



Winthrop School Committee  
Winthrop, Massachusetts

A regular meeting of the Winthrop School Committee was held on Monday, April 23, 2018 in the Harvey Hearing Room, Town Hall, One Metcalf Square, 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**

Tanji Cifuni, Precinct 2: Mrs. Cifuni thanked the school committee for working diligently to help Winthrop Youth Lacrosse get on the field for home games, however it is pricy to utilize the field and asked if there was any relief and consideration for some of the fees. Mr. Fabiano suggested waiving the fees for Winthrop Youth Lacrosse for just the next two games. Mr. Martucci was not in favor of waiving the fees however would consider discussion on waiving a percentage. Superintendent Howard wants to recuse herself

Mr. Fabiano feels the numbers are high. Lacrosse is the first group and they couldn't plan for the fees. Is it possible to waive the fees just for the next two games?

**Mr. Fabiano made a Motion to waive the \$400.00 for the next 2 weekends. Ms. Swope seconded the Motion.**

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

Superintendent Howard recused herself regarding any decisions related to Winthrop Youth Lacrosse, as her son plays on the team. With that being said, there is a lot of maintenance for the field. The sub-committee set the rates. There is no intent to out-cost youth teams. Rumney Marsh charges \$25 per hour. Revere is a city and we are a town. Their funding sources are very different.

Stacy McKenzie asked about the elimination of the buses. Parents rely heavily on the bus transportation.

Ms. Howard explained that the approximate cost from the school department budget to cover the fee service is \$60,000 out of school budget (\$175 x100). The school department's budget pays the portion, then the service is free for any student on free and reduced lunch. The second the school department puts any money toward that cost, you must open it up to free and reduced lunch – which is about 745 students. It's K-6. 745 students qualify but k-6 is about 450. There is no reimbursement for transportation. The Saugus bus fee is \$300 per year per student and free & reduced lunch do not pay. Their fee does not cover the total cost. Healey Bus is the only company who replied to the RFP that went out. Their cost is \$154,000 per bus for the 2018-2019 school year. After school sports is \$5.00 per mile. We are in discussion whether we are going to use the in-town bus or send it out to Healey. The school district would have to come up with \$300,000 to put 2 busses on the road. You would need a fee for a full-time transportation coordinator.

## DELEGATES & VISITORS

None

## MINUTES

**Mr. Vecchia made a Motion to approve the Minutes of April 9, 2018. 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.**

## FINANCIAL & BUSINESS PROCEDURES

**Mr. Perrin made a Motion to approve Warrant SVW18-18 in the amount of \$120,078.24 and Payroll Warrant SPW18-19 in the amount of \$726,590.46. Mr. Fabiano 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.**

**Mr. Perrin made a Motion to accept the \$10,000.00 donation from the Tanka Memorial Fund for athletic scholarships. 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.**

## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

The following requests were presented to the committee for approval: WINARC, Special Olympics.

**Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to approve the request from WINARC as presented and waive the rental fee. Mr. Perrin seconded the Motion**

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

## GENERAL REPORTS

### Superintendent's Report

DPW has helped us out by replacing a large board at the ATC playground aiding the tripping issue. Thank you, Steve Calla and Rich Cifuni. UtiliPlay has given us a quote. We are looking for another opinion whether the surface needs to be done. The Superintendent referred the packet to the Buildings & Grounds Sub-committee.

The Scholarship Committee continues to meet. We have a small senior class this year. The Facella Scholarship is our largest scholarship with \$194,000.00. This year the Facella Scholarship will offer 16 scholarships: (1) \$23,000.00; (1) \$21,000.00; (2) \$15,000.00; (12) \$10,000.00. Winners will be announced at either Class Night or Graduation. The Scholarship Committee scores the essays. The Superintendent of Schools does not score. Once everything is tallied the student's ID number is pulled and the name is revealed. Mr. Crombie and Ms. Howard are working on the rollout of class night and graduation. The Superintendent would like Class Night to be a full class participation.

The meeting with the Finance Commission went very well. We presented our needs budget. It was a true reflection of what we believe we need. It is not a wish budget, it's a need budget. The principals did an excellent job.

Regarding transportation, Ms. Howard continues to evaluate athletics to ensure we maximize our money. Also look at what we can do within with our smaller vehicles and small teams.

The 2018-2019 calendar was voted on. Professional days are moved to Wednesdays. The staff did not want half days on every Friday. PD days are better mid-week.

Mr. Fabiano requested to be the school committee person assigned to the ATC Playground Committee.

## **PERSONNEL**

The following vacancies have been posted: Assistant to the Lead Cafeteria Cook; Substitute Kitchen Worker, Kitchen Worker, WHS/WMS.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Mr. Perrin made a Motion to waive the first reading of the Social Media Policy. Ms. Powell seconded the Motion.**

Mr. Fabiano asked if the policy could be changed from “teachers” to “Winthrop Public Schools’ employees”. Mr. Perrin withdrew his Motion.

**Ms. Powell made a Motion to amend the policy and change “teachers” to “Winthrop Public Schools’ employees”. 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**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Chromebook Policy is tabled and remains under Unfinished Business.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

- Mr. Fabiano announced that this Wednesday is the first home track meet in over ten years!
- Ms. Howard commented that retired track coach Pat McGee will be recognized at the track meet.
- Mr. Fabiano announced that WINARC’s Annual Run, Walk or Roll Fundraiser will be held this Sunday at Deer Island.
- Ms. Powell reported that the Middle School Drama Society is hosting the MTEG Drama Festival. Admission is \$10.00, and Winthrop is scheduled to perform at 1:00pm.
- Ms. Swope commented on Circuit Breaker funding being raised to 75%. It is currently at 72%.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**At 7:00pm, Mr. Martucci made a Motion to adjourn. 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**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hames  
Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools

Documents used in this meeting:

- Agenda
- Minutes of April 9, 2018
- Warrant SVW18-18 in the amount of \$120,078.24
- Payroll Warrant SPW18-19 in the amount of \$726,590.46
- Donation from the Tanka Memorial Fund for Athletic Scholarships
- Expenditure Report

- Use of Buildings Requests
- Miller Field Manual & Fee Schedule
- Postings
- Social Media Policy -First Reading
- Approved 2018-2019 School Calendar
- April & May Calendar of Events
- ATC Peek of the Week
- Flyers

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