron, U

b) Cannavo Construction Sole Source Form

MOTION to approve Cannavo Construction Sole Source Form
First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Salvatore Lovetere, U

c) CT-SEDS Implementation Stipend for Approval

MOTION to accept CT-SEDS Implementation Stipend for Approval
First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Jeannette Brodeur, U

d) Healthy Food Certification

Motion language for healthy food option: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Winchester Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

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First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Renata Waldron, U

Motion language for food exemptions: The Winchester Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events, but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food sales.

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First: Renata Waldron, Second: Jeannette Brodeur, U

Motion language for beverage exemptions: The Winchester Board of Education will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. The “school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the beverage sales.

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First: Tara Sundie, Second: Nora Mocarski, U

e) School Security Grant Program

MOTION to approve School Security Grant Program

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Jeannette Brodeur, U

f) Multi-Media School Security Grant Program

MOTION to approve Multi-Media School Security Grant Program

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Salvatore Lovetere, U

g) Crowdfunding Request Form for National Drone Competition in Virginia.

Melony Brady-Shanley explained that the cost of the competition is $3,592.00. To offset crowdfunding, we will post a Gofundme link on our webpage, and we will coordinate fundraising along the way.

First: Tara Sundie, Second: Renata Waldron, U

h) Field Trip Overnight

- Departing on May 18, and returning on May 21.
- Two chaperones and one male chaperon
- SUV rental: $950.00
- Gas: $400.00
- Hotel: $1,592.00 (3 nights and 4 days)
- Registration Fee: $300.00
- Parents will pay for students' food (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- Total trip cost: $3,592.00

MOTION to approve Field Trip Overnight

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Tara Sundie, U

XII. New Business Discussion and Possible Action:

Policies for a First Read

a) Policy 6140 - Curriculum

MOTION to move Policy 6140 - Curriculum to second read

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Jeannette Brodeur, U

b) Policy 4113.12 - Minimum Duty-free lunch period for teachers
MOTION to move Policy 4113.12 - Minimum Duty-free lunch period for teachers to read second
First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Salvatore Lovetere, U

c) Policy 5141.4 - Reporting Child Abuse, Neglect, and Sexual Assault

MOTION to drop Policy 5141.4 - Reporting Child Abuse, Neglect, and Sexual Assault and go back to policy.
First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Salvatore Lovetere, U

d) Policy 5145.511 - Exploitation; Sexual Harassment

MOTION to move Policy 5145.511 - Exploitation; Sexual Harassment to the next policy meeting
First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Salvatore Lovetere, U

e) Policy 9321.2- Board Bylaws re: Electronic Board of Ed meetings

MOTION to move Policy 9321.2- Board Bylaws re: Electronic Board of Ed meetings to second read minus appendices a-c strike
First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Renata Waldron, U

f) Policy 6144 (a) Controversial Issues

MOTION to move Policy 6144 (a) Controversial Issues to second read with edits
First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Renata Waldron, U

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MOTION to adjourn the meeting
First: Salvatore Lovetere, Second: Nora Mocarski, U

IX. Adjourn: @ 9:06 pm