

WINDHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
September 28, 2016

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

BOARD ABSENT: Mr. Flores-Alvarez

ADMINISTRATION

PRESENT: Superintendent Patricia Garcia, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Youngberg, Interim Assistant Superintendent Mr. Chaffin, Directors: Ms. Beghetto, Ms. Markey

STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVES: None

OTHERS PRESENT: General public, staff, administrators, news media

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mrs. Osuba called the September 28, 2016 Board of Education meeting to order at 7:07pm in the Windham High School Library Media Center.

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGIANCE

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

WORKSHOP TOPIC

Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding v. Rell Decision review

Attorney Gregory Copeland gave the Board a summary of the Connecticut Superior Court's September 7, 2016 decision in the Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding v. Rell case. He enumerated what the next steps would be since the decision has been appealed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Dr. Sewall, seconded by Mr. Kalajian, that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 7:51pm for the discussion of exempt documents pertaining to personnel matters and bargaining unit negotiations.**

**The motion is unanimously approved.**

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ADMINISTRATION

PRESENT: Superintendent Patricia Garcia, Director Ms. Beghetto, Attorney Jessica Ritter

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES

**Motion by Mr. Kalajain, seconded by Dr. Seall, that the board reconvene in regular session at 7:51PM.**

**Motion is unanimously approved.**

FORENSIC ACCOUNTING REPORT

**Motion by Mrs. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Montalvo to authorize Shipman & Goodwin to publicly release the audit report prepared by Forensic Accounting Services, LLC.**

**Motion is unanimously approved**

WINDHAM FEDERATION OF TEACHERS' "WALK IN"

Announcement was made regarding the Windham Federation of Teachers' "Walk In" event to be held on October 6 at the high school at 7AM to support public education. All members were invited to attend.

PERSONNEL MATTER

Ms. Hafiz and Ms. Packer were in attendance (9:02PM). Mrs. Osuba read a statement regarding the issue and Ms. Hafiz read a prepared statement and shared documents with the Board. Ms. Ritter distributed documents and provided statements. There followed a discussion by the Board.

**Motion by Dr. Sewall, seconded by Mr. Kallajian, that the board denies the grievance based on there being no contractual violation.**

**Motion is unanimously approved.**

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Dr. Sewall, seconded by Mr. Montalvo, that the board adjourn its meeting at 10:07PM.**

**Motion is unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Jaime Gomez, Secretary