

WINDHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
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April 22, 2009

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Mr. Folan, Vice-chair Mrs. Rayhall, Mr. Adamo, Dr. Switchenko, Mr. Doyle, Mrs. Collins, Mr. Clements (arrived at 7:06 PM), Mr. Diaz (arrived at 7:07 PM)

BOARD ABSENT: Mrs. Haney

ADMINISTRATION

PRESENT: Superintendent Mrs. Fuller, Assistant Superintendent Ms. Ortiz, Directors Mrs. Banks and Mr. Nelson

REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT: Student Council – No one
Columbia – No one

OTHERS PRESENT: Administrators, staff, general public, news media

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mr. Folan called the April 22, 2009, Board of Education meeting to order at 7:05 P.M., in conference room one (room 223), 2nd floor, Kramer School.

Mr. Folan asked for a motion to add an executive session to the agenda for the discussion of personnel matters.

(179) Motion of Mrs. Rayhall, seconded by Dr. Switchenko, that an executive session for the discussion of personnel matters be added to tonight's agenda.

On the motion: Aye, 6-0; unanimous.

MINUTES - April 8, 2009, Regular Board of Education Meeting (Ref. 1)

(180) Motion of Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mr. Doyle, that the Board of Education approve the April 8, 2009, Regular Board of Education meeting minutes, Reference 1.

On the motion: Aye, 6-0; unanimous.

(Mr. Clements arrived.)

PRESENTATIONS

Windham High School Field Hockey Team

(Mr. Diaz arrived.)

The girls' field hockey team was presented with a certificate of appreciation for team members' efforts and determination to fundraise and find a coach for their team so that the sport could continue at Windham High School. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Folan and Mrs. Fuller praised team members for their efforts and exceptional representation of Windham High School. Team captains, Lauren Duhamel and Veronica Koelsch, and Coach Kara Cicchiello were present, as well as other team members, to accept the certificate.

DECA Students

DECA advisor, Ms. King, thanked the Board for inviting students from the DECA program to tonight's meeting. DECA President, Katie McMorro, said that a number of students won individual and team awards at the state competition. Gina Croteau and Kellyn Patros were elected as state officers for 2009-

2010. The following student winners described the competitions that they participated in and showed off their trophies: the Quiz Bowl Team consisting of Yaw Aidoo, Kevin Bright (was unable to attend Board meeting), James Flores-Lombay, and Leslie Garabedian; as well as Carmelo Figueroa, Bianca Gildea, Alison Risley, Odessa Santiago, Anni Keranen, Lance Lambert, Lauren Duhamel, Julia Mazzarella and Katie McMorro. The students were wished well as they travel to compete in the national competitions later this month. The students thanked Board members for their continued support. Mr. Folan commended Ms. King for her leadership and said that due to her efforts, the DECA program has continued to grow.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

STUDENT COUNCIL

There was no report.

CITIZENS/DELEGATIONS

There were none.

SUMMARY ACTION

Personnel Action (Ref. 2)

(181) Motion of Mr. Clements, seconded by Mr. Diaz, that the Board of Education approve Reference 2: Appointments:

- Marta Ramos, Secretary III/Supplemental Services effective April 16, 2009. Hourly rate is \$15.67, replaces Mabell Rosado who resigned.
- Scott Doubleday, Autistic Tutor/Prospect Street Preschool Program effective April 7, 2009. Hourly rate is \$16.10, replaces Felipe Andiarena who resigned.

Leave of absence:

- Meredith Shea, Nurse/North Windham School, extend current medical leave of absence beginning March 16, 2009 through June, 2009.

There was no discussion.

On the motion: Aye, 8-0; unanimous.

ACTION ITEMS

Summer Food Service Program (Ref. 3)

(182) Motion of Dr. Switchenko, seconded by Mrs. Rayhall, that the Board of Education authorizes Superintendent Doreen D. Fuller to sign the Summer Food Service Program Agreement and related claims for reimbursement, and in her absence, Jeffrey I. Nelson, Director of Finance and Management, is authorized to sign claims for reimbursement. There was no discussion.

On the motion: Aye, 8-0; unanimous

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Windham High School Senior Project Update (Ref. 4)

Mr. Wihbey and Ms. Jones provided the Board with an update on the status of this year's senior project requirement. About 20% of the class have completed their senior projects at this time. The final phase of the project is a presentation by the student and the majority of these will be given during the month of May. Senior Edwin Vazquez spoke about his project which entailed rehearsing and performing for cancer survivors during the Relay for Life event. Senior Karina Lopez explained the work she did with students at the North Windham Family Resource Center. Questions were answered and the Board thanked them for presenting to the Board at tonight's meeting.

Announcements/Information (Ref. 5)

There were no comments.

Board of Education

First Reading of job descriptions (Ref. 6)

Mr. Folan said that the following job descriptions will be brought back to the Board for a second reading: Windham Middle School extra-curricular positions – Drama Coach, Jazz/Marching Band, National Junior Honor Society Advisor, Student Council Advisor, Yearbook Advisor; and Secretary I, II, and III, and non-certified librarian. Mrs. Banks said that it has been requested that the Secretary III job description be removed from the packet for additional review before it is presented for approval.

Subcommittee Reports:

Maintenance/Facilities: Mrs. Fuller reported that there is a hold on the work being done regarding the Kramer fire because of some questions that the First Selectman has about the contract with the insurance company. Mrs. Fuller said that the Maintenance and Facilities Committee meeting was not an official meeting and no votes were taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Diaz asked for a report on the discipline policy and how it is being implemented with regard to PBS throughout the entire district.

CITIZENS/DELEGATIONS

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(183)Motion of Mrs. Rayhall, seconded by Mr. Adamo, that the Board enter into executive session at 7:37 P.M., for the discussion of exempt documents pertaining to personnel matters.

On the motion: Aye, 8-0, unanimous.

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ADMINISTRATION

PRESENT: Superintendent Mrs. Fuller, Assistant Superintendent Ms. Ortiz, Directors Mrs. Banks and Mr. Nelson

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES

Mr. Folan reconvened regular session at 7:45 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

(184)Motion by Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mr. Doyle, that the Board adjourn its meeting at 7:45 P.M.

On the motion: Aye, 8-0; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

John Adamo, Secretary