

Winchester Board of Education
Type of Meeting: Board Of Education Meeting Minutes
Date: September 12, 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: @ 7:03 pm Pledge of Allegiance:

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

III. Agenda Review Discussion Possible Action:

a) Board of Education Agenda: September 12, 2023

Melony Brady-Shanley would like to add an item under New Business Discussion and Possible Action under b) Wamogo Regional High School application is pending to allow a current Northwestern Regional High School student to transfer to Wamogo Regional High School to participate in the Wamogo Agricultural Program.

MOTION to add an item under New Business Discussion and Possible Action under b) Wamogo Regional High School application is pending to allow a current Northwestern Regional High School student to transfer to Wamogo Regional High School to participate in the Wamogo Agricultural Program.

First: Salvatore Lovetere, Second: Cheryl McGlynn, U

IV. Comments from the Chairman:

Nora Mocarski wanted to recognize that yesterday was September 11, the 22-year anniversary. Students across the country had a moment of pause.

V. 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.

VI. Consent Agenda Items Discussion Possible Actions:

a) Minutes of BOE Meeting – August 8, 2023

MOTION to approve Minutes of BOE Meeting – August 8, 2023, with edits

Melony Brady-Shanley to submit edits

First: Sondra Strubhar, Second: Kristin Peterson 7, 0, 1

VII. Gilbert Report from Board of Education Representative:

The following was discussed:

- First day of school
- AROs/Security. Discussion of moving forward and looking into possibilities
- Solar Panels
- New Hires
- MOU

VIII. Correspondence to the Board:

a) Letters of Resignation

- Megan Waters
- Erica Monroe
- Madison Sipperly
- Gigette Ursone
- Owen Marvin
- Alexis LaMere
- Karli Heneghan

MOTION to accept with regret

First: Salvatore Lovetere, Second: Jeannette Brodeur, U

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

a) Superintendent's Report

Kristin Peterson mentioned that The Gilbert School is holding their Open House on Thursday, September 14, from 7-8:30 p.m.

Please note: Live streaming of the Winchester Board of Education meeting ended at 7:25 p.m. due to technical difficulties.

- b) Monthly Registration & Staff Vacancy Report
- c) School Enrollment
- d) Chronic Absences
- e) Gilbert Enrollment & Grade Level Enrollment
- f) Year-End Budget Summary - FY23
- g) Monthly Budget Summary - FY24

X. Presentations:

XI. Board Action Items:

a) New Hires

- Dorothy Pitchford, Paraprofessional at Hinsdale School
- Amanda Dias, Interventionist at Pearson School
- Samantha Longhi, Paraprofessional in Hub at Pearson School

- O'Shalia Johnson, Interventionist at Pearson School
- Sally O'Brien, Student Services Administrative Assistant at Hinsdale School
- Jeffrey Collier, District Substitute and LTS for Eric Neumann at Pearson School
- Heather Reinoso-Subklew, Paraprofessional at The Gilbert School
- Christina Gubetta, Special Education Teacher at the Pearson School
- Luis Grijalva, Custodian at Pearson - Quit after one day
- Cassandra Peterson, Cafeteria Worker at Pearson School
- Benita Roy, Paraprofessional in Hub at Pearson School

b) WAA Union Contract for approval

MOTION to approve WAA Union Contract for approval

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Kristin Peterson, U

XII. New Business Discussion and Possible Action:

a) Policies for Second Read

1) Policy #4118.112(a) – Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in Workplace

MOTION to accept Policy #4118.112(a) – Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in Workplace with edits

Melony Brady-Shanley to submit edits

First: Kristin Peterson, Second: Nora Mocarski, U

2) Policy #5113 (a) – Attendance, Excused, Dismissal

MOTION to accept Policy #5113 (a) – Attendance, Excused, Dismissal

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Salvatore Lovetere, U

3) Policy #5114 (b) – Suspension and Expulsion

MOTION to accept Policy #5114 (b) – Suspension and Expulsion with edits

Melony Brady-Shanley to submit edits

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Jeannette Brodner, U

4) Policy #5125 (a) – FERPA Regulations

MOTION to accept Policy #5125 (a) – FERPA Regulations with edits

Melony Bray-Shanley to submit edits

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Sondra Strubar, U

5) Policy #6141.327 (a) Electronic Resources

MOTION to accept Policy #6141.327 (a) Electronic Resources

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Jeannette Brodeur, U

6) Policy #6142.63 Physical Education Aquatic Safety

MOTION to accept Policy #6142.63 Physical Education Aquatic Safety

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Jeannette Brodeur, U

7) Policy #6144.1 Exemption from Instruction

MOTION to accept Policy #6144.1 Exemption from Instruction with edits

Melony Brady-Shanley to submit edits

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Jeannette Brodeur

8) Policy #6153 Field Trips

MOTION to accept Policy #6153 Field Trips with edits

Melony Brady-Shanley to submit edits

First: Renata Waldron, Second: Nora Mocarski, U

b) Melony Brady-Shanley would like to add a discussion regarding a Wamogo Regional High School application pending to allow a current Northwestern Regional High School student to transfer to Wamogo Regional High School to participate in the Wamogo Agricultural Program.

Motion to approve Wamogo Regional High School application pending to allow a current Northwestern Regional High School student to transfer to Wamogo Regional High School to participate in the Wamogo Agricultural Program

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XIII. Public Comment:

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XIV. Executive Session:

a) Personnel matter related to a certified teacher requesting extended leave.

MOTION to adjourn to Executive Session and invited Melony Brady-Shanley

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Tara Sundie, U

XV. Adjourn: @ 8:24 p.m.