



Winthrop School Committee
Winthrop, Massachusetts

A regular meeting of the Winthrop School Committee was held on Monday, October 29, 2018 in Room 146, Winthrop High School, 400 Main Street, Winthrop, MA. The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Fabiano was not present

Also meeting with Committee:

Lisa Howard, Superintendent of Schools

Susan Eccles, Office Manager

Patricia Hames, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Donna Reilly came before the School Committee in favor of the Resolution that Mr. Capobianco brought forward at the previous meeting.

GENERAL INFORMATION & RECOMMENDATIONS

Delegates & Visitors

Lori Gallivan, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, along with Ilene Pearson, Principal of the William P. Gorman Fort Banks School, Norah Grimes, Principal of the Arthur T. Cummings School, Brian Curley, Principal of Winthrop Middle School, Matt Crombie, Principal of Winthrop High School, Jennifer O'Connell, PPS Director, gave a presentation on this year's MCAS scores. A copy of the presentation was provided to committee members and it will be posted on the school website.

MINUTES

Mr. Vecchia made a Motion to approve the Minutes of October 15, 2018. Ms. Swope seconded the Motion.

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. Vecchia made a Motion to approve Warrant SVW19-7 in the amount of \$277,080.84. Mr. Martucci seconded the Motion.

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 SPW19-5 in the amount of \$668,314.98. Ms. Swope seconded the Motion.

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 transfer request in the amount of \$11,181.25. Mr. Vecchia seconded the Motion.

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 accept the \$1500.00 donation from Viking Pride Foundation to fund an after-school band program. Mr. Vecchia seconded the Motion.

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: Boston Tae Kwon Do Academy, Belt Ceremony; Winthrop School of Performing Arts, Dance Recital; Winthrop Lodge of Elks, Hoop Shoot.

Mr. Martucci made a Motion to approve the requests as presented and waive the rental fee for the Winthrop Lodge of Elks. Mr. Vecchia seconded the Motion.

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

GENERAL REPORTS

PERSONNEL

There are two maternity leave of absence requests.

The following vacancies have been posted: Substitute Kitchen Worker, All Schools; Kindergarten E.S.P., WPG;

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Evaluation Sub-committee

A meeting will be scheduled for next week.

Technology Use Policy

Ms. Powell made a Motion to waive the First Reading of the Technology Use Policy. Mr. Capobianco seconded the Motion.

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

Resolution Reaffirming Winthrop Public Schools and Massachusetts Non-Discrimination Laws

Mr. Perrin will vote in favor of the Motion, however he feels the rights should be clarified. Ms. Swope is also in favor of the Motion as she sees no statistics that can prove an increase in crime. We work diligently every day to make this place a safe and accepting community. Ms. Powell stated it is important to be supportive of our students and provide a safe environment for them.

Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Ms. Swope seconded the Motion.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chromebook Policy

The Chromebook Policy is tabled and remains under Unfinished Business.

Solect Energy Development LLC Power Purchase Agreement

Mr. Perrin would like a recommendation from Kopelman & Page regarding the agreement. Mr. Frank Nitti was in the audience and stated that the law firm's original comments were included in the original document reviewed by Mr. Cressman and Mr. Faissou. Mr. Vecchia stated he would like Mr. Perrin's legal questions answered so we can vote on this item soon. Ms. Powell like assurances that agreements have been made with

administration and the Superintendent. Mr. Martucci is meeting with the Town Manager tomorrow to discuss this matter.

Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to table the Power Purchase Agreement. Mr. Martucci seconded the Motion.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jim Lederman and Peg Bailey were present and thanked everyone for their help with the Hall of Fame Induction. 250 people were in attendance this year. Mr. Lederman praised Lisa Howard, Matt Crombie, and Brian Curley.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- The Annual Country Fair will be held on Thursday, November 8th at St. John The Evangelist Hall.
- WHS Drama Society is performing “Chicago High School Edition” on November 15, 16, and 17!

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30pm, Mr. Martucci made a Motion to adjourn. Ms. Swope seconded the Motion.

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
- WPS 2018 District & School Accountability Reporting 2018
- Minutes of October 15, 2018
- Warrant SVW19-7 in the amount of \$277,080.84
- Payroll Warrant SPW19-5 in the amount of \$668,314.98
- Budget Transfer Request in the amount of \$11,181.25
- Expenditure Report
- Use of Building Requests
- Leave of Absence Requests
- Job Postings
- Technology Acceptable Use Policy IJNDB-4
- Resolution Reaffirming Winthrop Public Schools and Massachusetts Non-Discrimination Laws
- Solar Power Purchase Agreement dated October 23, 2018
- November Calendar of Events
- Flyers

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