



Winthrop School Committee
Winthrop, Massachusetts

A regular meeting of the Winthrop School Committee was held on Monday, September 23, 2019 in the Neil Shapiro Center for Performing Arts, Winthrop High School, 400 Main Street, Winthrop, MA. The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Fabiano, Mr. Martucci, Ms. Powell, Ms. Swope, Mr. Vecchia, Mr. Perrin

Mr. Capobianco 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GENERAL INFORMATION & RECOMMENDATIONS

MINUTES

Mr. Vecchia made a Motion to approve the Minutes of September 9, 2019. Mr. Martucci seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Capobianco arrived at 6:05pm

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Fabiano made a Motion to approve Warrant SVW20-5 in the amount of \$139,995.23. 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. Martucci made a Motion approve Payroll Warrant SPW20-03 in the amount of \$189,486. 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.

Mr. Martucci made a Motion to approve the budget transfers as presented. 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.

Mr. Vecchia made a Motion to accept the \$500.00 classroom donation. 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.

Mr. Martucci made a Motion to approve the transfer for the professional development line. Mr. Capobianco 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: WINARC, Special Olympics

Ms. Swope made a Motion to approve the request from WINARC. Mr. Vecchia seconded the Motion. Mr. Fabiano-abstain, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Mr. Vecchia-yes, Mr. Perrin-yes, Mr. Capobianco-yes. The Motion passes with one abstention.

GENERAL REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent wished a Happy 90th Birthday to former Executive Assistant Norma Gobiell. Mrs. Gobiell retired in August of 2010 after 35 years of service!

MCAS Results will be released tomorrow, September 24th. We will be meeting to review the results and bring the information back to the Committee for presentation and review at an upcoming school committee meeting.

With regard to the ATC playground, The Town of Winthrop has appropriated funds and is investigating the necessity of having to do a formal RFP. UltiPlay is the company the school committee approved an initial design for, and we will remain in contact with them as we prepare to move forward. A meeting with the ATC Playground Group was held on October 11, 2019. We continue to conduct weekly walkthroughs and repairs as needed.

Given the resignation of the Lead IT Technician, I have reached out to Retrofit to provide feedback regarding the replacement and the critical needs of the department. Retrofit has met with the two staff members, reviewed information provided by Administration, and staff and will be reporting back to us this week. The goal is to define the roles of the two current employees, as well as the building-based teacher representatives and determine how best to move forward with the management of all technology in WPS. I will update the committee once I meet with Retrofit to discuss their recommendations.

Threat Assessment Team Training is scheduled for November 5th: The Virginia Model of Threat Assessment training will focus on teaching our team what their specific role is in the event that we need to respond to a student threat at any level. The Team is made up of Administrators, School Adjustment Counselors, Police, Fire and Community Health department members. Riverside Trauma Center is coordinating the training and it is in line with our strategic plan.

PERSONNEL

The following resignations have been submitted: Gio Edosomwan, IT Technician.

The following positions have been posted: Cross Country Coach, WMS; Secretary, WMS; E.S.P., PPS; Physical Education & Wellness Teacher, WMS; Spring Coach Positions, WHS.

NEW BUSINESS

Home School Applications

The Superintendent has approved six home school applications.

Mr. Martucci made a Motion to approve the home school applications, as recommended by the Superintendent. 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Superintendent Evaluation

Mr. Martucci has received the last two evaluations. The evaluation will take place at the next school committee meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- The District Attorney's Office is having a Town Hall this Thursday at the High School from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Snacks & childcare will be provided
- Ms. Powell announced *Anything Goes* is the upcoming High School musical to be performed in November!

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:27pm, Mr. Capobianco 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 and the committee will adjourn from Executive Session. 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.

ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Martucci made a Motion to end Executive Session. Mr. Capobianco 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

Mr. Perrin made a Motion to waive the rental fee for WINARC. Mr. Martucci seconded the Motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:15pm, Mr. Vecchia 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 September 9, 2019
- Warrant SVW20-5 in the amount of \$139,995.23
- Payroll Warrant SPW20-3 in the amount of \$189,486.24
- Professional Development Budget Transfer
- Arthur T. Cummings Budget Transfer in the amount of \$350.00
- Winthrop Middle School Budget Transfer in the amount of \$705.00
- Classroom Donation in the amount of \$500.00
- Expenditure Report
- Use of Buildings Requests
- Resignation
- Postings
- Calendar of Events/Flyers/Public Relations

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