



Winthrop School Committee
Winthrop, Massachusetts

A regular meeting of the Winthrop School Committee was held on Monday, September 24, 2018 in the Neil Shapiro Center for Performing Arts, Winthrop High School, 400 Main Street, 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:

Lisa Howard, Superintendent of Schools

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

None

GENERAL INFORMATION & RECOMMENDATIONS

Delegates & Visitors

None

MINUTES

Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to approve the Minutes of September 10, 2018. 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.

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Martucci made a Motion to approve Warrant SVW19-5 in the amount of \$162,932.61 and Warrant SVW19-5A in the amount of \$54,816.70. 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. Capobianco made a Motion to approve Payroll Warrant SPW18-29 in the amount of \$165,597.16. 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.

Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to approve the budget transfers as presented in the amount of \$29,136.32. 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: WINARC, Special Olympics and Winthrop Youth Cheering, Cheering Practice. WINARC is requesting the rental fee to be waived.

Mr. Perrin made a Motion to approve the requests as presented. 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.

Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to waive the rental fee for 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

Curriculum Sub-committee

A Curriculum Sub-committee was held on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 5:00pm. School Committee members present were Jennifer Powell, James Fabiano, and Suzanne Swope. Lisa Howard and Lori Gallivan were also present. Topics discussed included how materials are selected, on-line homework, and the 5DP Partnership. Not votes were taken.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported there will be an ALICE Training presentation for parents this Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 6:00pm for elementary and 6:45m for middle & high school.

A big thank you to the 11 Foundation for sponsoring the town-wide clean up on Sunday. Several students were cleaning up all over the town, displaying pride for their community.

We anticipate the release of the new MCAS accountability ratings. It is a confusing process for superintendents and school committees. We will work with our parents to understand the ratings. We will work out the best delivery of information to roll out.

PERSONNEL

Christopher Lawrence, Chemistry Teacher, has resigned. There is one maternity leave of absence request.

The following vacancies have been posted: Chemistry Teacher, WHS; Long-term Substitute English Teacher, WHS; WHS Stipends for Advisory, Lead Teacher and Stipend Positions.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorandum of Agreement with the WTA Teachers & the Secretarial Unit.

The committee has reached a Memorandum of Agreement with the Winthrop Teachers' Association Teachers Unit and the Secretarial Unit.

Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to approve the agreement with the WTA Teacher's Unit. 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 the agreement with the WTA Secretarial Unit. Ms. Powell seconded the Motion.

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

Kindergarten Class Size

The Superintendent discussed the issue of the large class sizes for kindergarten. At the end of August, early September, nine new students were enrolled. The Superintendent and Ms. Pearson have had several meetings since May of 2018 regarding class sizes and last week Mrs. Howard met with the kindergarten classroom teachers and Mrs. Pearson. The meeting was very productive, and the feedback was excellent. The Superintendent continues to work on the issue and has also met with the Town Manager.

Mr. Vecchia commented that the Town Manager is working on a plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chromebook Policy

The Chromebook Policy is tabled and remains under Unfinished Business.

Solect Energy Development LLC Power Purchase Agreement

This Agreement is still under review with the town's legal department. We are awaiting information and recommendation from the Town Manager.

Strategic Plan

Strategic Plan has been provided to the committee. The Plan includes a vision, mission, objectives and priorities and core values.

Ms. Powell made a Motion to accept and approve the Strategic Plan as presented. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Mr. Fabiano praised the 11 Foundation for raising money and organizing the town-wide clean up over the weekend!
- Mr. Capobianco congratulated Coach Cadigan on his first home victory over Medford last Friday night!
- Mr. Capobianco congratulated the Freshman Vikings he sponsored at the CASA Balling for A Cause Event which was organized by John Hanson in memory of Michael Todisco.
- Ms. Powell announced the WHS PTC is conducting their annual calendar fundraiser which helps to fund scholarships and the teacher appreciation luncheon.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:57pm, Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to adjourn. Mr. Martucci seconded the Motion.

Mr. Fabiano-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Powell-yes, Ms. Swope-yes, Mr. Vecchia, 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 10, 2018
- Warrant SVW19-5 in the amount of \$162,932.61
- Warrant SVW19-5A in the amount of \$54,816.70
- Payroll Warrant SPW18-29 in the amount of \$165,597.16
- Budget Transfers in the amount of \$29,136.32.
- Expenditure Report
- Use of Building Requests
- Resignation Letter
- Job Postings
- Maternity Leave of Absence

- Strategic Plan
- Winthrop School Committee & WTA Teachers Unit Memorandum of Agreement
- Winthrop School Committee & WTA Secretarial Unit Memorandum of Agreement

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