



Winthrop School Committee
Winthrop, Massachusetts

A regular school committee meeting was held on Monday, November 3, 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, Mr. Martucci, Ms. Petrie, Mr. Purinton, Ms. Barry, Ms. Powell

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

Patricia Hibbard, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Martucci led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Cappuccio, 49 Waldemar Avenue, expressed her concerns about funding and how hard the citizens worked to pass an override. She asked the committee to be mindful during negotiations with the Unions.

DELEGATES & VISITORS

None

MINUTES

Ms. Petrie made a Motion to approve the Minutes of October 6, 2025. Ms. Leonard seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Letterie made a Motion to approve the Minutes of October 20, 2025. Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

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

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Letterie made a Motion to approve Warrant SVW26-8 in the amount of \$252,602.67.

Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

Ms. Leonard-yes, 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 SPW26-08 in the amount of \$934,709.56

Mr. Letterie seconded the Motion.

Ms. Leonard-yes, Mr. Letterie-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 presented to the school committee for approval: Parks & Recreation, Grades 4-8 basketball practice, ATC gymnasium; Parks & Recreation, Grades 4-8 basketball, WHS gymnasium.

Ms. Petrie made a Motion to approve the request from Parks & Recreation for basketball practice at the Arthur T. Cummings School, and basketball at Winthrop High School. Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

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

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Superintendent's Report

None

Home School Applications

None

PERSONNEL

Cheryl Paolini is retiring at the end of the current school year and is requesting approval of her sick day buyback.

Mr. Letterie made a Motion to approve Cheryl Paolini's sick day buyback. Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Winthrop School Committee & SEIU Local 888 Cafeteria Food Services Memorandum of Agreement

Highlights of the new MOA included a market increase in year one, and a wage increase of .50 per hour in year two. Longevity was adjusted and sick day language was cleaned up. Work hours were also clarified.

Ms. Petrie made a Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Winthrop School Committee and SEIU Local 888 Cafeteria Food Services. Ms. Leonard seconded the Motion.

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

Winthrop School Committee & Winthrop Administrators Memorandum of Agreement

The MOA is a one year contract with a 3% market increase. Stipends that are no longer in use were removed and a year of longevity was added.

Mr. Letterie made a Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Winthrop School Committee and Winthrop Administrators. Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- WHS Boys' Soccer are Co-Champs of NEC South Division!
- WHS Drama Society is performing "Hometown: Teen Edition" on November 13th, 14th, and 15th at 7:00pm in the Neil Shapiro Center for Performing Arts. Tickets are available at whsds.booktix.com.

- The Senior Class is conducting their annual Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser. Spinelli's pies are \$20 each and orders must be received by November 17th. Contact Kristen Buonopane for details 617-290-3752.
- Precincts 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 will be voting at the High School tomorrow. Precinct 4 voting will be held at O'Connell Hall, 6 Golden Drive. There is a food drive to support the Winthrop Food Pantry. Bring a non-perishable item to your voting location.
- WHS 2025 Homecoming will be held on Friday, November 21st at the Pleasant Park Yacht Club.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:27pm, 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.

Ms. Barry seconded the Motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:27pm, Mr. Purinton made a Motion to adjourn. Mr. Martucci seconded the Motion.

Ms. Leonard-yes, Mr. Letterie-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 October 6, 2025
- Minutes of October 20, 2025
- Warrant SVW26-8 in the amount of \$252,602.67
- Payroll Warrant SVW26-08 in the amount of \$934,709.56
- Buildings & Grounds
 - Parks & Recreation, Grades 4-8 Basketball Practice, ATC Gymnasium
 - Parks & Recreation, Grades 4-8 Basketball, WHS Gymnasium
- Personnel
 - Cheryl Paolini, Retiring at end of school year
- Winthrop School Committee & SEIU Local 888 Cafeteria/Food Services Memorandum of Agreement
- Winthrop School Committee & Winthrop Administrators Association Memorandum of Agreement
- ATC Kindness Week Presentation
- Flyers/Notices