



Winthrop School Committee
Winthrop, Massachusetts

A regular meeting of the Winthrop School Committee was held on Monday, December 17, 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. Vecchia led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

GENERAL INFORMATION & RECOMMENDATIONS

Delegates & Visitors

Massachusetts Association of School Superintendent's Certificate of Academic Excellence

Christopher Martin Finn was awarded the M.A.S.S. Certificate of Academic Excellence.

MINUTES

Mr. Capobianco made a Motion to approve the Minutes of December 3, 2018. Ms. Powell seconded the Motion.

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

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Fabiano made a Motion to approve Warrant SVW19-10 in the amount of \$114,831.12.

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.

Ms. Swope made a Motion to approve Payroll Warrant SPW19-8 in the amount of \$699,311.60.

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. Martucci made a Motion to accept the \$250.00 donation to the WHS Visual Arts Department from the Margaret Winthrop Rebekah Lodge #153. 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. Perrin made a Motion to accept the \$1,000.00 donation from the Viking Pride Foundation for the Robotics Club. 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.

Ms. Powell made a Motion to accept the \$1,000.00 donation to the Life Skills Program and the \$2,000.00 donation to the WHS Drama Society from Mike Eruzione's Winthrop Charities. 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 to accept the \$6,570.00 donation from Winthrop Center Café (438 \$15 gift cards for every employee of Winthrop Public Schools). 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: Jessica Gordon's Academy of Performing Arts, Dance Recital; Winthrop Lodge of Elks District Hoop Shoot.

Mr. Perrin made a Motion to approve the buildings & grounds 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

Athletic Sub-committee

The Athletic Sub-committee met on December 6, 2018. Members present were James Fabiano and Gus Martucci. Also, in attendance were Matt Crombie, Matt Serino and Phil Lundberg. Items discussed were the football banquet, J.V. hockey and HS basketball. There were no votes taken.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Howard reported on current enrollment figures with 2002 students.

WHS winter athletics are off to a great start! Boys' basketball started the season 0-2, losing to MC and Beverly; Girls' basketball opened the season with a win over Beverly; Girls' hockey is 2-0 with wins over Medford and Beverly; Boys' Hockey is 2-1 beating Portland, ME and Northeast Vocational; Boys' and girls' track are both 1-1 after beating Lyn English; Gymnastics opens season with a home meet during holiday break as they welcome Medford and Malden at home on December 27th. We also have 5 swimmers who will be competing this winter co-oping with Lynn English.

MRC Marturano Recreation Company, 9Utiplay met with the Superintendent and Norah Grimes to review potential layout of Playground. The estimates will be sent to Lisa. The B&G Subcommittee reviewed the plan for a timeline to request funding from the Town for the project. The Plan is to have a proposal to the Town Council by March.

Retro Fit has been conducting weekly Tech Talk meetings to assist with restructuring the service response- based needs of the individual schools. The Superintendent met with RetroFit's CFO/CEO to review a potential extension of the contract for the 2019-2020 year. The Middle High School will be an additional cost for service management beginning July 2019. The management was original covered under the School Building Project for the 1st 3 years. This new cost will be approximately 26,000 and will be incorporated into the FY 20 budget request.

Budget Planning meeting was held on December 14, 2018. Principals, PPS, Athletics, Technology and Facilities attended to review the new budget planning documents. On 12/17 /18 the Leadership Team will be brought up to date on the budget planning documents and review the information necessary to begin the process of identifying priorities. The Strategic Plan and the School Improvement Plans will be the guide to the planning. This is the first step in the planning process.

Lori Gallivan will be attending the January 28th school committee meeting to provide an update on Smart EDU and Curriculum Planning Updates. Suicide Prevention Discussions- We have completed staff training at the Middle and High School this year with presentations completed by school psychologist Krissy Byrnes and Adjustment Counselors Ben Cimino, Meg Knoster, and Nikki Dine. (Minding your Mind, and QRP)

We are looking into additional presentations for our students and parents and will be exploring the potential offerings and coming up with a planning calendar. CASA is also involved with supporting the presentations and working together with the Schools to engage parents and the community.

Personnel

The following vacancies have been posted: Special Education Teacher, WPG

NEW BUSINESS

Revised Policies

Mr. Perrin made a Motion to waive the first reading of Policy JF, School Admissions, Policy JFAA, Admission of Resident Students, and Policy JCA, Assignment of Students to Schools. 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chromebook Policy

The Chromebook Policy is tabled and remains under Unfinished Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Mr. Vecchia praised the WMS Drama Society for a fantastic production of Beauty & The Beast!
- Ms. Swope also commented that they were an impressive group of students!
- Mr. Fabiano reported that WMS Student Council is accepting donations to sponsor students for the Washington, D.C. trip. You can contact Amy Gallagher for further information.
- Mr. Fabiano also wished his brother Frankie a Happy Birthday!
- Ms. Powell announced that WHS Drama Society is performing Dinner Theatre at the Prince Pizzeria on January 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th at 7:00pm. Tickets are available at whsdinnertheatre@gmail.com or 781-656-5890.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:30pm, 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 chair so declares, and the committee will adjourn in 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

At 7:08pm, Mr. Martucci made a Motion to adjourn. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hames
Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools

Documents used in this meeting:

- Agenda
- Minutes of December 3, 2018
- Warrant SVW19-10 in the amount of \$114,831.12
- Payroll Warrant SPW19-8 in the amount of \$699,311.60
- Letter from Margaret Winthrop Rebekah Lodge #153, donating \$250.00 to the WHS Visual Arts Department
- Email from Vinny Crossman, Chairman, Viking Pride Foundation, donating \$1,000.00 to the Robotics Club
- Two Donations from Mike Eruzione's Winthrop Charities: \$1,000.00 to the Life Skills Program and \$2,000.00 to WHS Drama Society
- Expenditure Report
- Use of Building Requests
- Job Postings
- Policy JF – School Admissions
- Policy JFAA – Admission of Resident Students
- Policy JCA – Assignment of Students to Schools
- January Calendar of Events
- Flyers

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