

WINDHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
WILLIMANTIC, CONNECTICUT  
July 11, 2007

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

BOARD ABSENT: Mr. Clements

ADMINISTRATION

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

REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT: Student Council – No one  
Columbia – No one

OTHERS PRESENT: Administrators, general public, and news media

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mr. Folan called the July 11, 2007, Board of Education meeting to order at 7:35 P.M., in conference room one (room 223), 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Kramer School.

Mr. Folan asked for a motion to add cafeteria price increases as an action item to the agenda.

Motion of Mrs. Rayhall, seconded by Mr. Adamo, that the Board of Education add cafeteria price increases to the agenda as action item E.

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

MINUTES

June 27, 2007, Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes (Ref. 1)

Motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Haney, that the Board of Education approve the June 27, 2007, Regular Board of Education meeting minutes, Reference 1.

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

June 28, 2007, Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes (Ref. 1A)

Motion of Mrs. Rayhall, seconded by Mrs. Haney, that the Board of Education approve the June 28, 2007, Special Board of Education meeting minutes, Reference 1A.

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

Nay: No one

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

The motion passes: 4-0-4

COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

STUDENT COUNCIL

There was no report.

CITIZENS/DELEGATIONS

There were none.

## SUMMARY ACTION

### Personnel Action (Ref. 2)

Motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Adamo, that the Board of Education approve Reference 2 along with the addendum distributed at tonight's meeting.

### Resignations:

- . Andrea Marshall, Art Teacher/Sweeney School effective August 30, 2007.
- . Joseph Stake, Math Teacher/Windham High School effective August 1, 2007.
- . Jane Glenn, Special Education Teacher/Windham High School effective June 30, 2007.

### Resignations (Addendum):

- . Connie Ziko, Speech Pathologist/Sweeney School effective July 3, 2007.
- . Daniel Boucher, AIS Technician/Central Office effective July 20, 2007.
- . Sarah Valentin, Grade 5 Teacher/Windham Middle School effective July 11, 2007.

### Appointments:

- . Neal Benson, Social Studies Teacher/Windham Academy effective August 27, 2007. Salary is BA+30/1, \$35,676, replaces David Maestrini who resigned.
- . Kathleen Brillon, Art Teacher/Sweeney School effective August 27, 2007. Salary is MA/12, \$57,933, replaces Andrea Marshall who resigned.
- . Rolando Navarro, Health Teacher/Windham Middle School effective August 27, 2007 pending certification. Salary is BA/1, \$33,865, new position.
- . Corianne Olsen, English Teacher/Windham High School effective August 27, 2007 pending certification. Salary is BA/1, \$33,865, replaces Rick Jakubowski who retired.
- . Malik Champlain, ISS Tutor/Windham High School effective August 28, 2007. Salary is \$ 15.54 per hour, replaces James Thompson who transferred.
- . Ruth E. Rivera, Secretary II/Windham Middle School effective June 29, 2007. Salary is \$13.12 per hour, will increase to \$13.51 per hour effective July 1, 2007, replaces Joan Pestey who retired.

### Appointments (Addendum):

- . Joseph A. Piacentini, Assistant Principal/Windham Middle School effective July 16, 2007. Salary is \$91,531. Replaces Anthony Kydd who resigned.
- . Michele Hart, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Special Education Teacher/Windham Middle School effective August 27, 2007. Salary is MA+30/10, \$52,756. Replaces Patricia Lick who resigned.
- . Renee Bricault, 12-Month Secretary II/Windham High School effective July 30, 2007. Salary is \$14.08 per hour, new position.
- . Nelianne Concepcion, 10-Month Secretary I/Windham Middle School effective August 20, 2007. Salary is \$11.11, replaces Daniela de Sousa who resigned.
- . Jaime Webber, Kindergarten Teacher/Natchaug Elementary School effective August 27, 2007. Salary is BA/3, \$35,676, replaces Pam Ouellette who resigned.
- . William Hyde, Interoffice Delivery Provider effective July 1, 2007. Salary is \$10.98 per hour, replaces John Baribeault who resigned.

### Schedule A-4/Extra Curricular Appointments:

- . Jason McGarry, Freshman Class Advisor .50 FTE, Stipend \$452.50
- . Jason Shea, Freshman Class Advisor .50 FTE, Stipend \$452.50

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

## ACTION ITEMS

### Natchaug Family Resource Center grant application (Ref. 3)

Motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Rayhall, that the Board of Education approve the submission of the Natchaug Family Resource Center grant application. There was no discussion.

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

North Windham Family Resource Center grant application (Ref. 4)

Motion of Mrs. Collins, seconded by Dr. Switchenko, that the Board of Education approve the submission of the North Windham Family Resource Center grant application. There was no discussion.

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

Education for Homeless Children and Youths grant application (Ref. 5)

Motion of Mrs. Rayhall, seconded by Mr. Doyle, that the Board of Education approve the submission of the Education for Homeless Children and Youths grant application. There was no discussion.

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

Graduation Requirement – Senior Project (Ref. 6)

Motion of Mrs. Haney, seconded by Dr. Switchenko, that the Board of Education approve the following graduation requirement for all Windham High School students: to graduate from Windham High School, all students must satisfactorily complete a senior project. Mr. Blain answered Board members' questions and there was discussion about the process and the benefits of this requirement.

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

Cafeteria Price Increases (Ref. 6A)

Mr. Nelson explained that because of the necessary preparation of any changes for the opening of school, action is being taken at this meeting instead of at the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting as previously planned. Mr. Nelson distributed a worksheet outlining three options for the Board to consider.

Motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Rayhall, that the Board of Education approve the following cafeteria price increases: elementary, middle school and high school breakfast \$1.35; elementary lunch \$1.65; middle school and high school lunch \$2.15; and milk \$.35.

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

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Windham High School Music Program (Ref. 7)

Dr. Summa explained that there has been discussion regarding the marching band at the Program Development and Evaluation Committee level and she asked Mr. Blain and Ms. Savoie to update the full Board. Mr. Blain reported that an in-depth assessment looking towards the future of the high school music program was conducted. Ms. Savoie explained that she had done research on the marching band at Windham High School from 1958 to the present time. She also met with the band officers to generate a list of their goals for the marching band, as well as with the entire band to generate a second list. Ms. Savoie explained that the process would take more than a year. She, Mr. Blain, and assistant marching band director, Tom Franklin, answered questions from Board members. There was some discussion. Mr. Folan indicated that communication is important and said there will be a meeting between the high school and the middle school some time before September. He said that the Board appreciates all of their efforts and enthusiasm and thanked them for their time.

Meeting Schedule for the discussion of 07-08 Board and Superintendent Goals (Ref. 8)

The Board will meet to discuss the 2007-08 Board and Superintendent goals on August 4, 2007, at 2:30 PM, at Mr. Folan's residence.

Preliminary June 30, 2007 financial statement (Ref. 9)

Mr. Nelson reported that the Town has received the special education equity money. The Board of Education is on the July 25, 2007, Board of Finance meeting agenda to request the funds, which will balance the budget. There was some discussion.

Announcements/Information

There were no announcements/information.

Board of Education

Subcommittee Reports:

*Magnet School Building:* Mrs. Collins reported that the committee met and discussed land options. Members also agreed to initiate a curricula subcommittee. Mr. Perzanoski informed the Board that Bill Magnotta would be available to update the Board about magnet school information in August. Mrs. Collins said that the committee would like to plan a public meeting for the community in September. There will be another meeting in two weeks.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

CITIZENS/DELEGATIONS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mr. Doyle, that the Board adjourn its meeting at 8:41 P.M.  
On the motion: Aye, 8-0; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

John Adamo, Secretary