



Winthrop School Committee
Winthrop, Massachusetts

A regular meeting of the Winthrop School Committee was held on Monday, June 18, 2018 in the Harvey Hearing Room, Town Hall, One Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA. The Chair 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:
Susan Eccles, Office Manager
Patricia Hames, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melanie Connolly, representing Mia Amore. They are submitting paperwork for a \$25,000.00 grant to expand what Mia Amore is already doing. They will implement staff to get more food that would get thrown out. They would like to work with the school system educating students on food waste. There is a deadline of June 22nd for the grant. The School Committee requested a copy of the grant.

DELEGATES & VISITORS

None

MINUTES

Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to approve the Minutes of May 21, 2018. Ms. Swope seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Vecchia made a Motion to approve the Minutes of June 4, 2018. Mr. Perrin 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. Capobianco made a Motion to approve Warrant SPW18-22 in the amount of \$236,947.93. Ms. Swope 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. Capobianco made a Motion to approve Payroll Warrant SPW18-24 in the amount of \$673,890.58. Ms. Swope 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.

Ms. Swope made a Motion to approve the Budget Transfers in the amount of \$93,436.70. Mr. Vecchia 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

The following request was before the committee for approval: WHS Football Cheerleaders, Car Wash.

Mr. Vecchia made a Motion to approve the request as presented. 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

GENERAL REPORTS

Sub-committee

Budget Sub-committee

The Budget Sub-committee met on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 3:00pm. The meeting took place in the Superintendent's Office, One Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA. Sub-committee members present were Jennifer Powell and Jim Fabiano. Others in attendance were Suzanne Swope, Lisa Howard, and Susan Eccles. The subcommittee discussed the final budget approved by the Winthrop Town Council and recommended cuts to the original budget proposal from Superintendent Lisa Howard. The School Committee submitted a budget request of \$21,675,488. The Town Council approved a budget of \$20,141,310.00. There was a Motion by James Fabiano, seconded by Jennifer Powell to vote to send the amended budget to the school committee for approval. The Motion was unanimous.

Discussion took place regarding the budget and possibly having another meeting to go over the line items. Mr. Martucci will schedule a budget sub-committee meeting.

Ms. Powell made a Motion to approve and accept the budget as presented in the amount of \$20,141,310.00. 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.

Athletic Sub-committee

The Athletic Sub-committee met on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 6:00pm. The meeting took place in the Principal Conference Room at Winthrop High School, 400 Main Street, Winthrop, MA. Sub-committee members in attendance were James Fabiano and Tino Capobianco. The committee voted 2-0 to open Miller Field to the community 40 hours a week, 7 days a week, covered by the Massport grant in conjunction with Parks & Recreation starting July 1st ending August 23rd, hours to be determined by the Superintendent and Parks & Recreation.

Discussion took place regarding public access to the field. Some concerns raised included having students on the field without supervision, members of the collective bargaining agreements filing grievances for work details that should be given to them, and proper training for individuals, as is stated in the current lease between the Town of Winthrop and the School Department. Site Coordinator Vasilios Mallios was in the audience and he did confirm, when asked, that no students have been trained on field maintenance to date.

Mr. Perrin made a Motion to give the Superintendent the authority to set a target date of July 1st for public access to the field, provided it is funded, there are no collective bargaining issues, and the legality and feasibility are fully investigated, and all known issues are resolved. 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.

PERSONNEL

Norah Grimes has been appointed as the Principal for the Arthur T. Cummings Elementary School.

The following people have submitted their resignation letters: Kristin Creighton, ELL Coordinator; Jarae Farrell, Special Ed Teacher; Ian Cruickshank, HS Chemistry Teacher; Keith Anderson, Grade 7 Math Teacher; April Leavenworth, Grade 6 Teacher; Helen Yurchenco, HS Science Teacher.

The following vacancies have been posted: History Teacher, WHS; Long-term Substitute Resource Room Teacher, WPG; Grade 6 ELA Teacher, WMS; 2018-2019 Mentoring Positions.

The following employees are retiring this year: Juthika Datta, Assistant Food Manager, 23 years; Lorraine DeFronzo, E.S.P., 12 years; Frankie Fabiano, Assistant Football Coach, 28 years; Rose Forina, Teacher, 30

years; Doreen Gillis, E.S.P., 12 years; John McDougall, Custodian, 30 years; Judith McGhee, Special Ed Teacher, 33 years; Annamaria Taudel, Kindergarten Teacher, 24 years; Stephanie Vasilos, Speech Language Pathologist, 29 years; Andrea Warmbold, Grade 6 Teacher, 30 years.

Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to approve the 2018 retirement citations. Mr. Perrin 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

Chromebook Policy

The Chromebook Policy is tabled and remains under Unfinished Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Vasilios Mallios stated the 8th grade Washington, DC trip was great. Kudos to Mr. Rowley for organizing such a fun and educational trip!

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Mr. Capobianco said the Walk for Josh was excellent!
- Ms. Powell also stated how great the event was.
- Mr. Vecchia echoed the comments on the Walk for Josh - \$23,000.00 was raised!
- Mr. Vecchia stated the WMS & WHS Concert Band's recent performance was phenomenal. The students are learning college material for music. It's very impressive. Mr. Vecchia asked the Chair if the School Committee could give citations to the students for their Platinum performance at the Great East Music Festival.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:39pm, Mr. Fabiano made a Motion to adjourn. Ms. Powell 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 21, 2018
- Minutes of June 4, 2018
- Warrant SVW18-22 in the amount of \$236,947.93
- Payroll Warrant SPW18-24 in the amount of \$673,890.58
- Budget Transfer Request
- FY19 Budget
- Expenditure Report
- Resignation Letters
- Postings
- 2018 Retirements
- June Calendar of Events
- Flyers

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