

WINDHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION
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BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2015

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Mrs. Osuba, Vice-chair Dr. Sewall, Dr. Gomez, Mrs. Lambert, Mr. Montalvo, Mr. French, Mr. Kalajian, Mr. Flores-Alvarez

BOARD ABSENT: Mr. Quamme

ADMINISTRATION

PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Garcia; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Williams; Directors Ms. Beghetto and Ms. Markey

STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVES: No one

OTHERS PRESENT: general public; staff; administrators; news media; Dr. Jacqueline Jacoby (CABE)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mrs. Osuba called the December 16, 2015, Board of Education Workshop meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. in the Windham High School Library Media Center.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Kalajian led the Board and the public in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

WORKSHOP TOPICS

How to be an Effective Board Member

Dr. Jacqueline Jacoby from CABE led the workshop for Board members on being an effective board member. Board members spoke about individual reasons for serving on the Board and their goals as Board members. Dr. Jacoby spoke about conflict resolution and the code of conduct for Board members. She also reviewed practices of the Board and Board responsibilities. Dr. Jacoby shared some of her experiences; and throughout the presentation, interaction, discussion and feedback occurred.

PUBLIC DIALOGUE

No one spoke.

ACTION ITEM

Windham High School Field Trip

Motion of Mrs. Lambert, seconded by Dr. Sewall, that the Board of Education approve the trip request for Windham High School students to attend the National Honor Society LEAD Conference in Arlington, Virginia, from January 28, 2016, to January 31, 2016, in accordance with policy 6153.

The motion is unanimously approved.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Osuba commented that she attended the Superintendent's Awards' Ceremony at Windham Middle School and it was very rewarding for her to see so many students, parents and staff members recognized. She said that Natchaug and the Middle School have events tomorrow.

Mr. Montalvo spoke about how passionate he is about the retirees and the effect of the changes to health insurance on many of them. It was agreed that this topic will be discussed during an executive session of the Board.

Mrs. Lambert said that she attended the wartime medal ceremony honoring veterans at Windham Middle School today and congratulated Dr. Sewall for his recognition at the ceremony. She said that she found out about the ceremony because her son attended with his Boy Scout troop; however, she would have liked to have been informed of the event as a Board member. Dr. Garcia said that even though this event was held at the Middle School, it was not a school or district sponsored event. Mrs. Lambert reminded the Board that the High School concert is Monday night at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Kalajian, seconded by Mr. Flores-Alvarez, that the Board adjourn its meeting at 8:36 P.M.

Motion is unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Jaime Gomez, Secretary