



Winthrop School Committee
Winthrop, Massachusetts

A regular meeting of the Winthrop School Committee was held on Monday, June 4, 2018 in the Neil Shapiro Center of Performing Arts, Winthrop High School, 400 Main Street, Winthrop, MA. The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm.

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

Susan Eccles, Office Manager

Patricia Hames, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools

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

Mr. Capobianco took the meeting out of order to Delegates and Visitors

DELEGATES & VISITORS

Winthrop Middle School Drama Society received citations for earning the Gold Medal and named State Champions at the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild for their production and performance of *Shuddersome*.

Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to accept and approve the citations for the WMS Drama Society. Ms. Swope seconded the Motion.

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

At 6:19pm Mr. Capobianco called for a two-minute recess.

The meeting resumed at 6:22pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Carolyn Cash-Gagnon spoke against school choice.
- Nick Tsiotis spoke against school choice.
- Kevin Harris spoke in favor of school choice.

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to approve Warrant SPW18-21 in the amount of \$141,460.30, Payroll Warrant SPW18-22 in the amount of \$654,127.95, and Payroll Warrant SPW18-23 in the amount of \$713,616.45. 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.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

None

GENERAL REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent talked about Senior Week – which included the promenade before the senior prom held at Granite Links, ending with Graduation last Friday evening. 109 students graduate. The Class of 2018 was an excellent group of students.

PERSONNEL

Ryan Heraty, Principal, ATC; Stephanie Pietal, Grade 7 Science Teacher, WMS. A maternity leave of absence letter has been received.

The following vacancies have been posted: Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Accountability; Special Ed Reading Specialist (elementary); Educational Support Personnel, Elementary/Middle High School; Special Ed Teacher, WMS; Report Card Revision Stipend, WPG & ATC; Grade 7 Science Teacher, WMS; Elementary General Music Teacher, WPG; Kindergarten Teacher, WPG; AP Environmental Science & Elective Teacher, WHS.

NEW BUSINESS

School Choice Vote

There was lengthy discussion regarding school choice. Mr. Vecchia commented that school choice is a great program, however our students do not have the choice to go to several neighboring communities, which makes the school choice program unfair.

Superintendent Howard is not in favor of school choice at this time. The Superintendent gave a brief history on school choice. The School Committee must vote for school choice by June 1st. If you do not vote for school choice, we are automatically a school choice school, so we must make the vote each year.

Once a school accepts a child from school choice, they stay here until they graduate. There are strict rules around school choice. We do not have the right to discriminate based on grades, athletics, etc. The only thing you can look at is their school record and a felony. If there are 12 applicants for 10 seats, you must do a lottery. Most districts vote on school choice based on availability. We do not have a lot of room. Our students are staying here. Next year's senior class is 160. The next class will be 151. Every year we have kids return from the Vocational School. Our 10th grade class is 184 students and there are 157 students in the 9th grade right now. There is a trend in increased student enrollment.

We do accept I20 international students. The tuition is \$12,000.00. The commitment is one year. We have the right to accept or not accept. It's a very successful program.

Mr. Fabiano made a Motion to accept school choice. Mr. Martucci seconded the Motion.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chromebook Policy

The Chromebook Policy is tabled and remains under Unfinished Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Mr. Vecchia applauded the MS Band for winning Platinum at their most recent competition. They received a police escort coming back in town.
- Mr. Vecchia thanked all the folks involved with the activities for the Class of 2018. The prom and graduation were excellent!
- Ms. Powell stated graduation was excellent!
- Ms. Powell announced the Walk for Josh Cohen is scheduled for June 16, 2018 at 10:00am.

- Mr. Perrin stated Senior Week and graduation was exceptional. The town scholarships and the Facella Scholarships are just amazing.
- Mr. Perrin wished Mr. Heraty the best of luck in his new position.
- Mr. Capobianco stated graduation was wonderful. The speeches were great – fantastic job Superintendent Howard!

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:05pm, 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
- Warrant SVW18-21 in the amount of \$141,460.30
- Payroll Warrant SPW18-22 in the amount of \$654,127.95
- Payroll Warrant SPW18-23 in the amount of \$713,616.45
- Expenditure Report
- Resignation Letters
- Leave of Absence Letter
- Postings
- Updated 2018-2019 Calendar

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