

Winthrop School Committee Winthrop, Massachusetts

A regular school committee meeting was held on Monday, June 9, 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: Mr. Letterie, Mr. Martucci, Ms. Petrie, Mr. Purinton, Ms. Barry, Ms. Powell Ms. Leonard was not present.

Also meeting with Committee: Lisa Howard, Superintendent of Schools Dylan Cook, School Business Manager/CFO 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

Isabella Rice was presented a citation for qualifying for Nationals, competing for Team Massachusetts in the Senior Showcase Invitational in Fort Myers, Florida, taking home First Place!

Ms. Barry made a Motion to approve the citation for Isabella Rice. Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

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

Ms. Petrie arrived at 6:05pm

MINUTES

Ms. Barry made a Motion to approve the Minutes of May 15, 2025. Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

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

MINUTES

Ms. Petrie made a Motion to approve the Minutes of May 19, 2025. Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

Mr. Letterie-yes, Mr. Martucci-abstain, Ms. Petrie -yes, Mr. Purinton-yes, Ms. Barry-yes, Ms. Powell-yes. The Motion passes with one abstention.

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FINANCIAL & BUSINESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Letterie made a Motion to approve Warrant SVW25-22in the amount of \$237,305.24.

Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

Mr. Letterie-yes, Mr. Martucci-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 SPW25-23 in the amount of \$1,141,406.95.

Ms. Barry seconded the Motion.

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

Ms. Powell-yes. The Motion passes with two abstentions.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

The following requests were presented for approval: WHS Girls' Soccer, Car Wash, and WHS Class of 2026, Car Wash.

Mr. Letterie made a Motion to approve the requests from WHS Girls' Soccer, and WHS Class of 2026. Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

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

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Sub-committee Report

None

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported that negotiations are taking place. June 12th is the last day of school. We will have a Summer Meal Program for students from July 7th to August 15th. Meals will be available at Winthrop Middle School. Ms. Howard reported on several end of the year activities including spring concerts, field days and field trips, moving on ceremonies, 8th grade Washington trip, and undergraduate awards. 151 students graduated Winthrop High School.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Home School Applications

None

PERSONNEL

The following resignations have been received: Megan Flanagan, Speech-Language Pathologist; Lauren Kelly, Grade 8 Social Studies Teacher; and Cole Rosenberg, E.S.P.

The following vacancies have been posted: Elementary Lead Mentor Teacher Pre-K-5; Speech-Language Pathologist; Gorman Fort Banks 2025-2026 Stipend Positions; Food Service Worker; E.S.P., Winthrop Middle School; Middle School 2025-2026 Stipend Positions; Evaluation Team Chairperson, Winthrop Middle School; Math Teacher, Winthrop Middle School.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Pupil Personnel Services Director

Mr. Letterie made a Motion to appoint Susan Gibbons as the Pupil Personnel Services Director.

Ms. Barry seconded the Motion.

Mr. Letterie-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Petrie-abstain, Mr. Purinton-yes, Ms. Barry-yes, Ms. Powell-yes. The Motion passes with one abstention.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Food Services Civil Rights Policy remains under unfinished business.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Shoutout to Viking Pride Foundation who provided 150 Chic-Fil-A sandwiches to the Class of 2025. The seniors enjoyed the special treat on a beautiful sunny day on Miller Field. Thank you, Vinny Crossman, and the Viking Pride Foundation for your continued generosity, encouragement and support!
- Congratulations to Izzy Rice and Talia Martucci for being selected to attend the MIAA Girls and Women Sports Day at Gillette Stadium
- Shout out to Boys' Track superstars who competed last week at the NEC Track Meet! Senior superstar Nick Cappuccio is the NEC 200 Champion for the 200 meter dash! Aaron Armitstead took 3rd Place in the 100 High Hurdles! Thomas D'Amico placed 7th in the Triple Jump! Ali Benchikhi received a medal for a 3-way tie for 7th spot in the High Jump! Thomas D'Amico, Liam Natareno, Liam Kenny, and Owen Nargi took 4th Place in the 4x400 Relay!
- A special shoutout to junior James Stangle for his ASTOUNDING playwriting that earned him a coveted spot in the 5th Annual G. Lee Humphrey Lyric First Page Playwriting Festival! James's piece, "It's About Time!" was a comedy with a sinister undertone that was equal parts captivating and hilarious! Excellent work, James!
- Nick Cappuccio advanced to the States, placing 4th in the 100 and 200. Nick also placed 10th in the 100 at the Meet of Champions, which is all divisions in the State.
- Congratulations to all of this year's retirees!

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:28pm, 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. Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:00pm, Ms. Petrie made a Motion to adjourn. Ms. Barry seconded the Motion. Mr. Letterie-yes, Mr. Martucci-yes, Ms. Petrie-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
- Citation for Isabella Rice
- Minutes May 15, 2025
- Minutes of May 19, 2025
- Warrant SVW25-22 in the amount of \$237,305.24
- Payroll Warrant SPW25-23 in the amount of \$1,141,406.95
- Departmental Expenditure Report
- Use of Buildings Request
 - > WHS Girls' Soccer, Car Wash, ATC Driveway
 - > WHS Class of 2026, Car Wash

- Resignations
 - > Megan Flanagan, Speech/Language Pathologist
 - Lauren Kelly, Grade 8 Social Studies Teacher, WMS
 - Cole Rosenberg, E.S.P., WMS
- Vacancies/Postings
 - ➤ Elementary Lead Mentor Teacher Pre-K-5
 - > Speech/Language Pathologist
 - ➤ Gorman Fort Banks 2025-2026 Stipend Positions
 - ➤ Food Service Worker
 - ➤ E.S.P., WMS
 - ➤ Winthrop Middle School 2025-2026 Stipend Positions
 - > Chairperson of the Evaluation Team, WMS
 - Math Teacher, WMS