

Winthrop School Committee Winthrop, Massachusetts

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held on Monday, November 18, 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: 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 Lori Gallivan, Assistant Superintendent of Schools/Director of Curriculum Dylan Cook, CFO/School Business Manager Patricia Hibbard, Executive Secretary to Superintendent of Schools

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

PUBLIC COMMENMT

None

GENERAL INFORMATION & RECOMMENDATIONS DELEGATES & VISITORS

MINUTES

Mr. Letterie made a Motion to approve the Minutes of November 4, 2024. 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.

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS PROCEDURES

Ms. Barry made a Motion to approve Warrant SVW25-9 in the amount of \$54,656.34. Mr. Purinton 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.

Ms. Barry made a Motion to approve Payroll Warrant SPW25-08 in the amount of \$923,709.18. Mr. Purinton 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.

Ms. Barry made a Motion to approve Payroll Warrant SPW25-09 in the amount of \$899,517.04. Mr. Purinton 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 before the committee for approval: WINARC, Special Olympics at the William P. Gorman Fort Banks Gymnasium, and North Suffolk Community Services, Holiday Fair at the Arthur T. Cummings School.

Ms. Petrie made a Motion to approve the request from WINARC and to waive the rental fee. 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.

Ms. Petrie made a Motion to approve the request from North Suffolk Community Services. 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.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Budget Sub-committee Report

A Budget Sub-committee meeting was held on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 5:00pm in the Harvey Hearing Room. Committee members present were Gus Martucci, Julie Barry, and Layne Petrie. Lisa Howard, Lori Gallivan, Jen Powell, and Jim Letterie, Karin Chavis and Phil Lundburg were also present. Discussion took place regarding the override and the budget. No votes were taken.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent thanked the Override Committee, along with members of the community, who came out to vote. It is the intention of the school committee to get more information out to the community regarding the budget and the need for an override. The Superintendent reported on happenings at schools including parent/teacher conferences, Spirit Week, school picture re-takes, senior pictures, and site council meetings. Kristen Reynolds is the Acting Principal at the William P. Gorman Fort Banks School. The district is close to being 100% certified with Alice Training for all staff.

Home School Applications None

PERSONNEL

Ivy Horgan, ML Teacher at the Arthur T. Cummings School, has submitted her resignation. The following vacancies have been posted: E.S.P. Long-term Substitute; Custodian; ML Teacher, Arthur T. Cummings; Occupational Therapist.

NEW BUSINESS

2024-2025 School Committee Dates Ms. Barry made a Motion to have a school committee for the warrant only, on Monday, December 2, 2024. Ms. Petrie seconded the Motion.

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

- Congratulations to WHS Varsity & JV Cheerleaders who competed in Regionals yesterday.
- Congratulations to WHS Drama Society, who performed Six the Musical over the weekend.
- Tomorrow is the deadline to order Thanksgiving Pies to support the Class of 2025. Pies are \$20.00. For more information reach out to Danielle Reardon at 617-529-8498 or danielle.reardon@comcast.net.
- The Class of 2026 is hosting the Annual Country Fair this Thursday, November 21st at St. Michael's Gymnasium. Doors open at 5:30pm with a \$5.00 entry fee.
- Congratulations to Audrey Carroll, named Winthrop Middle School's Project 351 Student Ambassador! School Committee Meeting November 18, 2024 2

- Congratulations to Winthrop Elks Students of the Month for October:
 - Grade 6: Nora Chapman & Christian Streeter
 - Grade 7: Richard Vivolo & Declan Cassidy
 - Grade 8: Mariana Gomez & Nicolas LeMieux
- International Night is scheduled for January 16th.
- WHS Girls' Basketball is having a bake sale on Saturday in French Square from 9:00am-12:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:20pm, 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
- Minutes of November 4, 2024
- Warrant SVW25-9 in the amount of \$54,656.34
- Payroll Warrant SPW25-07 in the amount of \$981,539.92
- Payroll Warrant SPW25-08 in the amount of \$923,709.18
- Payroll Warrant SPW25-09 in the amount of \$899,517.04
- Departmental Expenditure Report
- Buildings & Grounds
 - WINARC, Special Olympics
 - North Suffolk Community Services, Holiday Event
 - SWOT Analysis Starting Point
- Resignation
 - Ivy Horgan, ML Teacher, Arthur T. Cummings
- Postings

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- E.S.P. Long-term Substitute
- Custodian
- ML Teacher, Arthur T. Cummings
- Occupational Therapist
- School Committee Meeting Dates
- Flyers/Notices