



Winthrop School Committee
Winthrop, Massachusetts

A regular meeting of the Winthrop School Committee was held on Monday, May 11, 2020 via Zoom Teleconference. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 6:02pm. Any and all Public Comment can submitted to Lisa Howard at lhoward@winthrop.k12.ma.us. Public Comment received prior and/or during the meeting will be read.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ms. Barry, Mr. Boncore, Mr. Capobianco, Mr. Martucci, Ms. Swope, Ms. Powell, Mr. Perrin

Also meeting with Committee:

Lisa A. Howard, Superintendent of Schools

Susan Eccles, Office Manager

Patricia Hames, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Capobianco led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Swope made a Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. Mr. Boncore seconded the Motion.

Ms. Barry-yes, Mr. Boncore-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes. A unanimous vote.

At 6:15m, Mr. Martucci made a Motion to end Executive Session. Ms. Barry seconded the Motion.

Ms. Barry-yes, Mr. Boncore-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes. A unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

GENERAL INFORMATION & RECOMMENDATIONS

DELEGATES & VISITORS

None

MINUTES

Ms. Powell made a Motion to approve the Minutes of April 27, 2020. Mr. Boncore seconded the Motion.

Ms. Barry-yes, Mr. Boncore-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes. A unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS PROCEDURES

Ms. Powell made a Motion to approve Warrant SVW20-18 in the amount of \$99,796.07. Mr. Martucci seconded the Motion.

Ms. Barry-yes, Mr. Boncore-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes. A unanimous vote.

Ms. Swope made a Motion approve Payroll Warrant SPW20-20 in the amount of \$714,414.30 and Payroll Warrant SPW20-21 in the amount of \$790,512.62. Ms. Powell seconded the Motion. Ms. Barry-yes, Mr. Boncore-abstain, Mr. Capobianco-yes, Mr. Martucci-abstain, Ms. Swope-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Mr. Perrin-abstain. The Motion passes with three abstentions.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Mr. Martucci made a Motion to approve the budget transfer requests in the amount of \$16,184.00 and 113,352.02, as presented. Mr. Capobianco seconded the Motion.

Ms. Barry-yes, Mr. Boncore-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes. A unanimous vote.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

None

GENERAL REPORTS

Budget Sub-committee Report

The Budget Sub-committee met on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 5:00pm. Members present were Gus Martucci, Valentino Capobianco, and Jennifer Powell. Superintendent Lisa Howard, Susan Eccles, and Suzanne Swope were also present. Items on the agenda included refund requests for athletic fees and the Pre-k tuitions. The committee voted unanimously to refund the athletic user fee, and 25% of the cost for May and June tuition, which amounts to \$5,000.00.

Ms. Swope made a Motion to approve the refund requests as recommended by the Budget Sub-committee. Ms. Powell seconded the Motion.

Ms. Barry-yes, Mr. Boncore-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes. A unanimous vote.

The Budget Sub-committee also reviewed the FY21 Budget. Mr. Martucci praised Superintendent Howard for her excellent presentation to the Finance Commission and thanked Lisa Howard and Susan Eccles for their hard work on the budget.

Superintendent's Report

Lisa Howard provided the committee with an update on senior activities and graduation. At this moment graduation will take place on Friday, June 5th. There are several options on the table. We are awaiting the Governor's recommendations to make a final decision. We have revised our remote learning plans which includes more teacher/student facetime. Specialists are posting lessons. Feedback has been positive. High School students are picking up their items in their lockers and middle school students will do the same. At the elementary level, teachers will clean out their classrooms and they will safely pack up their student's materials and belongings for pickup. CASA has offered additional support for our students at this time. Thank you Leighann Eruzione for coordinating. Kindergarten registration is in two weeks and will be online. The school lunch program is still running. We encourage students to participate. Breakfast and lunch are for all students.

NEW BUSINESS

International Student Tuition

We currently accept international students from Educatius International. The Superintendent is recommending that the tuition be increased to reflect the current per pupil expenditure.

Ms. Powell made a Motion to set the rate for the international student tuition at the current per pupil expenditure. Mr. Martucci seconded the Motion.

Ms. Barry-yes, Mr. Boncore-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes. A unanimous vote.

Memorandum of Agreement between the Winthrop Teachers Association (Nurses Unit) and the School Committee

With regard to the Nurses Unit, the parties have agreed to the same percentage increases as the teachers; 1.25%, 2.25% and 2.5%. Any nurse who earns a Master's degree in nursing or an education field will be placed on the Masters column of the teacher salary schedule. At the Superintendent's discretion, a newly hired nurse will be placed on the step of the salary commensurate with their nursing experience. Nurses will be provided nursing/health related professional development opportunities on early release days.

Mr. Martucci made a Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Winthrop Teachers Association (Nurses Unit) and the Winthrop School Committee. Ms. Barry seconded the Motion.

Ms. Barry-yes, Mr. Boncore-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes. A unanimous vote.

Home School Participation in HS Athletics

This matter is referred to the Policy Sub-committee.

School Choice

Mr. Martucci made a Motion to not accept School Choice for the 2020-2021 school year. Ms. Powell seconded Motion.

Ms. Barry-yes, Mr. Boncore-yes, Mr. Capobianco-no, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes. The Motion passes 6-1.

Student Opportunity Act

Superintendent Howard referred committee members to the Student Opportunity Plan which was provided in the school committee packet. This is above and beyond Chapter 70.

Mr. Martucci made a Motion to accept the Student Opportunity Plan as presented. Ms. Barry seconded the Motion.

Ms. Barry-yes, Mr. Boncore-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes. A unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no Public Comment submitted for this evening. The Superintendent received Public Comment last week inquiring how technology needs are being assessed, however the email was received after the meeting had ended.

Technology is being assessed by monitoring the engagement of our students and reaching out to parents/guardians to inquire if any lack of engagement is due to technology or other issues that may require support from our staff. This is done at each school building level as the need presents. Teachers have also provided the Principals details of potential families in need beginning the first week of our closing and continuing as we move forward. The information shared with Principals reaches beyond technology needs and includes food security, emotional/mental health needs, language translation support etc.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Mr. Boncore – Please everyone be safe and wear your masks!

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:00pm, Mr. Martucci made a Motion to adjourn. Mr. Boncore seconded the Motion.

Ms. Barry-yes, Mr. Boncore-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes. A unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hames
Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools

Documents used in this meeting:

- Agenda
- Minutes of April 27, 2020
- Warrant SVW20-18 in the amount of \$99,796.07
- Payroll Warrant SPW20-20 in the amount of \$714,414.30
- Payroll Warrant SPW20-21 in the amount of \$790,512.62
- Budget Transfer in the amount of \$16,184.00
- Budget Transfer in the amount of \$113,352.02
- Departmental Expenditure Report
- Home School Policy IHBG-E
- Co-Curricular Policy JJ-E
- Student Opportunity Plan
- Evidence-Based Program Examples-Student Opportunity Act
- School Choice Policy JFBB
- Memorandum of Agreement between the Winthrop Teacher's Association Nurses Unit and the Winthrop School Committee
- Kindergarten Registration Flyer

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