

WINDHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION
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BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2015

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Mrs. Lambert, Vice-chair Mr. Desaulniers, Mr. Montalvo, Mrs. Osuba, Dr. Sewall, Mr. Kalajian, Mr. French

BOARD ABSENT: Mr. Quamme, Dr. Gomez

ADMINISTRATION

PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Garcia, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Gasper, Directors Ms. Markey and Mr. Johnson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mrs. Lambert called the March 5, 2015, special Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Conference Room #223, Kramer Building.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

School Budget Presentation

Dr. Garcia provided an overview of the budget and explained that the budget process began in October. She explained that the district mission and vision guided the development of the budget which responds to the needs, priorities and goals of the school district. Dr. Garcia reviewed the budget priorities for 2015-2016 and said that input was received from stakeholders at three community forums, budget workshops, and meetings with administrators and Board of Education members. The proposed budget, as presented, is intended to meet the needs of students, as well as the needs of the community. Dr. Garcia reviewed how the budget is funded and showed a breakdown of where the dollars are spent. General fund and total budget comparisons were explained, as well as cost drivers in the 2015-2016 budget. 2015-2016 special funds' losses and gains were also shown. Dr. Garcia reviewed areas and programs supported by the proposed budget and reviewed proposed reductions and increases. Charts were reviewed with information for the general funds budget in the elementary schools, the middle school and the high school, as well as central services. Budget history for 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 was reviewed. Dr. Garcia ended her presentation with the recommended increase for 2015-2016 of 2.07% for the total budget or 2.98% for the general funds or \$1,297, 939.

Dr. Garcia and Mr. Johnson answered Board members' questions regarding the budget and there was discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Osuba, seconded by Mr. Montalvo, that the Board meeting adjourn at 8:19 P.M. Motion is unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Juan Montalvo, Secretary