

WINDHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION
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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2016

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Mrs. Osuba, Vice-chair Dr. Sewall, Secretary Dr. Gomez (via teleconference), Mr. Kalajian, Mrs. Lambert (arrived at 5:10pm), Mr. Flores-Alvarez

BOARD ABSENT: Mr. Montalvo, Mr. French, Mr. Quamme

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Garcia, Interim Assistant Superintendent Mr. Chaffin, Directors: Ms. Beghetto

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: None

OTHERS PRESENT: General public, staff administrators, news media

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Mrs. Osuba called the June 8, 2016 Board of Education special meeting to order at 5:05P.M. in the conference room at the Kramer Building.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Osuba led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION ITEMS

Revised Board of Education Meeting Schedule (Ref. 1)

Motion of Dr. Sewall, seconded by Mr. Kalajian, that the Board of Education approve the revised Board of Education Meeting Schedule.

The schedule will provide for the June Workshop meeting to be held on June 22, 2016 and the cancellation of the July meetings.

**On the Motion: Aye: Mrs. Osuba, Dr. Sewall, Dr. Gomez, Mr. Kalajian,
Mr. Flores-Alvarez**

Abstained: Mrs. Lambert

Personnel Recommendations (Ref. 2)

Motion of Dr. Sewall, seconded by Mr. Kalajian that the Board of Education approve the following appointments and accept the following resignations as recommended:

APPOINTMENTS

- Rita Parciak, to the position of Associate Director of Finance effective June 13, 2016, salary \$95,000. Replacement.
- James Rand to the position of ECO – Math Teacher at Windham High School effective December 21, 2015, salary \$44,412. Replacement.
- Tracy Youngberg to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning and Leadership, salary \$145,000 effective date July 1, 2016. Replacement.

- Jason Foster to the position of Principal at Windham High School, salary \$138,577 effective July 1, 2016. Replacement.
- Brett DuBow to the position of Principal at Windham Middle School, salary \$122,289 effective July 1, 2016. Replacement.

RESIGNATIONS

- Lori Arpin, Grade 2 Teacher at North Windham School effective June 30, 2016 for the purpose of retirement.
- Chamari Davis, Grade 2 Teacher at Sweeney School effective June 9, 2016.
- Daniela De Sousa, Art Teacher at Windham Center School effective June 30, 2016.
- Shelley Duchesne, Special Education Teacher at Windham High School effective June 30, 2016.
- Ashley Labarbera, Grade 1 Teacher at North Windham School effective June 30, 2016.
- Stephanie Mineo, Grade 2 Teacher at Natchaug School effective June 9, 2016.
- Eva Ramos-Erazo, Family Liaison at North Windham School effective May 11, 2016.
- Melanie Sabrowske, Grade 6 Reading Teacher at Windham Middle School effective June 9, 2016.
- Michael Thomson, Grade 6 Read/LA Teacher at Windham Middle School effective June 9, 2016.
- Aga Gonzalez, Accountant at Central Office effective June 17, 2016.
- Lilie Hudson, Grade 8 Math Teacher at Windham Middle school effective June 30, 2016.
- William Langton, Grade 5 Teacher at North Windham School effective June 30, 2016.
- Hiab Debessai, Read/LA Grade 8 at Windham Middle School effective June 30, 2016.
- Hailey McClure, Read/LA Grade 6 at Windham Middle School effective June 9, 2016.
- Terri Bohn, Part Time Job Coach at Windham High School effective June 9, 2016.

Mrs. Lambert expressed that she would abstain because personal commitments had prevented her from being at the candidates' introductory meetings, thus did not have enough information to cast a vote.

On the Motion: **Aye:** **Mrs. Osuba, Dr. Sewall, Dr. Gomez, Mr. Kalajian,
Mr. Flores-Alvarez**
Abstained: Mrs. Lambert

Mrs. Osuba congratulated the three new administrators on their new positions. She introduced Tracy Youngberg, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning and Leadership; Mr. Jason Foster, Principal at Windham High School, and Ms. Brett DuBow, Principal at Windham Middle School. Each new administrator expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Windham Public School system. Dr. Garcia congratulated the candidates and also commended Mrs. Beghetto and all of the members of the interviewing committees on their great efforts during the hiring process. Dr. Gomez alluded to a previous hiring recommendation in which Mr. French, in response to Dr. Gomez' concern, expressed that since the Board had vested the Superintendent with the responsibility of forming a search committee and there had been due process, it was in the best interest of the district to accept the search committee's recommendations. Dr. Gomez added that this was the same case and he felt that the committees did a good job and were to be commended.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Montalvo, seconded by Mr. Kalajian, that the Board of Education adjourn at 5:25 P.M.