



Winthrop School Committee
Winthrop, Massachusetts

A regular school committee meeting was held on Monday, October 6, 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. Martucci, Ms. Petrie, Mr. Purinton, Ms. Barry, Ms. Powell

Jim Letterie was not present.

Also meeting with Committee:

Lisa Howard, Superintendent of Schools

Dylan Cook, Chief Financial Officer/School Business Manager

Lori Gallivan, Assistant Superintendent of Schools/Director of Curriculum

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A Moment of Silence was held for James R. Evans, retired physical ed teacher and Athletic Director.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DELEGATES & VISITORS

None

MINUTES

Mr. Martucci made a Motion to approve the Minutes of September 22, 2025. Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

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

Ms. Barry made a Motion to approve the Minutes of September 29, 2025. Ms. Petrie seconded the Motion.

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

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS PROCEDURES

Ms. Barry made a Motion to approve Warrant SVW26-6 in the amount of \$251,995.80.

Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Purinton made a Motion to approve Payroll Warrant SPW26-06 in the amount of \$908,473.41. Ms. Petrie seconded the Motion.

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

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

The following requests were before the committee for approval: Winthrop Gymnastics Academy, St. Patrick's Day Invitational, Winthrop High School; Winthrop School of Performing Arts, Dance Recital, Winthrop High School; Winthrop Lodge of Elks, Hoop Shoot, Arthur T. Cummings School.

Ms. Petrie made a Motion to approve the use of building request from Winthrop Gymnastics Academy for the annual St. Patrick's Day Invitational. Ms. Barry seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Purinton made a Motion to approve the use of building request from Winthrop School of Performing Arts for a dance recital at Winthrop High School. Ms. Petrie seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Purinton made a Motion to approve the use of building request from Winthrop Lodge of Elks for a Hoop Shoot at the Arthur T. Cummings School. Ms. Petrie seconded the Motion.

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

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported negotiations are ongoing and meetings are public. Sub-committee meetings are not public as they are conducted in Executive Session. An update on all schools was provided, including early release days, picture days, and Kindness Week events. Richard Honan will be visiting students at the Arthur T. Cummings School to discuss Veteran's Day related topics. Voting for the upcoming election on November 4, 2025, will be held at the Middle/High School cafeterias.

Home School Applications

None

PERSONNEL

Gianna Knapp, E.S.P, Arthur T. Cummings School, has submitted her letter of resignation.

The following positions have been posted: E.S.P., Arthur T. Cummings School; Multilingual ESL Teacher, Gorman Fort Banks School; ABA Technician, Gorman Fort Banks School.

NEW BUSINESS

WPS Competency Determination Policy

Discussion took place on the Competency Determination Policy, which needs to be submitted to DESE by December 1, 2025. The Policy is similar to surrounding districts and amendments can be made as needed.

Mr. Purinton made a Motion to accept and approve the Competency Determination Policy. Ms. Petrie seconded the Motion.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC RELATIONS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:24pm, Ms. Leonard 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.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Barry made a Motion to adjourn. Ms. Petrie seconded the Motion.

Ms. Leonard-yes, Mr. Martucci-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 September 22, 2025
- Minutes of September 29, 2025
- Warrant SVW26-6 in the amount of \$251,995.80
- Payroll Warrant SPW26-06 in the amount of \$908,473.41
- Departmental Expenditure Report
- Buildings & Grounds – Use of Buildings Requests
 - Winthrop Gymnastics Academy, St. Parick's Day Invitational, WHS
 - Winthrop School of Performing Arts, Dance Recital, WHS
 - Winthrop Lodge of Elks, Hoop Shoot, Arthur T. Cummings School
- Personnel
- Resignation – Gianna Knapp, E.S.P., ATC
- Postings – E.S.P., ATC; Multilingual ESL Teacher, GFB; ABA Technician, GFB
- Winthrop Public Schools Competency Determination Policy
- CASA Information
- Flyers/Notices