



Winthrop School Committee  
Winthrop, Massachusetts

A public hearing of the 2019-2010 school budget was held on Monday, April 8, 2019 in the Harvey Hearing Room, Neil Shapiro Center for Performing Arts, Winthrop High School, 400 Main Street, Winthrop, MA. The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present: Mr. Fabiano, Mr. Martucci, Ms. Powell, Ms. Swope, Mr. Vecchia, Mr. Perrin, Mr. Capobianco**

Also meeting with Committee:

Lisa A. Howard, Superintendent of Schools

Patricia Hames, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools

Susan Eccles, Office Manager

Mr. Vecchia the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Capobianco opened the public hearing with public comment. Members of the School Department Administration in the audience were Principal Matt Crombie, Principal Brian Curley, Principal Norah Grimes, Principal Ilene Pearson, and Jennifer O'Connell, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, and Lori Gallivan, Executive Director of Curriculum & Accountability.

Superintendent Lisa Howard gave a presentation of the proposed FY20 needs budget.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Ms. Powell thanked the administrators for attending the budget hearing and asked the Superintendent to elaborate on the positions in the budget for the needs of the students.
- Ms. Swope commented that the level service budget reflects a per pupil expenditure that is very low. It is not an extravagant budget.
- Thomas Darcy asked if the presentation would be available on the school website.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**At 6:37pm, Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to adjourn from the Public Hearing. Mr. Vecchia seconded the Motion.**

**Mr. Fabiano-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Mr. Vecchia-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes. A unanimous vote.**

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Winthrop School Committee was held on Monday, April 8, 2019 in the Neil Shapiro Center for Performing Arts, Winthrop High School, 400 Main Street, Winthrop, MA. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 6:38pm.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present: Mr. Fabiano, Mr. Martucci, Ms. Powell, Ms. Swope, Mr. Vecchia, Mr. Perrin, Mr. Capobianco**

Also meeting with Committee:

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Jim Lederman was present and commented on the 14<sup>th</sup> Hall of Fame held at Winthrop High School, thanking Mr. Crombie and Mr. Curley. He asked about the status of the field house on Miller Field and the progress of the tennis courts. Mr. Vecchia stated the field house should be ready for the Fall and Mr. Martucci stated the Winthrop Foundation has been established and hopefully there will be funds from Massport.

## **MINUTES**

**Mr. Vecchia made a Motion to approve the Minutes of March 25, 2019. Ms. Swope seconded the Motion.**

**Mr. Fabiano-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Mr. Vecchia-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes. A unanimous vote.**

## **FINANCIAL & BUSINESS PROCEDURES**

**Mr. Martucci made a Motion to approve Warrant SVW19-16 in the amount of \$106,803.80. Mr. Vecchia seconded the Motion.**

**Mr. Fabiano-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Mr. Vecchia-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes. A unanimous vote.**

**Mr. Vecchia made a Motion to approve Payroll Warrants SPW19-15 in the amount of \$693,890.54 and SPW19-16 in the amount of \$693,857.44. Ms. Swope seconded the Motion.**

**Mr. Fabiano-yes, Mr. Martucci-abstain, Ms. Powell-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Mr. Vecchia-yes, Mr. Perrin-abstain, Mr. Capobianco-yes. The Motion passes with two abstentions.**

## **BULDINGS & GROUNDS**

None

## **GENERAL REPORTS**

### Sub-committee Reports

#### *Buildings & Grounds*

The Buildings & Grounds Sub-committee met on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 5:30pm. The meeting took place in the Principal Conference Room 102, Winthrop High School, 400 Main Street, Winthrop, MA. School Committee members present were Jim Fabiano, Gus Martucci, Suzanne Swope, Jen Powell, and Tino Capobianco. Others in attendance were Rita Fioretti, Sharon Tallent, Andrea Murphy, Tracy Tallent, Kaitlin Murphy and Michael Noonan. The committee voted unanimously to approve a memorial bench for Rita and Frank Fioretti on Miller Field, contingent upon checking in with the Town of Winthrop Memorial Committee.

#### *Athletic Sub-committee*

The Athletic Sub-committee met on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 4:30pm. The meeting took place in the Principal Conference Room 102, Winthrop High School, 400 Main Street, Winthrop, MA. School Committee members present were Jim Fabiano, Gus Martucci, Tino Capobianco, Jen Powell, and Suzanne Swope. Others in attendance were Phil Lundberg, Matt Serino, Vasili Mallios and Jim Lederman. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of a new fee structure for Miller Field. There is a \$400 rental fee, as well as custodian and site administrator fees. The new fee structure will consolidate fees and will require a \$500 deposit for the press box. The \$400 rental fee will be reduced to \$100.00. This is for Winthrop youth sports only. Custodial and Site Administrator fees will remain the same at \$35.00 per hour. These changes will take place beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. The committee voted unanimously to accept the new fee structure proposed by the Athletic Director.

The Athletic Sub-committee voted unanimously to accept the proposal for Middle School Sports.

The committee discussed the possibility of running transportation, however after reviewing numbers, cost, safety, and employing and retaining bus drivers with experience, the Athletic Sub-committee voted unanimously to accept the transportation bid submitted by Healey Bus.

There was discussion amongst the full committee regarding the cost of renting the field. Mr. Perrin questioned why the sub-committee would propose lowering the cost for profits. It is his opinion that “for profit” organizations

should pay the fees. These fees will help maintain the field. Mr. Vecchia also commented that outside organizations should pay a fee and Winthrop Youth organizations should receive a discount. The committee agreed to get more figures and information on what surrounding communities are charging for use of their fields. The Chair would like to see the matter resolved sooner than later.

Middle School sports (cross country, outdoor track and wrestling) is proposed for middle school students. Cross Country would cost approximately \$124.00 per person (38 students), outdoor track would be \$122.00 per person (60 students) and wrestling would cost \$100 per person (15). Wrestling would be a club sport.

**Mr. Perrin made a Motion to accept the proposal for Middle School sports. Ms. Powell seconded the Motion. Mr. Fabiano-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Mr. Vecchia-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes. A unanimous vote.**

**Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to approve the 3-year contract with Healey Bus. Mr. Martucci seconded the Motion.**

**Mr. Fabiano-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Mr. Vecchia-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes. A unanimous vote.**

#### **PERSONNEL**

The 2019 Summer Learning Academy positions have been posted.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Mr. Perrin made a Motion to accept the 2019-2020 Needs Budget as presented by the Superintendent. Mr. Martucci seconded the Motion.**

**Mr. Fabiano-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Mr. Vecchia-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes. A unanimous vote.**

Mr. Martucci feels we need to take a hard look at the budget and the possibility of a menu override.

Ms. Powell stresses this is a needs budget and the funds are needed to move the district forward.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

- Ms. Powell congratulated the middle school drama society for a fantastic production of their Spring Festival. The competition is April 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm in Lynnfield.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**At 7:17pm, Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to go in to Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation of an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. Mr. Martucci seconded the Motion.**

**Mr. Fabiano-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Mr. Vecchia-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes. A unanimous vote**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**At 8:04pm Mr. Vecchia made a Motion to adjourn. Ms. Swope seconded the Motion.**

**Mr. Fabiano-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Mr. Vecchia-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes. A unanimous vote**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hames  
Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools

Documents used in this meeting:

- Agenda
- Superintendent's Proposed FY20 Needs Budget Presentation
- Minutes of March 25, 2019
- Warrant SVW19-16 in the amount of \$106,803.80
- Payroll Warrant SPW19-15 in the amount of \$693,890.54
- Payroll Warrant SPW19-16 in the amount of \$693,857.44
- Expenditure Report
- Job Postings
- Calendar of Events
- Flyers

*The above non-confidential documents can be found in the Superintendent's office, upon request.*