



Winthrop School Committee
Winthrop, Massachusetts

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held on Monday, November 4, 2024. The meeting was held in the Harvey Hearing Room, Town Hall, One Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA, and via Zoom. 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:

Lori Gallivan, Assistant Superintendent of Schools/Director of Curriculum

Dylan Cook, CFO/School Business Manager

Patricia Hibbard, Executive Secretary to Superintendent of Schools

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

GENERAL INFORMATION & RECOMMENDATIONS

DELEGATES & VISITORS

Jillian Buonopane, Jr. Class President, gave an update of high school activities.

MINUTES

Mr. Purinton made a Motion to approve the Minutes of October 21, 2024. Mr. Letterie seconded the Motion.

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

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS PROCEDURES

Ms. Barry made a Motion to approve Warrant SVW25-8 in the amount of \$537,302.73. 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.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

None

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Policy Sub-committee Report

A Policy Sub-committee was held on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 5:00pm in the Harvey Hearing Room. Members in attendance were Suzanne Leonard and Layne Petrie. Lori Gallivan was also present. The committee finished the review of the remaining Policies of J, K and L and voted unanimously to bring the Policies to the full committee to accept the changes as recommended by the Policy Sub-committee, with the exception of the Buildings & Grounds Policy, as it needs to be reviewed further.

Ms. Barry made a Motion to accept the changes to Policies J, K, and L, with the exception of the Buildings & Grounds Policy. Ms. Petrie 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.

Superintendent's Report

Assistant Lori Gallivan provided an update on events happening in the schools including parent/teacher conferences, book fairs, ALICE training drills, and upcoming report cards. Walk & Roll to School in October was a big success and the Annual Trunk or Treat was as well, with over 800 students and families attending. The students at Arthur T. Cummings School are working on an Honor Wall for American Veterans.

Home School Applications

None

PERSONNEL

Nadeesha Karunarathe, E.S.P., William P. Gorman Fort Banks School, submitted her resignation letters. The following teachers have submitted letters of intent to retire, and request their sick day buy back: Mary McGunigle, Rock Mastrangelo, Dawn Letterie, Connie Grayson, and Warren MacPhail.

Mr. Purinton made a Motion to approve the sick day buy back for Mary McGunigle, Rock Mastrangelo, Dawn Letterie, Connie Grayson, and Warren MacPhail. 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.

NEW BUSINESS

WHS Girls' Basketball is requesting permission for an overnight trip to Cape Cod, MA.

Mr. Letterie made a Motion to approve the WHS Girl's Basketball overnight trip to Cape Cod, MA. Mr. Martucci seconded the Motion.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Congratulations to WHS Varsity & JV Cheerleaders who came in 2nd Place at competitions over the weekend!
- WHS Drama Society is performing the musical "Six" on November 14, 15 and 16 at 7:00pm in the Neil Shapiro Center for the Performing Arts at WHS. Tickets are \$10.00 for students & seniors and \$15.00 for adults. Tickets are available at whsds.booktix.com
- The Gorman Fort Banks PTO presents Musical Bingo Night on Friday, November 15th at Winthrop Yacht Club, 6:00pm-8:30pm. \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. Join us for a night of prizes, food and fun!
- The 4th Annual Great Pumpkin Drop will be held on Saturday, November 16th from 10:00am-12:00pm at the Gorman Fort Banks Playground. Stop, drop and roll your pumpkins into valuable compost. There will be crafts for kids. This event is sponsored by Mothers Out Front.
- The Class of 2026 is hosting the Annual Country Fair on November 21st at St. Michael's Gymnasium. Doors open at 5:30pm with a \$5.00 entry fee.
- Amy's Breakfast with Santa will be held on Sunday, December 8th at St. Michael's (Lincoln Street entrance) after the 10:00am mass. Donations of any kind are appreciated. Text Kathy Huert 617-981-3866 or Venmo: Ellen-baxter-2. Proceeds benefit St. Michael's Youth Ministry and Amy's Washington, DC Fund.

- The Winthrop Community Health Forum is being held on November 13th from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Arthur T. Cummings School.
- Election Day is tomorrow – please vote to support our schools.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:15pm, Ms. Petrie made a Motion to adjourn. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hibbard
Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools

Documents used in this meeting:

- Agenda
- Minutes of October 21, 2024
- Warrant SVW25-8 in the amount of \$537,302.73
- Resignation
 - Nadeesha Karunaratne, E.S.P., Gorman Fort Banks
- Retirements
 - Mary McGunigle, Teacher, Arthur T. Cummings
 - Rock Mastrangelo, Teacher, Arthur T. Cummings
 - Dawn Letterie, Teacher, Arthur T. Cummings
 - Connie Grayson, Teacher, Arthur T. Cummings
 - Warren MacPhail, Teacher, Arthur T. Cummings
 - Overnight Travel Request from WHS Girls' Basketball
 - Winthrop Parents Network Council Meeting Agenda
 - Winthrop Parents Network October Newsletter
 - Flyers/Notices