

WINDHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION
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BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
February 26, 2014

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Mrs. Lambert, Mr. Montalvo, Mrs. Osuba (arrived at 7:35 PM), Dr. Sewall, Ms. Tinker, Dr. Gomez, Mr. French

BOARD ABSENT: Mr. Desaulniers, Mr. Quamme

ADMINISTRATION

PRESENT: Superintendent Ms. Ortiz, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Gasper, Directors Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Johnson, Communications officer Ms. Markey

STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVES: Nicole Moore

OTHERS PRESENT: Special Master Dr. Adamowski; Analyst for District Support and Supervision Eldrin Deas, general public; staff; administrators; news media

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mrs. Lambert called the February 26, 2014, Board of Education Workshop meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Windham High School Library Media Center.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board and the public recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S 2014-2015 BUDGET

Ms. Ortiz reviewed the executive summary of the recommended all-funds education budget for 2014-2015. The Board of Education will adopt the budget at its March 12, 2014, Business meeting. Following its adoption, the education budget will be submitted to the Town on Monday, March 17, 2014. At tonight's meeting, budget principles were reviewed along with the major goals that drive the budget at the present time and into the future. These are based on the Strategic Operating Plan. Major assumptions that will affect district expenses and revenue and staffing needs for district-wide programs were reviewed by Ms. Ortiz. The projected necessary budget increase is 2.97% which equals an increase of \$1,277,100. Ms. Ortiz and Mr. Johnson answered Board members' questions.

PUBLIC DIALOGUE

No one spoke.

Mrs. Lambert thanked Board members, Mrs. Osuba, Dr. Sewall, and Dr. Gomez for attending last night's forum on the Montessori Dual Language local charter school. She also thanked Mr. Nee, Ms. Markey, Superintendent Ortiz and Deputy Superintendent Gasper for the work they did for the forum.

Mrs. Lambert reminded everyone about the community conversation to prevent child abuse and neglect which will take place on Saturday from 9 AM to 12 PM at Windham Middle School.

Mr. Montalvo asked if there is a policy that addresses parents picking up their children from school. Ms. Ortiz said that the Board's Ad Hoc policy committee will be reviewing policies tomorrow night at 7 PM in Windham High School conference room A.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Montalvo, seconded by Mr. French, that the Board adjourn its meeting at 7:38 P.M.

On the motion: unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Juan Montalvo, Secretary