

WINDHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
WILLIMANTIC, CONNECTICUT
August 19, 2009

BOARD PRESENT: Vice-chair Mrs. Rayhall, Mr. Adamo, Dr. Switchenko, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Clements, Mr. Diaz

BOARD ABSENT: Chair Mr. Folan, Mrs. Haney, Mrs. Collins

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

Vice-chair Mrs. Rayhall called the August 19, 2009, Board of Education meeting to order at 7:06 P.M., in conference room one (room 223), 2nd floor, Kramer School.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

July 8, 2009 Regular Board of Education meeting (Ref. 1)

(35)Motion of Dr. Switchenko, seconded by Mr. Doyle, that the Board of Education approve the July 8, 2009, Regular Board of Education meeting minutes, Reference 1.

On the motion: Aye, 6-0; unanimous

July 8, 2009 Special Board of Education meeting (Ref. 1A)

(36)Motion of Mr. Clements, seconded by Mr. Doyle, that the Board of Education approve the July 8, 2009, Special Board of Education meeting minutes, Reference 1A.

On the motion: Aye, 6-0; unanimous

July 13, 2009 Special Board of Education meeting (Ref. 1B)

(37)Motion of Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mr. Doyle, that the Board of Education approve the July 13, 2009, Special Board of Education meeting minutes, Reference 1B.

On the motion: Aye: Mrs. Rayhall, Mr. Adamo, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Diaz

Nay: No one

Abstained: Dr. Switchenko, Mr. Clements

The motion passes: 4-0-2

July 14, 2009 Special Board of Education meeting (Ref. 1C)

(38)Motion of Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mr. Doyle, that the Board of Education approve the July 14, 2009, Special Board of Education meeting minutes, Reference 1C, corrected to read that Mr. Clements was absent from the meeting.

On the motion: Aye: Mrs. Rayhall, Mr. Adamo, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Diaz, Dr. Switchenko

Nay: No one

Abstained: Mr. Clements

The motion passes: 5-0-1

July 15, 2009 Special Board of Education meeting (Ref. 1D)

(39) Motion of Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mrs. Rayhall, that the Board of Education approve the July 15, 2009, Special Board of Education meeting minutes, Reference 1D.

On the motion: Aye: Mrs. Rayhall, Mr. Adamo

Nay: No one

Abstained: Dr. Switchenko, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Clements, Mr. Diaz

The motion passes: 2-0-4

August 3, 2009 Special Board of Education meeting (Ref. 1E)

(40) Motion of Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mr. Doyle, that the Board of Education approve the August 3, 2009, Special Board of Education meeting minutes, Reference 1E.

On the motion: Aye: Mrs. Rayhall, Mr. Adamo, Mr. Doyle

Nay: No one

Abstained: Dr. Switchenko, Mr. Clements, Mr. Diaz

The motion passes: 3-0-3

COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

STUDENT COUNCIL

There was no report.

CITIZENS/DELEGATIONS

There were none.

SUMMARY ACTION

Personnel Action (Ref. 2)

(41) Motion of Dr. Switchenko, seconded by Mr. Clements, that the Board of Education approve Reference 2 with the addendum distributed at tonight's meeting:

Resignations

- Gary Miller, Science Teacher/Windham High School effective August 24, 2009.
- Debra Ledey, District Attendance Office Coordinator effective July 31, 2009 for the purpose of retirement.
- Silas Williams, ISS Tutor/Windham High School effective July 17, 2009.
- Heather Blevins, School Psychologist/Natchaug School effective August 12, 2009.
- Jason McGarry, Social Studies Teacher/Windham High School effective July 31, 2009.
- Angela Assalone, Grade 2 Companeros Teacher/North Windham School effective August 5, 2009.
- Amber Sanetrik, Special Education Teacher/ERA effective August 25, 2009.
- Deborah Rand, Reading Teacher/North Windham School, resignation date to be determined.

Resignations – Addendum

- Eisha Williams, Special Education Paraprofessional/Windham Middle School effective August 17, 2009.
- Joel Santiago, General Cafeteria Worker/Windham High School effective June 10, 2009.

Appointments

- Tera Juszczyk, Social Worker/Windham High School effective August 24, 2009. Salary is MA+30/6, \$47,951, New Position.

- Melissa Kissane, Math Teacher/Windham High School effective August 24, 2009. Salary is BA+30/2, \$39,001, replaces Andrew Merdinyan who terminated.
- Melissa Bergeron, English/Reading/Windham High School effective August 24, 2009. Salary is MA/2, \$39,001, replaces Angela Brower who resigned.
- Dara Bowling, English/Reading/Windham High School effective August 24, 2009. Salary is BA+30/2, \$39,001, replaces Dale Truman who retired.
- Colman Long, Bilingual Guidance Counselor/Windham High School effective August 24, 2009. Salary is MA/4, \$41,871 pending certification, replaced Christine Burdzy who resigned.
- Jesse Pimental, Special Education Teacher/Windham High School effective August 24, 2009. Salary is BA/6, \$41,689, replaced Christian Kollegger who resigned.
- Pamela Irwin, Secretary II/ERA & Information Systems effective August 13, 2009. Hourly Rate is \$15.01, replaced April Shepaum who transferred.
- Ashley Reichelt, Social Studies/Windham High School effective August 24, 2009. Salary is BA+30/2, \$39,001, replaced Jason McGarry who resigned.
- April Shepaum, Secretary III/Special Services effective August 17, 2009. Hourly rate is \$16.18, replaced Kelly Demarchi who transferred.
- Maria Cranmer, Secretary II/WMS Guidance Department effective July 8, 2009. Hourly rate is \$14.40, replaced Ruth Rivera who resigned.

Appointments - Addendum

- Kurt Johnson, Science Teacher/Windham High School effective August 24, 2009. Salary is BA/6, \$41,689 pending certification, replaces Gary Miller who resigned.
- Ashley Reichelt, Social Science Teacher/Windham High School effective August 24, 2009. Salary is BA+30/2, \$39,001, replaces Jason McGarry who resigned.
- Kristin James, Special Education Teacher/Windham Middle School effective August 24, 2009. Salary is BA/7, \$42,911, replaces Brenda Adams who resigned.

Leaves of absence

- David St. Jean, Elementary Teacher/North Windham School, unpaid medical leave of absence for the 2009/2010 school year.
- Linda Feliciano, Administrative Assistant II/Central Office, medical leave of absence beginning August 5, 2009, duration unknown.
- Meredith Shea, Nurse/North Windham School, medical leave of absence beginning August 24, 2009, duration unknown.
- Kathryn Martin, Head Start Lead Teacher/Boston Post Road, childbearing/childrearing leave of absence approximately October 5, 2009 through February 1, 2010.

There was no discussion.

On the motion: Aye, 6-0; unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

Windham Middle School Extended Day Program grant application (Ref. 3)

(42)Motion of Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mr. Doyle, that the Board of Education approve the submission of the Windham Middle School Extended Day program grant application. There was no discussion.

On the motion: Aye, 6-0; unanimous

Sweeney School Playground funding applications (Ref. 4, 4A, 4B)

(43)Motion of Dr. Switchenko, seconded by Mr. Doyle, that the Board of Education approve the submission of the following three applications requesting funding for the Sweeney School Playground (Project F.I.T.): Ref. 4: The George A. and Grace L. Long Foundation in the amount of \$5000; Ref. 4A: The Daniel P. and Grace I. Tully Charitable Trust in the amount of \$5000; and Ref. 4B: Lowe's Foundation in the amount of \$5000. There was no discussion.

On the motion: Aye, 6-0; unanimous

Computer Assisted Writing, Instruction, and Testing grant application (Ref. 5)

(44) Motion of Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mr. Diaz, that the Board of Education approve the submission of the Computer Assisted Writing, Instruction, and Testing grant application. In reply to Mr. Clements' question regarding the grant period which began July 1, 2009, Mrs. Fuller explained that Windham has not been given the money.

On the motion: Aye, 6-0; unanimous

Cafeteria Management Reorganization (Ref. 6)

(45) Motion of Mr. Clements, seconded by Dr. Switchenko, that the Board of Education approve the revised job description for the cafeteria director. There was no discussion.

On the motion: Aye, 6-0; unanimous

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

CMT and CAPT Reports (Ref. 7)

(46) Motion of Mr. Clements, seconded by Mr. Diaz, that the Board of Education table the reports on the CMT and CAPT results to the next meeting when more Board members will be present.

On the motion: Aye, 6-0; unanimous

Financial statements – June 2009 (final) and July 2009 (Ref. 8 and Ref. 8A)

Mr. Nelson explained that the ECS stimulus money that the federal government is giving to the state government will be coming through the state grant system. He explained how the funds are shown on the July statement.

Announcements/Information (Ref. 9)

Mr. Doyle commented on the number of students seen by the school nurses during 2008-2009.

Ad Hoc Committee appointments ((Ref. 10)

(47) Motion of Mr. Adamo, seconded by Dr. Switchenko, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Board members, Mr. Folan and Mrs. Rayhall, as well as cafeteria staff, Deb Dubord, Mary Jackson, Sheila Koch, Jackie Jarvis, Carla Weldon and Barbara Garet, to the ad hoc committee for cafeteria operations. There was no discussion.

On the motion: Aye, 6-0; unanimous

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Subcommittee Reports:

Magnet School: There was no report.

Personnel: Dr. Switchenko reported that all items were discussed in executive session.

WHS Pool and WHS Auditorium Curtains: Mrs. Rayhall reported that Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Folan, Mr. Doyle and she went before the Board of Selectmen regarding the WHS pool and replacement curtains for the WHS stage. Both requests were granted and the work will be done.

Ad Hoc Cafeteria Operations: Mrs. Rayhall reported that Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Folan, Mr. Doyle and she met with cafeteria staff to discuss some cost savings ideas for the coming year.

Mr. Adamo said that he is concerned with the condition of the grounds and landscaping at the High School. From the street, he indicated that it looks fine but up close, that is not the case. He would like the grounds and landscaping at the High School to look as beautiful and well kept as they do at the Middle School.

Mrs. Fuller said that on September 11th, United Way is sponsoring a Day of Caring and she has informed school principals.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Rayhall asked Mr. Doyle to include funding to combine the Natchaug and North Windham Family Resource Centers on the Budget and Finance Committee meeting agenda.

CITIZENS/DELEGATIONS

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(48)Motion of Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mr. Doyle, that the Board enter into executive session at 7:25 P.M., for the discussion of exempt documents pertaining to personnel matter.

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

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ADMINISTRATION

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

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES

Mrs. Rayhall reconvened regular session at 7:26 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

(49)Motion by Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mr. Doyle that the Board adjourn its meeting at 7:26 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

John Adamo, Secretary