



Winthrop School Committee
Winthrop, Massachusetts

A regular school committee meeting was held on Monday, May 19 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 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ms. Leonard, Mr. Letterie, Ms. Petrie, Mr. Purinton, Ms. Barry, Ms. Powell
Mr. Martucci was not present. Ms. Leonard arrived at 6:05pm.

Also meeting with Committee:

Lisa Howard, Superintendent of Schools

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

Dylan Cook, School Business Manager/CFO

Patricia Hibbard, Executive Secretary to Superintendent of Schools

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Letterie 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 May 5, 2025. Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion. Mr. Letterie-yes, Ms. Petrie -abstain, Mr. Purinton-yes, Ms. Barry-yes, Ms. Powell-yes. The Motion passes with one abstention.

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Purinton made a Motion to approve Warrant SVW25-21 in the amount of \$313,897.70. Mr. Letterie seconded the Motion.

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

A unanimous vote.

Ms. Petrie made a Motion to approve Payroll Warrant SPW25-22 in the amount of \$873,287.85. Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

Mr. Letterie-abstain, Ms. Petrie-yes, Mr. Purinton-yes, Ms. Barry-yes, Ms. Powell-yes.

The Motion passes with one abstention.

Ms. Petrie made a Motion to approve prior year invoices in the amount of \$405.97. Ms. Barry seconded the Motion.

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

A unanimous vote.

Ms. Petrie made a Motion to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$488,381.46. Ms. Barry seconded the Motion.

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

A unanimous vote.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

The following requests were presented for approval: WINARC, Driscoll/Mahegan Track Meet, Miller Field; Viking Cheer Boosters, Car Wash, ATC Driveway; Greater Boston Track Club, Twilight By The Sea Track Meet, Miller Field.

Ms. Petrie made a Motion to approve the request from WINARC for the Driscoll Mahegan Track Meet and to waive the rental fee. Ms. Barry seconded the Motion.

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

A unanimous vote.

Ms. Petrie made a Motion to approve the Viking Cheer Boosters Car Wash request. Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

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

A unanimous vote.

Ms. Petrie made a Motion to approve the request from Greater Boston Track Club for the Twilight By The Sea Track Meet. Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

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

A unanimous vote.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Sub-committee Report

None

Superintendent's Report

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- WHS gymnast Izzy Rice represented Massachusetts and Winthrop Public Schools in Nationals this weekend in Fort Myers, Florida, coming in FIRST PLACE!
- WHS Boys' Lacrosse clinched their side of the NEC Conference and are the NEC Champs!
- Tegan Pereira scored her 100th Point in Girls' Lacrosse.
- Tim Vargus threw the first No Hitter in baseball on May 7, 2025, since 1985!
- Matthew Reardon and Amelia Spencer were Winthrop's Scholar Athletes for the NEC Conference.
- Congratulations to WHS Athletes of the Month for April: Seth Sacco (Lacrosse) and Lucy Boncore (Softball)
- Special shout out to WMS student Danielly Pinto. For the last four years, she has been making keychains by hand and selling them for the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism. This year Danielly raised \$700.00. Way to go!
- Congratulations and best wishes to your 2025 retirees:

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Home School Applications

None

PERSONNEL

The following resignations have been received: Antonietta Adler, E.S.P.

Donna Moore, E.S.P., has submitted her letter with her intent to retire at the end of the school year and is requesting her sick day buy back.

The following vacancies have been posted: Summer School Positions, WMS; Substitute Kitchen Workers; Special Ed Teacher, GFB; Kindergarten E.S.P., GFB; ABA Technician, GFB; Special Ed (ASD Program) Teacher, GFB.

NEW BUSINESS

Sick Day Buyback Request

Mr. Letterie made a Motion to approve the sick day back request for Donna Moore. Ms. Leonard seconded the Motion.

Ms. Leonard-yes, Mr. Letterie-yes, Ms. Petrie-yes, Mr. Purinton-yes, Ms. Barry-yes, Ms. Powell-yes. A unanimous vote.

2025 Retirement Citations

The following is a list of the 2025 retirees: Brian Davis, Math Teacher, 21 years of service; Connie Grayson, Teacher, 39 years of service; Denise Lanza, E.S.P., 13 years of service; Dawn Letterie, Teacher, 38 years of service; Warren MacPhail, Teacher, 33 years of service; Rock Mastrangelo, Teacher, 31 years of service; Mark McAneny, Principal, 1 year of service; Mary McGunigle, Teacher, 36 years of service; Donna Moore, E.S.P., 24 years of service; Paul Soares, Custodian, 15 years of service; Chris Summa, Secretary, 36 years of service; and Theresa Visconti, E.S.P., 24 years of service

Mr. Purinton made a Motion to approve the 2025 Retirement Citations. Ms. Petrie seconded the Motion.

Ms. Leonard-yes, Mr. Letterie-yes, Ms. Petrie-yes, Mr. Purinton-yes, Ms. Barry-yes, Ms. Powell-yes. A unanimous vote.

Winthrop School Committee Negotiations -Objectives

As we enter negotiations with the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the Winthrop School Committee is committed to a process that is principled, constructive, and focused on the long-term success of our district. Our objectives are as follows:

Foster a Respectful, Collaborative Environment

We are committed to maintaining a strong, respectful relationship with our teachers, staff, and administrators. We believe productive negotiations are rooted in mutual understanding, clear communication, and a shared commitment to educational excellence.

Support Retention and Work Satisfaction

We aim to reach an agreement that affirms the value of our teachers and staff and supports their long-term engagement and job satisfaction. Our goal is to retain talented educators and team members who feel supported and empowered in their roles.

Ensure Fiscal Responsibility and Sustainable Growth

We seek a contract that is fiscally responsible and enables the district to maintain level services, while allowing for improvements that directly benefit students and staff when feasible.

Honor Our Responsibility to the Community

As elected representatives, we have a duty to serve the interests of the entire Winthrop community. That includes negotiating in good faith, providing appropriate transparency throughout the process, and ensuring that outcomes reflect both educational priorities and responsible stewardship of public resources.

We recognize the importance of these negotiations and are committed to a process that serves the best interests of our students, staff, and the broader community.

Ms. Petrie made a Motion to approve the Winthrop School Committee Negotiations-Objectives. Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

Ms. Leonard-yes, Mr. Letterie-yes, Ms. Petrie-yes, Mr. Purinton-yes, Ms. Barry-yes, Ms. Powell-yes. A unanimous vote.

Mr. Letterie made a Motion to amend the Motion to replace “Massachusetts Teachers Association” to “All Bargaining Units”. Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

Ms. Leonard-yes, Mr. Letterie-yes, Ms. Petrie-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 6:24pm, Ms. Petrie 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, Ms. Petrie-yes, Mr. Purinton-yes, Ms. Barry-yes, Ms. Powell-yes.
A unanimous vote.**

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:35pm, Mr. Letterie made a Motion to adjourn. Ms. Barry seconded the Motion.

**Ms. Leonard-yes, Mr. Letterie-yes, Ms. Petrie-yes, Mr. Purinton-yes, Ms. Barry-yes, Ms. Powell-yes.
A unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hibbard
Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools

Documents used in this meeting:

- Agenda
- Minutes of May 5, 2025
- Warrant SVW25-21 in the amount of \$313,897.70
- Payroll Warrant SPW25-22 in the amount of \$873,287.85
- Prior Year Invoices in the amount of \$405.97
- Budget Transfer in the amount of \$488,381.46
- Departmental Expenditure Report
- Use of Buildings Request
 - WINARC, Driscoll-Mahegan Track Meet, Miller Field
 - Viking Cheer Boosters, Car Wash, ATC Driveway (Loop)
 - Greater Boston Track Club, Twilight By The Sea Track Meet, Miller Field
 - MindEaze, Family Events, Arthur T. Cummings School, Cafetorium
- Resignations
 - Antonietta Adler, E.S.P.
- Retirements
 - Donna Moore, E.S.P.
- Vacancies/Postings
 - Summer School Positions, WMS
 - Substitute Kitchen Workers
 - Special Ed Teacher, GFB
 - Kindergarten E.S.P., GFB
 - ABA Technician, GFB
 - Special Ed (ASD Program) Teacher, GFB
- 2025 Retirement Citations