



Winthrop School Committee
Winthrop, Massachusetts

A regular meeting of the Winthrop School Committee was held on Monday, June 3, 2019 in the Neil Shapiro Center for Performing Arts, Winthrop High School, 400 Main Street, Winthrop, MA. Mr. Capobianco called the meeting to order 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 Howard, Superintendent of Schools

Patricia Hames, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools

Susan Eccles, Office Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Vasilli Mallios, 90 Pleasant Street, spoke about the lack of senior teachers. We hire them, we train them and then they leave. There are budgetary uncertainties every year. Tough decisions to live here and teach here.
- MaryAlice Sharkey, 4 Paine Street, past school committee member and past WTA President. She supports the WTA. Please give our members at least the bare minimum that was in the last contract. Mrs. Sharkey shared some salary levels throughout the district.
- Kristen Reynolds, 100 Johnson Avenue, WTA President, encourages the school committee to settle the current contract. Mrs. Reynolds provided committee with a copy of the current salary schedule. We are not able to retain our teachers with this large salary gap. The WTA is ready to settle.
- Patricia Cuddy, 69 Bellevue Avenue, spoke about a course she took regarding teaching strategies. Teaching experience is so important and significant for the students they teach. Students learn more and are more likely to do better in other measures of success.
- Mary Gail Clucas, 87 Marshall Street, spoke regarding the social and emotional needs of students. It is frightening to see kindergarteners coming to school with emotional needs. We need adjustment counselors and help.

GENERAL INFORMATION & RECOMMENDATIONS

Delegates & Visitors

None

MINUTES

Ms. Swope made a Motion to approve the Minutes of May 6, 2019. Ms. Powell 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.

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Vecchia made a Motion to approve Warrant SVW19-19 in the amount of \$155,716.77 and Warrant SVW19-20 in the amount of \$92,028.38. 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. Vecchia made a Motion to approve Payroll Warrant SPW19-20 in the amount of \$706,514.04, Payroll Warrant SPW19-21 in the amount of \$704,792.78, and Payroll Warrant SPW19-22 in the amount of \$674,742.55. 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.

Mr. Fabiano made a Motion to approve Budget Transfers in the amount of \$147,858.89. 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.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

The following requests were before the committee for approval: Women's Health Forum, Speaker Robert DeLeo; Summer Program, For Kids Only.

Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to approve the request from Speaker Robert DeLeo for the Annual Women's Health Forum. 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.

Ms. Howard updated the committee regarding the request from For Kids Only. We have the space at the High School to accommodate their summer needs. They want to house 2nd grade students in the Pre-K classroom space for six weeks in the summer. They will bring in their own furniture. They will not have access to the Smart Board. They will bring in their own television and a small refrigerator.

Mr. Martucci commented that we need to make sure the space is kept in good shape. Mr. Perrin would like to see an insurance binder. We need an addendum regarding the space. Ms. Howard will speak with the Director regarding the hourly rate.

Mr. Martucci made a Motion to table the request from For Kids Only until the June 17th meeting. 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.

GENERAL REPORTS

Sub-committee Report

Policy Sub-committee

The Policy sub-committee met on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 5:00pm in the WHS Principal Conference Room. Committee members present were Jennifer Powell, Brian Perrin and Gus Martucci. Others in attendance were Suzanne Swope, Lisa Howard and Susan Eccles. The agenda consisted of a new meal charge policy which aligns with the State policy. A Residency Policy has also been established. The committee voted unanimously to approve the Meal Charge Policy and the Residency Policy and will present to the full committee for readings and adoption.

Superintendent's Report

Last week was Senior Week. The promenade was here. There was a transportation glitch, but Skip Cali helped us out and everyone got to the prom. The prom was fantastic. Kudos to all teachers and volunteers who were involved. Senior Awards Night was very well attended. Scholarships totaled \$330,822.22, \$209,000 of that was the Facella Scholarships. The college acceptances are impressive. Our kids are wicked smart. A lot of our students have chosen some great schools.

The Solar Panel project is continuing. The Charlie Pass Program is ending at the end of the school year. Thank you to the Guidance Office for continuing to coordinate this.

The Summer Leadership Academy is the week of July 22nd.

The total enrollment for June is 2008

Personnel

The following resignations have been submitted: Erin Curtin, Special Ed Teacher, Arthur T. Cummings School; Jennifer Barborek, Grade 7 Science Teacher, Winthrop Middle School; Regina Jardon, ELA Teacher, Winthrop High School.

The following positions have been posted: Middle School Science Teacher; Long-term Substitute E.S.P., WHS; Middle School Stipend Positions; Summer School Math and ELA Teacher, WMS.

NEW BUSINESS

Citations for Flag Contest Winners

The School Committee signed citations for the winners of the Winthrop Elks Flag Day Contest. The citations will be presented to the winners at the Flag Day Ceremony on June 14th.

Winthrop Elks Flag Day Contest Winners:

- Chelsea Long 3rd Place
- Jordan Mercado, 2nd Place
- Giada Gergerian, 1st Place

Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to approve the Flag Day Contest Winner Citations. 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 Breakfast & Lunch Increase

The School Department is currently charging less for school breakfast and lunch than what is mandated by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE). Due to the increase from DESE and wage increases, the following increases are recommended:

FY 20

Middle School & High School \$3.25 per lunch

William P. Gorman & Arthur T. Cummings School \$3.00 per lunch

Breakfast for all schools \$1.75

Adults \$4.00 per lunch

FY21

Middle & High School \$3.50 per lunch

William P. Gorman & Arthur T. Cummings School \$3.25 per lunch

Breakfast for all schools \$2.00

Adults \$4.25 per lunch

Mr. Perrin made a Motion to increase the prices for breakfast and school lunches, as presented, to conform with DESE recommendations and review these prices annually. 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Ms. Swope congratulated Mr. Crombie and the high school staff on a well-organized graduation and student award night.
- Mr. Capobianco announced the Class of 2020 is having a Bake Sale this Saturday morning in French Square.
- Ms. Powell congratulated Ms. Daigneault on her excellent presentation at the 5DP Educator Showcase.
- Ms. Howard announced the Special Olympics Event this Saturday will be honoring Michael Delehanty. The event starts at 10:00am.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:06pm, Mr. Martucci 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
- Minutes of May 6, 2019
- Warrant SVW19-19 in the amount of \$155,716.77
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- Payroll Warrant SPW19-22 in the amount of \$674,742.55
- Budget Transfers in the amount of \$147,858.89
- Expenditure Report
- Use of Buildings Request
- Resignation Letters
- Postings
- Memo regarding School Breakfast & Lunch Price Increase
- Class of 2019 College Acceptance List
- Flyers/Calendar of Events

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