Winchester Board of Education  
Type of Meeting: Special BOE Meeting Minutes  
Date: April 18, 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: @7:00pm  
Pledge of Allegiance:

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

III. Agenda Review Discussion Possible Action:  
      a) Board of Education Agenda: April 18, 2023

Melony Brady-Shanley would like the Board to make a motion to move the New Budget Discussion Possible Action.

We can discuss this instead of having possible action since the Board of Selectman settled last night, and we won’t need to make any budgetary changes. Nancy O’Dea-Wyrick will supply updated budget sheets to reflect the Board of Selectmen changes.

IV. Comments from the Chairman:

Doug Pfenninger wanted to thank the Board of Education, the Town Manager, and the Board of Selectmen for supporting our budget. We are very thankful for their support.

On behalf of the Board, we want to extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery for many of our staff members who are facing health challenges in the weeks ahead, and we want you to know that we are thinking of you and wish you well.

V. 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 Actions:
   a) Minutes of Special BOE Meeting – March 21, 2023
   b) Minutes of Special Meeting - March 28, 2023
   c) Minutes of Committee Meetings – March 28, 2023

MOTION to approve
   a) Minutes of Special BOE Meeting – March 21, 2023
   b) Minutes of Special Meeting - March 28, 2023
   c) Minutes of Committee Meetings – March 28, 2023

First: Renata Waldron, Second: Jeanette Brodeur, U

VIII. Gilbert Report from Board of Education Representative:

Doug Pfenninger, Melony Brady-Shanley, and Cheryl McGlynn met with Greg Shugrue, Holly Cassaday, and two members from DAS regarding the eligibility of the Gilbert School for the reimbursement for Capital Project Grants. They will not require a contract with Gilbert, but they want us to have a document describing the historical relationship between the two schools.

Melony Brady-Shanley will send a summary to the Board of what was discussed.

Sondra Strubhar wanted to compliment the head coach, Jorge Pimental, who ran a summer camp program during Spring break at Gilbert. They ran an amazing camp; the coach and his coaches were excellent. It was a wonderful community experience for the town.

IX. Correspondence to the Board:
   a) Letters of Resignation
      • Mario Porcello
      • Jackie McAvaney (We might be losing her as a music teacher, but we are expanding our CHAMPS program with more drama, dance, and the arts). Jackie and Theresa Padin will continue to head up the musical program).
      • Seth Beecher

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) Existing Grant Pre-Payment Model to a Reimbursement Grant Mode
      • - Nancy O’Dea- Wyrick presented to the Board.

XI. Board Action Items:
   a) Approve Food Service Union Contract 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2026

MOTION to approve Food Service Union Contract 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2026
b) New Hires

- Rafael Anatolio, Operations Manager
- Mara White, Paraprofessional
- Victoria Hansen, Special Education Teacher
- Cassandra Murphy will replace Seamus Cullinan as the Director of Student Services as of July 1, 2023.

XII. New Business Discussion and Possible Action:
   a) Possible Action on Adjustments to Proposed FY24 Budget

- Nancy O’Dea-Wyrick presented to the Board.
- Melony Brady-Shanley will meet with Josh Kelly, Town Manager, to review and ensure numbers match and will provide the Board with the documentation.
- Melony Brady-Shanley suggested logistics be discussed at the Gilbert meeting.
- Add a new line that will include adding $200,000.00 to the Capital Fund Balance Revenue Line.

MOTION to approve the Adjustments to the Proposed FY24 Budget

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Tara Sundie, U

b) Policies for First Read
   1) Policy 5141.4 - Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect, and Sexual Assault

MOTION to move Policy 5141.4 - Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect, and Sexual Assault to second read.

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Jeannette Brodeur, U

   2) Policy 5145.511 Exploitation, Sexual Harassment

MOTION to return Policy 5145.511 Exploitation, Sexual Harassment back to Policy Committee.

First: Sondra Strubhar, Second: Salvatore Lovetere, U

c) Policies for a Second Read
   1) Policy 6140 - Curriculum

MOTION to approve Policy 6140 - Curriculum

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Tara Sundie, U

   2) Policy 4113.12 - Minimum Duty-free lunch period for teachers
MOTION to approve Policy 4113.12 - Minimum Duty-free lunch period for teachers
First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Sondra Strubhar, U

3) Policy 6144(a) Controversial Issues
MOTION to approve Policy 6144(a) Controversial Issues
First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Sondra Strubhar, U

4) Policy 9321.2- Board Bylaws re: Electronic Board of Ed meetings
MOTION to approve Policy 9321.2- Board Bylaws re Electronic Board of Ed meetings
First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Renata Waldron, U

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David LaPointe, 11 Hillside Avenue, Winsted, CT. I wanted to thank Melony Brady-Shanley and the Board for acting on the public comment regarding the policy. I also wanted to thank the Superintendent for speaking at the Selectmen meeting during budgetary comment regarding an entity.

Wednesday, April 19, is Parental Right Lobby Day from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. You can meet with your state representatives.

Thank you for being advocates for and holding the line for our children in the school system.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting
First: Doug Pfenninger, Second: Sondra Strubhar, U

IX. Adjourn: @8:33pm