

Winchester Board of Education

Type of Meeting: Board Of Education Meeting Minutes

Date: October 10, 2023, @ 7:30 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: @ 7:30 pm Pledge of Allegiance:
- II. Roll call: Kristin Peterson, Tara Sundie, Renata Waldron, Nora Mocarski, Doug Pfenninger, Melony Brady-Shanley, Jeannette Brodeur, Sondra Strubhar, Cheryl McGlynn, Salvatore Lovetere
- III. Agenda Review Discussion Possible Action:
 - a) Board of Education Agenda: October 10, 2023

Melony Brady-Shanley asked for a motion to add a field trip request form under New Business Discussion and Possible Action Item f.

First: Nora Mocarski, Second: Cheryl McGlynn, U

- IV. Comments from the Chairman:

Doug Pfenninger commented that this is his last Board meeting and how lucky he was to work with such wonderful people over the last eight years. The Board worked with courtesy and respect. I am pleased that our test scores have gone up, our budget was passed, and we will continue to better communicate with our community. We need to do so much more for our kids, and many challenges are ahead. I love this town, and we can make it better. I wish you all the best!

Tara Sundie and Kristin Peterson will not be returning as Board members. They both thanked the Board for having the opportunity to serve on the Board and what a pleasure it has been.

- V. Board of Education Acknowledgement

Melony Brady-Shanley presented Doug Pfenninger with a Board acknowledgment on behalf of the Board. She thanked him for his service, friendship, guidance, and ability to listen. His service to our town and children will not go unnoticed. On behalf of the staff and students of Winchester Public Schools, Doug, you have been a rock for this board, and we cannot thank you enough.

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.

Holly Cassaday, 111 Tarringford Street, Winsted. On behalf of the Gilbert School Corp, I wanted to thank Doug Pfenninger for all his hard work and wish him well.

VII. Consent Agenda Items Discussion Possible Actions:

- a) Minutes of BOE Meeting – September 12, 2023
- b) Minutes of Committee Meetings - September 25, 2023

MOTION to approve Minutes of BOE Meeting – September 12, 2023 and Minutes of Committee Meetings - September 25, 2023

First: Sondra Strubhar, Second: Nora Mocarski, U

VIII. Gilbert Report from Board of Education Representative:

Renata Waldron commented that they continued to talk about the ASO, met new staff members, and it was an overall good meeting. Thursday, October 12, at 7:00 p.m., is the Board of Education debate at The Gilbert School, and Thursday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m., is the Board of Selectman debate at The Gilbert School.

IX. Correspondence to the Board:

- a) Letter of Resignation
 - Samantha Longhi, Paraprofessional

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

- a) Superintendent's Report
- b) Monthly Registration & Staff Vacancy Report
- c) School Enrollment
- d) Chronic Absences
- e) Gilbert Enrollment & Grade Level Enrollment
- f) Monthly Budget Summary - FY24

REMINDER: Melony Brady-Shanley will present an update on the i-Ready program to the Board at the next Policy meeting on Tuesday, October 24.

XI. Presentations:

- a) Policy Presentation

Melony Brady-Shanley presented the following:

- WPS Current Policy Provider
- Other Local Districts

- Shipman and Goodwin Policy Services
- Pros and Cons of Current Experience/Provider
- Pros and Cons of Considering a New Provider
- Policy Crosswalk Work

MOTION to change the policy provider to Shipman and Goodwin

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Nora Mocarski, U

XII. Board Action Items:

a) New Hires

- Frank Liistro, Custodian at Pearson
- Abigail Passini, Administrative Assistant at Pearson
- Tawan Holmes, Custodian at Pearson
- Donte Sherwood, Custodian at Hinsdale
- Jennifer Davis, Paraprofessional at Hinsdale

XIII. New Business Discussion and Possible Action:

a) NWCCF Grant – Emily Bernard

MOTION to approve the application for the grant

First: Jeannette Brodeur, Second: Kristin Peterson, U

b) Year-End Critical Needs 2023 Grant

MOTION to approve the application for the grant

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Tara Sundie, U

c) Winchester Public Schools / The Gilbert School Contract

Melony Brady-Shanley made edits to the language per Cheryl McGlynn. Melony Brady-Shanley will redraft the Winchester Public Schools / The Gilbert School Contract.

MOTION to approve Winchester Public Schools / The Gilbert School Contract with the following:

- Removing the current number 3. and 4.
- Winchester Board of Education and The Gilbert School Corp will hold one joint Board meeting by the end of January to review and discuss the respective institution's budgets in progress.
- One-year duration term on the MOU will be an automated renewal annually absent action by either Board and may be modified by mutual consent

First: Cheryl McGlynn Second: Jeannette Brodeur 7, 1, 1

d) 2024-2025 School Calendar

MOTION to approve 2024-2025 School Calendar

First: Salvatore Lovetere, Second: Cheryl McGlynn 7, 0, 2

e) Presidential Primary, April 2, 2024 – Adjustment of 23-24 School Calendar

MOTION to approve and extend school for one day, June 11, the last day of school

First: Salvatore Lovetere, Second: Jeannette Brodeur, U

f) Field Trip Request

CHAMPS Pearson Drama Club takes an out-of-state field trip to Broadway in NYC each year. They are scheduled to see Aladdin, they will be going on a bus, and they will have chaperones. They would be leaving at 8:00 a.m. and returning at 8:00 p.m. They have two choices of dates: March 13 or March 20. Adult cost is \$50, student cost is \$50. The total cost for the trip, including dinner, 50 tickets, and bussing for DATTCO is \$7,710.00. Grant funding is available, and fundraising to help offset the cost.

MOTION to approve CHAMPS field trip to New York City to see the Broadway show Aladdin

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Jeannette Brodeur, U

MOTION

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MOTION to adjourn

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Salvatore Lovetere, U

XV. Adjourn: @ 9:45p.m.