



Winthrop School Committee
Winthrop, Massachusetts

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held on Monday, December 2, 2024. The meeting was held in The Gathering Room 2, Town Hall, One Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA. The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Letterie, Mr. Martucci, Ms. Petrie, Mr. Purinton, Ms. Barry
Ms. Leonard and Ms. Powell were not present.

Also meeting with Committee:

Lisa Howard, Superintendent of Schools

Dylan Cook, CFO/School Business Manager

Patricia Hibbard, Executive Secretary to Superintendent of Schools

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS PROCEDURES

Ms. Petrie made a Motion to approve Warrant SVW25-10 in the amount of \$748,991.86. Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

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

The Motion passes with one abstention.

BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

A Budget Sub-committee was held on Tuesday, November 26, 2023 at 4:00pm. The meeting was held in the Harvey Hearing Room. Members present were Gus Martucci, Julie Barry, and Layne Petrie. Also present were Lisa Howard, Lori Gallivan, Jim Letterie, and Phil Lundburg. The 2.5 Override was the main topic of discussion. The committee voted to recommend to the full committee a figure of \$4.95 million for a Winthrop Public Schools 2.5 Override on a ballot in February of 2025.

Discussion took place regarding scheduling a Special School Committee Meeting/Public Forum on Monday, December 9th, for the purpose of discussing the recommendation of the Budget Sub-committee to recommend a figure of \$4.95 million for a Winthrop Public Schools 2.5 Override on a ballot in February of 2025. It was also suggested to consider a \$3.4 million Override, and not fund a stabilization fund in the amount of \$1.6 million. Impacts of a failed override were discussed, including larger class sizes, extra-curricular and co-curricular activities and user fees, Pre-K tuition and the possibility of kindergarten tuition. The wording of the ballot and a menu option was also discussed. Ms. Barry provided the committee with an outline containing ideas and ways the committee can reach the public and citizens to support the Override.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:32pm, Ms. Petrie made a Motion to adjourn. Mr. Purinton seconded the Motion.

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

A unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hibbard

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Documents used in this meeting:

- Agenda
- Warrant SVW25-10 in the amount of \$748,991.86
- Departmental Expenditure Report