



Winthrop School Committee  
Winthrop, Massachusetts

A regular meeting of the Winthrop School Committee was held on Monday, May 6, 2019 in the Neil Shapiro Center for Performing Arts, Winthrop High School, 400 Main Street, Winthrop, MA. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.

**ROLL CALL**

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

*Mr. Martucci was not present*

Also meeting with Committee:

Lisa Howard, Superintendent of Schools

Patricia Hames, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools

Susan Eccles, Office Manager

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Powell led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

A Moment of Silence was held for Shelly Connolly, who recently passed away. Ms. Connolly was a retired teacher with 37 years of service to Winthrop Public Schools.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**GENERAL INFORMATION & RECOMMENDATIONS**

Delegates & Visitors

*WHS Robotics Club*

Members of the WHS Robotics Club, along with Advisor Rosemary McCarthy, were recognized by the School Committee for their outstanding achievements. The Robotics Club won the Rookie Inspiration Award at the Reading MA North Shore District and Revere MA Greater Boston District FIRST Robotics Competitions, as well as the Rookie Highest Seed Award at the Greater Boston event. Citations were issued to Kevin Webber, Ayat Walid, Trinity Rist, Elizabeth Collins, Max Correia, Jude Heberlein, Trevor Franklin and Leo Correia, Tatyanna Lewis, as well as Club Advisor Rosemary McCarthy.

**Ms. Swope made a Motion to approve the Robotics Club citations. Mr. Vecchia seconded the Motion. Mr. Fabiano-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Mr. Vecchia-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes. A unanimous vote.**

**Mr. Perrin made a Motion to take the meeting out of order to New Business. Mr. Vecchia seconded the Motion.**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Capobianco read a letter submitted by Dr. Paul McGee, requesting the track at Miller Field to be named after his mother, Pat McGee.

**Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to name the track after Pat McGee. Mr. Perrin seconded the Motion. Mr. Fabiano-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Mr. Vecchia-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes. A unanimous vote.**

**Mr. Perrin made a Motion to put the one- year mortarium back on for one year and send this to the Policy Committee. Ms. Powell seconded the Motion.**

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

## **MINUTES**

**Ms. Swope made a Motion to approve the Minutes of April 22, 2019. Ms. Powell seconded the Motion. Mr. Fabiano-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Mr. Vecchia-abstain, Mr. Perrin-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes. The Motion passes with one abstention.**

## **FINANCIAL & BUSINESS PROCEDURES**

**Mr. Vecchia made a Motion to approve Warrant SVW19-18 in the amount of \$180,301.98.**

**Mr. Fabiano seconded the Motion.**

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

**Ms. Swope made a Motion to approve Payroll Warrant SPW19-18 in the amount of \$692,645.15 and Payroll Warrant SPW19-19 in the amount of \$751,374.20. Mr. Fabiano seconded the Motion. Mr. Fabiano-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Mr. Vecchia-yes, Mr. Perrin-abstain, Mr. Capobianco-yes. The Motion passes with one abstention.**

## **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

The following requests were before the committee for approval: WHS Varsity Cheerleaders, Car Wash.

**Mr. Fabiano made a Motion to approve the use of building requests as presented. Mr. Vecchia seconded the Motion.**

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

## **GENERAL REPORTS**

### Sub-committee Reports

#### *Policy Sub-committee*

The Policy Sub-committee met on May 6, 2019 at 5:00pm at Winthrop High School. Sub-committee members present were Jennifer Powell and Brian Perrin. Others in attendance were Suzanne Swope and Superintendent Lisa Howard. The committee discussed the need for a policy on school lunches. The policy would designate what will happen when parents neglect to pay lunch bills. There is a general agreement that food will be supplied to students, however there may be some limits. The policy will be in line with state guidelines. The committee also discussed a policy regarding reestablishing residency. The committee agreed to consider a policy that will require parents to show proof of residency when students move from one building to another. No votes were taken at the meeting.

### Superintendent's Report

SoLect is the company putting the solar panels on the high school. FAA has approved the crane permit. Panels will be here on Friday and they'll be blocking off four parking spots. The crane will arrive on Saturday. We are working with police department and will have a police detail. Employees will start to work on Monday. All employees have been CORI' d. Michal will make sure everyone has a badge. The building permit is here and will be placed on the building Friday morning. There will be no hammering and loud noise during MCAS testing.

The Charlie Pass Program has been rolled out for middle school and high school students.

We are conducting a webinar this week with adjustment counselors, nurses, and principals, to address comprehensive approaches to prevent substance abuse from the Department of Ed. Will be working with groups on half days and sharing.

May 8<sup>th</sup> is Walk/Bike to School Day. The PTO is sponsoring this event.

CASA and the Town of Winthrop Health Department is hosting two mental health awareness events. Minding Your Mind will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium at Winthrop High School. It is geared for parents. Anyone in the community can attend. There is another free event for students – Stress, Depression and Anxiety. Deb Goldfarb and Sargent Sarko Gregarian will host this on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at CASA for students in grades 8-12.

#### Personnel

The following resignations have been submitted: Joannie Singarella, E.S.P., WHS and Thomas Dohle, Chemistry Teacher, WHS.

The following positions have been posted: English Language Arts Teacher Lon-term Substitute, WHS; Chemistry Teacher, WHS; ELA Teacher, WHS

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### School Choice

The Education Reform Act of 1993 requires the school committee to vote on school choice every year.

**Mr. Perrin made a Motion to decline School Choice for the 2019-2020 school year. Mr Vecchia seconded the Motion.**

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

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

- Ms. Swope attended Day on the Hill and has talking points to share.
- Mr. Capobianco announced the Top 10% Breakfast is this Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Cottage Park Yacht Club.
- Ms. Powell announced the WHS Drama Society is performing “Clue” on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Black Box Theater, and May 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

#### **ADJOURMENT**

**At 6:48pm, Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to adjourn. Mr. Vecchia seconded the Motion.**

**Mr. Fabiano-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
- WHS Robotics Students & Sample Citation
- Minutes of April 22, 2019

- Warrant SVW19-18 in the amount of \$180,301.98
- Payroll Warrant SPW19-18 in the amount of \$692,645.15
- Payroll Warrant SPW19-19 in the amount of \$751,374.20
- Expenditure Report
- Use of Buildings Request
- Resignation Letters
- Postings
- Letter from Dr. Paul McGee requesting Naming of Outdoor Track
- 2019-2020 School Calendar
- Calendar of Events
- Flyers

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