



Winthrop School Committee
Winthrop, Massachusetts

A regular meeting of the Winthrop School Committee was held on Monday, November 19, 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 6:03pm.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

GENERAL INFORMATION & RECOMMENDATIONS

Delegates & Visitors

CASA

Leighann Eruzio, Executive Director of CASA, and Amy Epstein were present to review the 2018 Prevent Needs Assessment, a copy of which was provided in the school committee packet. Former Chair Mary Lou Osborne was in attendance, as well as Steve Ruggerio. Leighann Eruzio also introduced Danny LaMack, Youth Programming Director, and Ryan Barry, SAPC Regional Coordinator.

Zonta International Club of Chelsea

Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy, President of the Zonta International Club of Chelsea, was present to appeal to the school committee to advocate for Zonta and urge people to join. Zonta donates Market Basket gift cards to Winthrop Public Schools during the holiday season for families in need, as well as a high scholarship every year. Ms. Lanzillo-Hahesy provided committee members with material

Solect Solar Company

A representative from Solect Solar Company was present to discuss the proposal for solar panels on the roof of the middle/high school. They acknowledge the legitimate concerns regarding the integrity of the building and the roof. Solect Solar works under warranty. They hire a roofer who does an inspection.

At the end of the installation the roof contractor establishes that the project stays intact. Solect Solar has commercial liability insurance and the contract requires we remain insured as well. There will be a point of contact person and all contractors will run a CORI check. A construction planning meeting will be held in advance. When they have the building permit and are ready to mobilize, they put up safety materials. Lift day is usually a Saturday for schools. All work is done outside.

Mr. Vecchia made a Motion to approve the Power Purchase Agreement between the Winthrop School Committee and Solect Solar Company as presented. Ms. Powell seconded the Motion.

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

MINUTES

Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to approve the Minutes of October 29, 2018. 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.

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Vecchia made a Motion to approve Warrant SVW19-8 in the amount of \$333,533.96. 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.

Ms. Swope made a Motion to approve Payroll Warrant SPW19-6 in the amount of \$674,610.17.

Mr. Vecchia 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. Vecchia made a Motion to approve the budget transfer requests in the amount of 126,862.00 and \$228,066.00. 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.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

The following requests were before the committee for approval: 5DP Partnership, 5DP Educator Showcase.

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

GENERAL REPORTS

Sub-committee Reports

Superintendent Evaluation Sub-committee

The Superintendent Evaluation met on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 4:30pm. Committee members in attendance were Gus Martucci, James Fabiano, Brian Perrin and Valentino Capobianco. Superintendent Lisa Howard was also in attendance. The Superintendent's evaluation was discussed. The Superintendent will provide the school committee with her 2018-2019 goals. No votes were taken.

Policy Sub-committee

The Policy Sub-committee met on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 5:00pm. Committee members in attendance were Jennifer Powell, Brian Perrin and Gus Martucci. Superintendent Lisa Howard was also in attendance as well as school committee member James Fabiano. The Residency Requirement was discussed regarding updating the regulations to reflect state law while maintain a provision that would allow seniors to finish out the year. Discussion took place regarding the technology fee/option to buy Chromebooks. A discussion was held around whether to set up an option for students to buy Chromebooks to offset the overall cost to the Winthrop Public School system. More research is being conducted. School Improvement Councils were discussed regarding the current membership. It was agreed that no change is needed at this time. The committee talked about the advertising policy, namely distributing announcements from groups outside of the Winthrop Public School System. This issue will be continued pending additional research. The committee voted unanimously to amend the School Attendance Policy to reflect state law and to include a provision that would allow seniors who change their residency to remain through the end of the year at the discretion of the superintendent.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent provided committee members a copy of the Self-Reflection Guide for Accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. They are in the process of accreditation for 2020.

Ms. Howard praised the high school drama students and staff on the amazing production of Chicago. The Northeast Vocational students are doing a great job on the field house at Miller Field. The HS Cheerleaders came in 4th at the

States and have qualified for Nationals! The HS Girls lost to Revere at the Powderpuff Game, but they had a lot of fun!

We are attempting to outfit a 4-wheeler with a plow. We have the bobcat. The Superintendent is having conversations with the police department about perhaps sharing. Collaboration with the police departments is always good. Having conversations with police about perhaps sharing. Collaboration with the police department is always good.

With regard to the Arthur T. Cummings playground, we are awaiting two estimates. The Playground Committee will review. The Buildings & Grounds Sub-committee Chair is also in the loop.

The lease for the new SPED van has been approved by the Town Council. Hopefully leasing this vehicle and combining the runs will offset the cost.

We have asked if we could move Circuit Breaker audit and they have graciously moved that to January. The Superintendent is working with PPS Director Jen O'Connell to see where we are with tuitions.

A new kindergarten teacher has been hired. Emily Jennings has been working with the other kindergarten teachers. Three students from each classroom will move into her classroom. Students will be spending transition time with her. Tomorrow night there will be a meet & greet. Parents are invited to spend time with the teacher, myself and Andrea O'Leary, Acting Principal. Students will begin in the new class on November 26th.

PERSONNEL

The following vacancies have been posted: English Language Arts Teacher Long-term Substitute, WHS; Instrumental Band Teacher Long-term Substitute, WMS; After School Band Teacher.

NEW BUSINESS

Technology Use Policy

Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to waive the Second Reading of the Technology Use Policy and approve and adopt the policy. 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chromebook Policy

The Chromebook Policy is tabled and remains under Unfinished Business.

Solect Energy Development LLC Power Purchase Agreement

This was addressed under Delegates & Visitors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Mr. Vecchia praised Winthrop High School Drama Society for the outstanding production of Chicago!
- Winthrop Middle School Drama will be performing Beauty & The Beast in December and tickets went on sale today!
- Mr. Fabiano wished the Vikings good luck on Thanksgiving Day against Revere!
- Ms. Powell announced that Blackstrap and For Kids Only is having a coat drive on December 5th at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:26pm, Mr. Martucci made a Motion to adjourn. Ms. Swope 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
- CASA Prevention Needs Assessment 2018 Presentation
- WPS History of Suicide/Safety/Bullying Programming
- Minutes of October 29, 2018
- Warrant SVW19-8 in the amount of \$333,533.96
- Payroll Warrant SPW19-6 in the amount of \$674,610.17
- Budget Transfer in the amount of \$126,862.00
- Budget Transfer in the amount of \$228,066.00
- Expenditure Report
- Use of Building Requests
- NEAS&C Self Reflection Guide for Accreditation
- Job Postings
- Technology Acceptable Use Policy IJNDB-4
- November Calendar of Events
- Flyers

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