



Winthrop School Committee
Winthrop, Massachusetts

A regular meeting of the Winthrop School Committee was held on Monday, December 16, 2019 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

Patricia Hames, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools

Susan Eccles, Office Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. Perrin made a Motion to take the meeting out of order to Delegates & Visitors. 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 INFORMATION & RECOMMENDATIONS

DELEGATES & VISITORS

John & Abigail Adams Recipients

36 high school students were recognized for receiving the John & Abigail Adams scholarship. Students were presented citations for this exceptional academic achievement. The following students received the scholarship: Colby Bosse, Salvatore Campo, Hannah Capone, Ryan Coady, Elizabeth Collins, Sage Damelio, Kevin Dorr, Julie Forster, Sarah Fucillo, Rin Gjinovci, Patrick Haskell, Isadora Hipolito, Mary Lawlor, Jillian Lerner, Samantha Long, Fiona MacPhail, Joseph Mahoney, Gabriel Martins, Ella McCarey, Khalil Mimouni, Michael Morano, Clare Nargi, Andrei Opincaru, Arlette Ordonez, Julian Osorio Giraldo, Ryan Parker, Zoe Pesiri, Zara Powell, Trinity Rist, Katherine Silva, Isabel Skomro, Sydney Stiglets, Maria Tracy, Jared Vecchio, Michael Vecchio, Aleksandra Vera.

At 6:11pm, the Chair called for a recess to take a photo.

The meeting resumed at 6:17pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Vasilios Mallios, teacher, asked for support of the teachers.
- Joannie Singarella, former employee, asked the committee to resolve the contract.

The Chair took the meeting out of order and moved to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chair read the following statement:

The collective bargaining agreement between the Winthrop School Committee and the Winthrop Teachers Association expired on August 31, 2019.

The Committee and the Association began negotiations for a successor collective bargaining agreement in November 2018. Negotiations continued throughout the 2018-2019 school year. At the end of October 2019, the Committee and the Association filed a joint petition for mediation with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Labor Relations.

The Committee and the Association met on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 for several hours with the mediator appointed by the Department of Labor Relations and there are two (2) additional sessions scheduled for January 2020 as the parties continue to work toward a successor agreement.

The state mediator advised the parties that mediation works best when the process remains confidential and requested that the parties maintain confidentiality of the issues in dispute and the party's proposals. The Committee will respect the process and not comment on the specific issues that separate the parties.

Members of the Winthrop School Committee deeply value the Winthrop Teacher's Association, our ESP's, secretaries, nurses, custodians, staff, and most importantly our students. We need to continue to fund our school system beyond Chapter 70. It is our hope that we will reach an agreement that is fair to our staff, taxpayers, and driven towards student achievement.

Citation for Ron Vecchia

The School Committee presented Ron Vecchia a citation for his years of service on the school committee.

Mr. Martucci made a Motion to approve the citation for Ron Vecchia. 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.

At 6:24pm the Chair called for a recess to take a photo.

The meeting resumed at 6:27pm.

MINUTES

Mr. Vecchia made a Motion to approve the Minutes of November 18, 2019. Ms. Powell 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.

Ms. Powell made a Motion to approve the Minutes of December 10, 2019. Mr. Perrin seconded the Motion.

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

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Perrin made a Motion to approve Warrant SVW20-10 in the amount of \$212,962.91. 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.

Ms. Powell made a Motion approve Payroll Warrant SPW20-09 in the amount of \$712,715.13 and Payroll Warrant SPW20-10 in the amount of \$714,181.19. Mr. Martucci 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.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

The following requests were before the committee for approval: Jessica Gordon's Academy of Performing Arts, Dance Recital; WINARC, Special Olympics, ATC & WPG PTO, Movie Night, Winthrop Lodge of Elks, Hoop Shoot.

Mr. Perrin made a Motion to approve the use of building request from Jessica Gordon's Academy of Performing Arts , ATC & WPG PTOs, WINARC, and the Winthrop Lodge of Elks, and to waive the rental fee for WINARC. 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 Report

Superintendent Evaluation Sub-committee

The Superintendent Evaluation Sub-committee met on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 5:30pm. Goals were distributed. They will be addressed at a future meeting in January.

Policy Sub-committee

The Policy Sub-committee has updated the Advertising in Schools Policy. This revised policy will enable Winthrop community groups to have flyers distributed through the schools twice a month, if obligations are met. The Superintendent will still have the authority to approve all flyers. The Policy is on the agenda for a First Reading.

Mr. Perrin made a Motion to waive the first reading of the Advertising in Schools Policy. 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.

Superintendent's Report

PERSONNEL

The following positions have been posted: Long-term Substitute Reading Teacher, ATC.

Susan Eccles, Business Office Manager, submitted her retirement letter, effective September 30, 2020.

Mr. Perrin made a Motion to accept and approve Susan Eccles' sick day buy back. 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Surplus Vehicle

Jennifer O'Connell, PPS Director, has submitted a request to surplus the 2005 Savcut bus.

Mr. Martucci made a Motion surplus 2005 GMC Savcut bus. 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

Textbook/Material Discard Request

This request will remain under Unfinished Business.

PUBLIC COMENT

None

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- The Superintendent wished Frankie Fabiano a Happy Birthday!

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:36pm, 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. 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

At 7:20pm, 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-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
- John & Abigail Adams Scholarship Recipients
- Presentation of Citation to Ron Vecchia
- Minutes of November 18, 2019 and December 10, 2019
- Warrant SVW20-10 in the amount of \$212,962.91
- Payroll Warrant SPW20-9 in the amount of \$712,715.13
- Payroll Warrant SPW20-10 in the amount of \$714,181.19
- Expenditure Report
- Buildings & Grounds Requests
- Retirement
- Postings
- Advertising in Schools Policy
- Request to surplus 2005 GMC Savcut Bus
- Textbook/Material Discard Requests
- Calendar of Events/Flyers/Public Relations

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