

WINDHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION
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BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
April 22, 2015

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Mrs. Lambert, Mr. Montalvo, Mr. Quamme, Dr. Sewall, Mrs. Osuba, Mr. Kalajian, Dr. Gomez, Mr. French

BOARD ABSENT: Vice-chair Mr. Desaulniers

ADMINISTRATION

PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Garcia; Deputy Superintendent Dr. Gasper; Directors Ms. Beghetto and Ms. Markey

STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVES: No one

OTHERS PRESENT: general public; staff; administrators; news media

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mrs. Lambert called the April 22, 2015, Board of Education Workshop meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. in the Windham High School Library Media Center.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Sewall led the Board and the public in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

WORKSHOP TOPICS

Mission and Vision

Strategic Plan Goals and Strategies

Tonight's meeting was conducted as an interactive session with Board members working in three small groups. Dr. Gasper, Ms. Beghetto and Ms. Markey each served as a group facilitator. The purpose of tonight's meeting was for Board members to develop a draft mission statement and a draft vision statement for the school district. Each group first reviewed and evaluated the current district mission statement. Once that was accomplished, each group decided to either recommend changes to the current mission statement or to create a new mission statement. The same process was followed for the vision statement. Dr. Garcia provided guidelines and characteristics of mission and vision statements. There was discussion as each group shared their ideas with each other and then with the Board as a whole. The drafts developed at tonight's meeting will be compiled and reviewed by district staff before being brought back to the full Board.

Mrs. Lambert said that there is a pancake breakfast at Applebee's this Saturday for the Windham High School Writing Center; the juniors and seniors are on a trip to Washington, D.C.; and the Elks Club is having a pancake breakfast on May 17 for Project Graduation. She reported that the budget was set at last night's Board of Finance meeting with \$250,000 added to the budget which will be sent to referendum. Mrs. Lambert congratulated Dr. Conner on the birth of his son. She asked Board members for a dinner count for Friday's Board training.

PUBLIC DIALOGUE

No one spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Quamme, seconded by Mr. Montalvo, that the Board adjourn its meeting at 9:10 P.M.

Motion is unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Juan Montalvo, Secretary