

WINDHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
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June 10, 2009

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Mr. Folan, Vice-chair Mrs. Rayhall, Mr. Adamo, Dr. Switchenko, Mr. Doyle, Mrs. Haney, Mrs. Collins

BOARD ABSENT: Mr. Clements, Mr. Diaz

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 June 10, 2009, Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., in conference room one (room 223), 2nd floor, Kramer School.

Mr. Folan asked for a moment of prayer for Windham High School senior, Regina Riddell, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident. Wishes for her full and speedy recovery are sent to her and her family.

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES – May 27, 2009 (Ref. 1)

(207) Motion of Dr. Switchenko, seconded by Mr. Adamo, that the Board of Education approve the May 27, 2009, Regular Board of Education meeting minutes, Reference 1.

On the motion: Aye: Mr. Folan, Mr. Adamo, Dr. Switchenko, Mr. Doyle, Mrs. Haney, Mrs. Collins
Nay: No one

Abstained: Mrs. Rayhall

The motion passes: 6-0-1

PRESENTATIONS

Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Student Leadership Awards

Windham High School seniors, Katherine McMorrow and Kevin Bright, were presented with this year's Student Leadership Awards, sponsored by CABE. Both students were acknowledged for their leadership skills and active involvement in many activities throughout their high school years.

Governor's Scholar

Windham High School student, Jeremy Sharpe, was congratulated for being selected as one of the Governor's scholars for 2009. Out of a pool of 135 top juniors in the State, only thirty students are chosen to receive this outstanding honor which recognizes students for their overall academic achievements.

Scholastic Art Awards

Windham High School students, Jessie Kohn and Matthew Figueroa-Balesfier, were congratulated for receiving Scholastic Art Awards this year in the Sculpture Category. Jessie received the Silver Key Award and Matthew received Honorable Mention.

Windham High School Engineering Team

Advisor Ms. ElShakhs explained that members of the Windham High School Engineering Team designed and built a model fuel cell car which took both first and second place in the Northeast Science Bowl. Members of the team present at the Board meeting were Tim Doyle, Gina Croteau, Jeremy Sharpe, Kellyn Patros, and Kevin Wikholm.

DECA Students

Advisor Ms. King presented the following students with DECA awards of excellence at tonight's meeting for their outstanding performance at the 2009 International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, California: Katherine McMorro, Lauren Duhamel, and Julia Mazzarella for the General Marketing Research Event; Alison Risley and Carmelo Figueroa for the Hospitality and Recreation Marketing Research Event; Odessa Santiago for the Quick Service Restaurant Management Series; and Anni Keranen for the Food Marketing Series Event.

Board members congratulated all of the students who were recognized at tonight's meeting for their many outstanding accomplishments and commended them for the pride that they bring to the school system.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Ortiz presented an American flag, which was flown over Iraq on behalf of Windham Public School students. The flag will now be flown in the Board of Education conference room and a certificate received with the flag will be framed and displayed.

STUDENT COUNCIL

There was no report.

CITIZENS/DELEGATIONS

There were none.

SUMMARY ACTION

Personnel Action (Ref. 2)

(208)Motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Collins, that the Board of Education approve Reference 2: Resignations

- Dale Truman, English Teacher/Windham High School effective June 30, 2009 for the purpose of retirement.
- Ruth E. Rivera, Guidance Secretary II/Windham Middle School effective July 11, 2009.

Appointments

- Ellen Gustafson, Secretary III/Sweeney School effective August 17, 2009. Hourly rate is \$15.90, replaces Carol Leary who retired.

There was no discussion.

On the motion: Aye, 7-0; unanimous.

ACTION ITEMS

Foreign Language Assistance Program (FLAP) (Ref. 3)

(209)Motion of Dr. Switchenko, seconded by Mr. Adamo, that the Board of Education approve the submission of the Foreign Language Assistance Program (FLAP) grant application. Mrs. Collins asked how the grant would be implemented. Dr. Olezza explained that it would be done through a social studies component.

On the motion: Aye, 7-0; unanimous

Job Descriptions (Ref. 4)

(210)Motion of Mrs. Haney, seconded by Dr. Switchenko, that the Board of Education approve the job descriptions, as presented, for the Director of Athletics, Health and Physical Education and Intervention Specialist. This is a second reading and there have not been any changes made since the first reading.

On the motion: Aye, 7-0; unanimous

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Announcements/Information (Ref. 5)

There were no comments.

Board of Education

Subcommittee Reports:

Magnet School: Mrs. Collins reported that the proper paperwork is now being sent to the state.

Facilities/Maintenance: Mrs. Rayhall reported that the fire sprinkler system with the town was tabled, and the following items were discussed: capital improvements, summer school and the summer work program, and the status of work at Kramer.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

CITIZENS/DELEGATIONS

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(211)Motion of Mrs. Rayhall, seconded by Mr. Adamo, that the Board enter into executive session at 7:25 P.M., for the discussion of exempt documents pertaining to bargaining unit negotiations.

On the motion: Aye, 7-0, unanimous.

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ADMINISTRATION

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

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES

Mr. Folan reconvened regular session at 7:38 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

(212)Motion by Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mr. Doyle, that the Board adjourn its meeting at 7:38 P.M.

On the motion: Aye, 7-0; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

John Adamo, Secretary