



Winthrop School Committee
Winthrop, Massachusetts

A regular school committee meeting was held on Monday, May 5, 2025. The meeting was held in the Harvey Hearing Room, Town Hall, One Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:02pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ms. Leonard, Mr. Letterie, Mr. Purinton, Ms. Barry, Ms. Powell
Mr. Martucci and Ms. Petrie were not present.

Also meeting with Committee:

Lisa Howard, Superintendent of Schools

Lori Gallivan, Assistant Superintendent of Schools/Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Accountability

Patricia Hibbard, Executive Secretary to Superintendent of Schools

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DELEGATES & VISITORS

None

MINUTES

Mr. Letterie made a Motion to approve the Minutes of April 14, 2025. Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion. Ms. Leonard-yes, Mr. Letterie-yes, Mr. Purinton-yes, Ms. Barry-abstain, Ms. Powell-yes. The Motion passes with one abstention.

Mr. Letterie made a Motion to approve the Minutes of April 28, 2025. Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

Ms. Leonard-yes, Mr. Letterie-yes, Mr. Purinton-yes, Ms. Barry-yes, Ms. Powell-yes.

A unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Purinton made a Motion to approve Warrant SVW25-20 in the amount of \$62,370.97. Ms. Barry seconded the Motion.

Ms. Leonard-yes, Mr. Letterie-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Mr. Purinton-yes, Ms. Barry-yes, Ms. Powell-yes.

A unanimous vote.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

The following requests were presented for approval: William P. Gorman Fort Banks PTO, Ice Cream Social, and Clube Desportivo Falanese, Inc., Soccer Games.

Mr. Letterie made a Motion to approve the requests as presented. Ms. Leonard seconded the Motion.

Ms. Leonard-yes, Mr. Letterie-yes, Mr. Purinton-yes, Ms. Barry-yes, Ms. Powell-yes.

A unanimous vote.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Sub-committee Report

None

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent discussed Teacher Appreciation Week. The Superintendent met with the Finance Commission last week, presenting the budget. The next meeting is scheduled for May 22nd. Tomorrow night is the first teacher negotiation meeting. It will be held at 5:00pm in the library at Winthrop High School. May 7th is a 1/2day districtwide to focus on S3. The DPW is hosting a contest - Name the New Trash Truck. It is open to students at the Fort Banks School and the Arthur T. Cummings School. The deadline is June 2nd. The Superintendent reported on happenings at all schools, including Senior Week at the High School.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Walk/Bike to School is Wednesday, May 7th
- Congratulations to MWRA Poster/Writing Contest Winners! Second Place, Amira E., Grade 2; Honorable Mention, Charlotte R., Grade 2; Honorable Mention, Juan G., Grade 2
- WHS Drama Society is performing "The Radio Play Disaster" on May 9th and May 10th at 7:00pm Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students/seniors. Tickets are available at whsds.booktix.com or cash at the door!
- Congratulations Talia Martucci for scoring her 100th goal in lacrosse!

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Home School Applications

None

PERSONNEL

The following resignations have been received: Alvaro Rodriguez, WMS Spanish Teacher and Alyssa Mortimer, E.S.P. Denise Lanza has submitted her intent to retire at the end of the school year and is requesting approval of her sick day buy back.

The following vacancies have been posted: Classroom Teachers, ATC; Elementary Math Coach; World Language/Spanish Teacher, WMS; Long-term Substitute Teachers, WMS; Reading Specialist, ATC.

NEW BUSINESS

Sick Day Buyback Request

Mr. Letterie made a Motion to approve the sick day back request for Denise Lanza. Ms. Barry seconded the Motion.

Ms. Leonard-yes, Mr. Letterie-yes, Mr. Purinton-yes, Ms. Barry-yes, Ms. Powell-yes.

A unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Food Services Civil Rights Policy remains under unfinished business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:25pm, Mr. Purinton 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; (Winthrop Teachers Association collective bargaining), not anticipating returning to general session and will adjourn after Executive Session. Ms. Barry seconded the Motion.

Ms. Leonard-yes, Mr. Letterie-yes, Mr. Purinton-yes, Ms. Barry-yes, Ms. Powell-yes.

A unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:19pm, Ms. Barry made a Motion to adjourn. Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

Ms. Leonard-yes, Mr. Letterie-yes, Mr. Purinton-yes, Ms. Barry-yes, Ms. Powell-yes.

A unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Paticia Hibbard
Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools

Documents used in this meeting:

- Agenda
- Minutes of April 14, 2025
- Minutes of April 28, 2025
- Warrant SVW25-20 in the amount of \$62,370.97
- Departmental Expenditure Report
- Use of Buildings Request
 - William P. Gorman Fort Banks PTO, Ice Cream Social
 - Clube Desportivo Falanese, Inc., Soccer Games
- Resignations
 - Alvaro Rodriguez, WMS Spanish Teacher
 - Alyssa Mortimer, E.S.P.
- Retirements
 - Denise Lanza, E.S.P.
- Vacancies/Postings
 - Classroom Teachers, ATC
 - Elementary Math Coach
 - World Language/Spanish Teacher, WMS
 - Long-term Substitute Teachers, WMS
 - Reading Specialist, ATC
- Flyers/Notices