

WINDHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION
WILLIMANTIC, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2014

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Mrs. Lambert, Mr. Montalvo, Mr. Desaulniers, Mrs. Osuba, Ms. Tinker, Dr. Gomez, Mr. Quamme

BOARD ABSENT: Dr. Sewall, Mr. French

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mrs. Lambert called the February 4, 2014, special Board of Education meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. in the Windham High School Library Media Center.

Public Comment

Jessica Taylor, North Street, spoke about problems with the bus company. Her five and six year old children were dropped off when there was no one there to meet them. This will be followed up with Superintendent Ortiz.

Bill Powers, Windham High School teacher, discussed some of the variables that need to be addressed regarding teacher and superintendent evaluations.

Discussion and Action on Resolution pertaining to the Superintendent's Search

Mrs. Lambert explained the Windham Board of Education/State Board of Education Resolution which is attached to these minutes. Dr. Sewall began the conversation with the Commissioner which continued until the resolution was solidified. Dr. Gomez asked what the \$750,000 noted in the resolution would be used to fund. Ms. Tinker inquired as to whether or not Attorney Mooney has reviewed the document. The document has been reviewed by Attorney Mooney. There was discussion about using up to \$50,000 of the money towards the new superintendent's contract. The Board wanted the "initial period of service", as stipulated in the final paragraph of the resolution, to be at least three years.

Motion by Ms. Tinker, seconded by Mrs. Osuba, that the Board of Education accept the resolution (attached) with the request/recommendation that the contract be for at least three years.

Motion is unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Osuba, seconded by Mr. Quamme, that the Board meeting adjourn at 6:50 P.M.

Motion is unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Lambert, Chair

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Connecticut State Board of Education Hartford

TO BE PROPOSED: February 6, 2014

Be it jointly resolved by the State Board of Education and the Windham Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-223e of the Connecticut General Statutes:

RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Department of Education shall conclude the Special Master function for the Windham school district as of June 30, 2014, with a final report due by the Special Master to the State Board of Education by September 15, 2014;

RESOLVED, That the Windham Board of Education, acting through its Superintendent Search Committee, shall lead the search for a new Superintendent of Schools for the Windham school district;

RESOLVED, That in conducting such search, the Windham Board of Education, acting through its Superintendent Search Committee, shall coordinate with the State Commissioner of Education (or a designee) in order to identify and agree upon qualities and qualifications desired and expected of candidates for the position;

RESOLVED, That the Windham Board of Education, acting through its Superintendent Search Committee, will then conduct a search for candidates, select candidates for a first round of interviews, and interview such candidates;

RESOLVED, That the Windham Board of Education, acting through its Superintendent Search Committee, will then identify no fewer than three finalists for the position, or fewer upon consent of the State Commissioner of Education;

RESOLVED, That the Windham Board of Education, acting through its Superintendent Search Committee, and the State Commissioner of Education (or designee) shall then jointly conduct interviews of the finalists and jointly recommend a final candidate for appointment by the Windham Board of Education;

RESOLVED, That upon such joint recommendation, the Windham Board of Education shall elect such jointly-recommended final candidate to serve as its Superintendent of Schools exclusively as an employee of the Windham Board of Education;

RESOLVED, That the Windham Board of Education and State Commissioner of Education (or designee) shall jointly determine the period of service and renewal date of the contract for the Superintendent of Schools, which shall be incorporated into the Superintendent's contract;

RESOLVED, That the Windham Board of Education and State Commissioner of Education (or designee) shall jointly make the determination regarding renewal of the contract, which joint determination shall be incorporated into the Superintendent's contract;

RESOLVED, That if the jointly-selected Superintendent vacates the office prior to June 30, 2019 for any reason, including but not limited to non-renewal or termination, the Windham Board of Education and the State Commissioner of Education shall engage in the same joint process for selecting the next Superintendent;

RESOLVED, The State Department of Education shall continue to provide additional funding to the Windham school district in an amount of \$750,000 per year, in addition to its ECS and Alliance District allocations, during the Superintendent's initial period of service.

Approved by a vote of _____, this fifth day of February, Two Thousand Fourteen.

Signed: _____
Stefan Pryor, Secretary
State Board of Education