



Winthrop School Committee  
Winthrop, Massachusetts

A regular meeting of the Winthrop School Committee was held on Monday, April 9, 2018 in the WHS Music Room, Winthrop High School, 400 Main Street, Winthrop, MA. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 6:00pm.

**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 led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**DELEGATES & VISITORS**

None

**MINUTES**

**Mr. Vecchia made a Motion to approve the Minutes of March 26, 2018. 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. Fabiano made a Motion to approve Warrant SVW18-17 in the amount of \$153,119.20 and Payroll Warrant SPW18-18 in the amount of \$657,714.96. Ms. Swope seconded the Motion.**

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

**Ms. Powell made a Motion to approve the budget transfers in the amount of \$49,901.89. 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.**

**Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to declare the old high school sailboat surplus. 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. Capobianco took the meeting out of order to General Reports.

**GENERAL REPORTS**

Sub-committee Reports

*Athletic Sub-committee*

Mr. Fabiano reported the Athletic Sub-committee met on April 3, 2018 at 6:00pm in the Harvey Hearing Room.

School Committee members present were James Fabiano, Gus Martucci, Jen Powell and Suzanne Swope. Other in attendance were Coordinator of Athletic Facilities Vasili Mallios, Athletic Director Matt Serino, Phil Lundberg, Rob O'Leary and Marie Finn. Items discussed were the Miller Field Rental Fee schedule and the condition of the tennis courts at the High School. The Sub-committee voted 2-0 to accept the fee schedule and present it to the full committee for approval. The Superintendent confirmed that Mr. Serino and Michal Filipko purchased the items needed and repaired the tennis courts, so they are playable for the season.

**The Motion from Sub-committee is to accept the new field fee schedule as presented.**

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

#### *Buildings & Grounds Sub-committee*

Mr. Fabiano reported the Buildings & Grounds Sub-committee met on April 3, 2018 at 5:15pm in the Harvey Hearing Room. School Committee members present were James Fabiano, Gus Martucci, Jen Powell and Suzanne Swope. Others in attendance were Superintendent Lisa Howard. Transportation was the topic. The sub-committee unanimously voted to return the buses back to the Viking Pride Foundation and hire Healy Bus for athletics. The fee-based bus service will be eliminated because the district is currently out of compliance with MGL-Ch.71 Sec. 68, given that we do not offer free bus service to our students who qualify for free and reduced lunch. In order to comply with that regulation, Winthrop Public Schools would need to add transportation t no cost to parents for 420 students in grades K-6 which would require putting 3-4 busses on the road at a cost of \$154,000 per bus per school year.

**The Motion from Sub-committee is to return the buses, discontinue the bus service and hire Healy Bus for the required transportation and athletics.**

**Mr. Fabiano-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Mr. Vecchia-yes, Mr. Perrin-no, Mr. Capobianco-yes. The Motion passes 6-1.**

#### **BULDINGS & GROUNDS**

The following request were before the committee for approval: ATC & WPG PTO's, Walk for Josh Cohen; Winthrop Youth Lacrosse, lacrosse games.

**Mr. Perrin made a Motion to approve the use of building requests from the Arthur T. Cummings PTO and the William P. Gorman PTO. as presented. 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.**

Mr. Capobianco took the meeting out of order to New Business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### Amendments to Community Use of School Buildings & Grounds Policies

Mr. Martucci referred to the Policy Adoption Policy BGB, which states the School Committee may dispense with the sequence of amendments to meet emergency conditions. Mr. Martucci read the amendments to the Community Use of School Buildings & Grounds Policies, as presented to the committee.

**Mr. Vecchia made a motion to approve the amendments/changes as presented. Mr. Fabiano 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 made a Motion to waive the second reading of the Community Use of School Buildings & Grounds Policies. Mr. Fabiano second.**

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

## **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

**Mr. Vecchia made a Motion to approve the request from Winthrop Youth Lacrosse as presented. 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.**

## **GENERAL REPORTS**

### Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent is happy to report that high school athletes are on Miller Field. The Athletic Director is working hard. Mrs. Howard thanked the Miller Field Committee for providing us with a year of turf training. Mr. Mallios is learning how to care for the field. We still have a lot of work to do. The field will be shut down for the track to be painted from June 13<sup>th</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup>.

We received a second opinion regarding the ATC Playground from UltiPlay Parks & Playgrounds Inc. UltiPlay had some different opinions on the ground itself. They will get back to us with some plans. We have put in a capital request to the town to fully fund the repairs of the playground and we are awaiting their decision. We will hopefully be working with the Town Council. Weekly walkthroughs are still being conducted. Once our financial position is known we will move forward within our means.

Kindergarten registration dates are May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The William P. Gorman Fort Banks Open House is May 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **PERSONNEL**

Vasilios Mallios has been appointed as the Coordinator of Athletic Facilities. The following vacancies have been posted: Substitute Kitchen Worker; Winter Sports Coaches: Girls' Varsity Hockey Coach, Boys' Hockey Varsity Coach, Boys' Hockey Assistant Coach, Boys Hockey JV Coach, Gymnastics Varsity Coach (2 positions), Girls' Basketball Varsity Coach, Girls' Basketball JV Assistant, Girls' Basketball Freshman Assistant, Boys' Basketball Varsity Coach, Boys' Varsity Assistant Coach, Boys' Basketball JV Assistant, Boys' Basketball Freshman Assistant, Girls' Indoor Track Varsity Coach, Girls' Indoor Track Assistant Coach, Boys' Indoor Track Varsity Coach, Boys' Indoor Track Assistant Coach, Winter Cheerleading Varsity Coach, Winter Cheerleading Assistant Coach.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Negotiation request from the Winthrop Teacher's Association

WTA President Kristen Reynolds has requested the School Committee to enter into negotiations with all bargaining units. The Superintendent is coordinating with Attorney Paul Hodnett to set up meeting dates

### Out of State Travel Request

The WHS Outdoors Club is requesting to travel to New Hampshire to climb Monadnock and/or Mt. Chocorua.

**Mr. Martucci made a Motion to approve the out of State travel request from the WHS Outdoors Club. 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. Nickerson's International Trip to Ireland and England.

The Superintendent informed the school committee that a group of high school students will be travelling abroad with Mr. Nickerson. They are leaving April 12 to 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is not a school sponsored trip. This is an agency providing the trip. The School Department is happy that they are going. Mr. Nickerson is more than capable and has great success with past trips.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Chromebook Policy is tabled and remains under Unfinished Business.

Mr. Capobianco took the meeting out of order, back to General Reports, to report on the Policy Subcommittee.

## **GENERAL REPORTS**

### *Policy Sub-committee*

Ms. Powell reported the Policy Sub-committee met on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Members present were Jennifer Powell, Brian Perrin, and Gus Martucci. Suzanne Swope was also in attendance. The committee addressed the recent Public Health Committee tobacco regulation changes including raising the age of tobacco sales. The sub-committee will ask the Superintendent and the high school Principal about disseminating information to parents and students. The Social Media Policy was also discussed. The committee reviewed other policies from the MASC. The committee agreed that a policy should be implemented that will foster education and communication while protecting students and staff. The committee voted unanimously to send the Social Media Policy to the full committee for approval.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

Mr. Capobianco acknowledged Councilor Lucerto, who was in the audience.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Mr. Fabiano and Ms. Swope will attend the ATC & WPG PTO meetings to discuss transportation. The ATC PTO meeting is Wednesday, and the WPG PTO is Thursday evening.

Ms. Powell congratulated the WMS Drama on an excellent spring showcase this weekend. Winthrop Middle School has the privilege of hosting the METG Drama Festival on April 28<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Powell announced the Vaping Seminar will be held this Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at Winthrop High School.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**At 6:58pm, Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to adjourn. 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**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hames  
Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools

Documents used in this meeting:

- Agenda
- Minutes of March 26, 2018
- Warrant SVW18-17 in the amount of \$153,119.20
- Payroll Warrant SPW18-18 in the amount of \$657,714.96
- Budget Transfers in the amount of \$49,901.89
- Request to surplus the sailboat being housed at Belle Isle Boat Yard
- Expenditure Report
- Use of Buildings Requests
- Miller Field Manual & Fee Schedule
- Job Description of Coordinator of Athletic Facilities
- Postings
- Negotiation Request from Kristen Reynolds, WTA President

- Policy Adoption Policy (BGB)
- Community Use of School Buildings & Grounds Policy (KF) - *changes & additions are in bold and italics*
- Use of Buildings & Grounds Rental Fees (File KF-E-1) – *addition of Miller Field fees*
- Community Use of School Buildings & Grounds Policy (KF) – *original prior to change*
- Out of State Travel Request from WHS Outdoors Club
- Mr. Nickerson’s Dublin & United Kingdom International Trip Itinerary
- Letter to Terry Delehanty from the School Committee dated March 29, 2018
- Ilene Pearson’s Fort Report April 2018
- Ryan Heraty’s ATC Peek at the Week April 2, 2018
- April Calendar of Events
- Flyers

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