

WINDHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
WILLIMANTIC, CONNECTICUT
June 27, 2007

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Mr. Folan, Vice-chair Mrs. Rayhall, Dr. Switchenko, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Clements, Mrs. Collins (arrived at 7:45 PM), Mrs. Haney, Mr. Diaz, Mr. Adamo

ADMINISTRATION

PRESENT: Superintendent Mr. Perzanoski, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Summa, Directors Mr. Nelson and Mrs. Banks

REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT: Student Council – No one
Columbia – Nelson Petrone

OTHERS PRESENT: News media

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mr. Folan called the June 27, 2007, Board of Education meeting to order at 7:40 P.M., in conference room one (room 223), 2nd floor, Kramer School.

MINUTES

June 13, 2007, Regular Board of Education Meeting (Ref. 1)

Motion of Dr. Switchenko, seconded by Mrs. Rayhall, that the Board of Education approve the June 13, 2007, Regular Board of Education meeting minutes, Reference 1.

On the motion: Aye: Chair Mr. Folan, Vice-chair Mrs. Rayhall, Mrs. Haney, Dr. Switchenko, Mr. Clements, Mr. Diaz, Mr. Doyle

Nay: No one

Abstained: Mr. Adamo

The motion passes: 7-0-1

(Mrs. Collins arrived)

June 20, 2007 Special Board of Education Meeting (Ref. 1A)

Motion of Mrs. Rayhall, seconded by Mr. Adamo, that the Board of Education approve the June 20, 2007, Special Board of Education meeting minutes, Reference 1A.

On the motion: Aye: Chair Mr. Folan, Vice-chair Mrs. Rayhall, Mr. Adamo

Nay: No one

Abstained: Dr. Switchenko, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Haney, Mr. Clements, Mr. Diaz, Mr. Doyle

COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

STUDENT COUNCIL

There was no report.

CITIZENS/DELEGATIONS

There were none.

SUMMARY ACTION

Personnel Action (Ref. 2)

Motion of Mr. Clements, seconded by Mr. Diaz, that the Board of Education approve Reference 2.

RESIGNATIONS

- . Deborah Weingart, Special Education Teacher/Windham High School effective June 20, 2007.
- . Laura Gubernat, Speech Pathologist/Windham Center School effective July 1, 2007.
- . Nanci Fox, Speech Pathologist/Windham Middle School effective June 30, 2007 for the purpose of retirement.
- . Cathy Walter, RN/Head Start Program effective September 14, 2007.
- . Carrie Manville, Science Teacher/Windham Middle School effective July 31, 2007.
- . Marianne Ouimette, Tutor/ERA effective June 30, 2007.
- . Sheila Deane, Special Education Paraprofessional/Windham Middle School effective August 28, 2007 for the purpose of retirement.

APPOINTMENTS

- . William Bergen, Special Education Teacher/Windham Middle School effective August 27, 2007. Salary is BA+15/9, \$43,698, replaces Amber Sanetrik who resigned.
- . Maria Nickle, Grade 2 Companeros/North Windham School effective August 27, 2007. Salary is BA+30/8, \$43,440, replaces Angela Maurice who resigned.
- . Patricia Roy, Grade 6/Windham Middle School effective August 27, 2007. Salary is BA/2, \$34,641, replaces Bruce Young who retired.
- . Michael Vignone, Crossing Guard/Natchaug School effective August 28, 2007. Salary is \$ 11.53 per hour, replaces Nicole Potter who transferred.

CO/EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS

- . Pamela Neidig, Yearbook Advisor/Windham High School for January-June, 2007, Replaces Karen Lupuk who resigned. Stipend \$3,132 prorated.

2007-08 SCHEDULE A-2 APPOINTMENTS

See Attached List

2007-08 SCHEDULE A-4/EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS

See Attached List

On the motion: Aye, 9-0; unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

Windham High School Donation (Ref. 3)

Motion of Mrs. Rayhall, seconded by Mr. Clements that the Board of Education accept with deep gratitude the donation from the Windham High softball program to be used to construct new dugouts on the softball field at the high school.

On the motion: Aye, 9- 0; unanimous.

School Readiness and Child Daycare Grant Program Application (Ref. 4)

Mr. Clements expressed some concerns on the low amount of funds allocated for parent activities and Mr. Perzanoski explained that district parent activities are mostly supported by Title I funds.

Motion of Mrs. Haney, seconded by Mr. Doyle that the Board of Education approve the submission of the School Readiness and Child Daycare Grant Program application.

On the motion: Aye, 9-0; unanimous.

Even Start Family Literacy Grant Application (Ref. 5)

Motion of Mr. Clements, seconded by Mrs. Haney that the Board of Education approve the submission of the Even Start Family Literacy Grant application.

On the motion: Aye, 9-0; unanimous.

Series 4000 (Personnel – Certified & Non-Certified) (Ref. 6)

Motion of Mrs. Collins, seconded by Mr. Doyle that the Board of Education approve the Series 4000 (Personnel – Certified & Non-Certified).

On the motion: Aye, 9-0; unanimous.

K-12 Music Curriculum (Ref. 7)

Dr. Summa distributed the K-12 Curriculum booklet to Board of Education members and notified them that included in their packets was a “wish” list of how Mr. Tomanelli envisioned the Music Program in the future.

Motion of Mrs. Rayhall, seconded by Mr. Adamo that the Board of Education approve the K-12 Music Curriculum.

On the motion: Aye, 9-0; unanimous.

Cafeteria Meal Price Increases (Ref. 8)

Mr. Nelson presented a worksheet with three different scenarios to the Board of Education regarding meal price increases. He noted that the cafeteria program was going to have a deficit if it continued charging the same meal prices in the future. There was also concern as to the price increases from suppliers and delivery charges for the next school year. The Board was not sure the scenarios proposed covered these expected costs increases.

Motion of Dr. Switchenko, seconded by Mr. Doyle that the Board of Education table the proposed cafeteria meal price increases and re-visit at its August 15, 2007 meeting.

On the motion: Aye, 9-0; unanimous.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent's Reports

Staff Recognition (Ref. 9)

Mr. Perzanoski announced with great pleasure that Windham High School English teacher, William Skoog, has been named the Connecticut Sun Teacher of the Year for the State of Connecticut. Mr. Skoog, who was nominated by Mr. Tim Burke, received the first Teacher of the Year Award presented by the WNBA Connecticut Sun and was recognized at a ceremony on Sunday, June 17, 2007. The Board of Education and Mr. Perzanoski congratulate Mr. Skoog for receiving this noteworthy honor and for being recognized for the work that he has done in educating our children over the years.

Announcements/Information (Ref. 10)

There were no comments.

Board of Education

Proposed Increase of Windham High School Graduation Requirements

There were no comments. The proposed increase to Windham High School graduation requirements will be brought back to the Board for approval at the July 11, 2007, Board Meeting.

Subcommittee Reports

Facilities/Maintenance: Mrs. Rayhall reported that Mr. Jack Giordano, principal at North Windham School had presented a proposal for a greenhouse at the school. He will get back to the committee regarding fire and safety issues.

Student Services: Mr. Perzanoski reported that Mr. Gene Blain presented to the committee the proposed increase to Windham High School graduation requirements. Proposed is a senior project that involves some community service.

Program Development/Evaluation: Mr. Adamo reported that Mr. Joe Tomanelli had presented to the committee the K-12 Music curriculum and his recommendations for the future of the program.

Magnet School Building: Mrs. Collins reported that she and Mrs. Haney attended the recent Board of Selectmen meeting to hear their response to the letter sent by the Board of Education requesting permission to look at land behind Stonegate Manor. They discussed with the Board of Selectman the possibility of looking at land at Lauter Park as well and having testing done on Plaska's land. Mrs. Collins stated that the committee will send copies of its minutes to the Board of Selectmen to keep them current. Mrs. Haney reported that a preliminary timeline has been set up by the committee to have land acquisition complete by October. She also noted that the committee would like a representative from Central Office or a teacher involved with curriculum to answer educational questions the committee will have as they move forward.

EASTCONN: Mr. Adamo reported that the committee approved the instructional assistants' contract and the wellness policy. He also reported that EASTCONN would be moving from The Mills in Willimantic back to the building in Hampton and that with grant money they intend to add on to the building.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

CITIZENS/DELEGATIONS

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Mr. Diaz, seconded by Mrs. Rayhall, that the Board enter into executive session at 8:12 P.M., for the discussion of exempt documents pertaining to personnel matters.

On the motion: Aye, 9-0, unanimous.

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ADMINISTRATION

PRESENT: Superintendent Mr. Perzanoski

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES

Chair Mr. Folan reconvened regular session at 8:45 P.M.

Motion of Mr. Adamo, seconded by Dr. Switchenko, that the Board add an additional year to the Superintendent's contract.

On the motion: Aye, 9-0; unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Diaz, seconded by Mrs. Rayhall that the Board adjourn its meeting at 8:50 P.M.

On the motion: Aye, 9-0; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

John Adamo, Secretary