

# WINTHROP SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Virginia Geyer, Vice-Chairperson Kristin Shumway, Jana Diket, Joe Pietroski and Meg Cook

ABSENT/LATE: Absent - Fantasia Perez and Kelly Stratton

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Gary Rosenthal, Administrative Assistant Coleen Souza, Members of the Community, Members of WPS Administration and Staff

- I. Chairperson Geyer called the meeting to order at 5:01PM.
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance recited
  - B. Roll call taken
  
- II. Communication Public Comments
  - A. Adjustments to Agenda – Superintendent Rosenthal advised that the Presentation by Rachel Miville (or designee), Need for Additional Health Aide in section VI has been removed from the agenda as this position has been added to the budget.
  
  - B. Public Comments:  
None.
  
- III. Administrator Open Forum:  
None.
  
- IV. Focus on Instruction  
None
  
- V. Continuing Business

## **Winthrop School Committee Motion to Approve 2018-19 School Operating Budget**

Motion: Meg moved that the 2018-19 School Operating Budget [including Nutrition and Adult Education allocations] for the Town of Winthrop be approved in the total amount of **\$11,877,508.06**, and that the Superintendent be authorized to present that budget to the Council.

*Note: The above motion is to approve the school operating budget. Maine law requires that the cost centers accompany the total school budget submitted to the council. The council acts on the total school budget only. That budget is submitted to validation referendum. The school committee allocates the total approved budget among cost centers.*

Joe seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

**Winthrop School Committee Motion to Approve 2018-19 Notice of School Budget**

Motion: Meg moved that the 2018-19 Notice of School Budget Adopted by Town Council and Submitted to Budget Validation Referendum be approved and that following Council approval of the school budget the Superintendent be authorized to complete, execute and deliver that Notice to the Town Clerk for use at the budget validation referendum.

*Note: The above motion is to approve this Notice for posting at the polls.*

Jana seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

**Winthrop School Committee Motion to Approve Additional Local Funds Article for 2018-19 School Operating Budget**

Motion: Meg moved that the Additional Local Funds Article for the 2018-19 School Operating Budget for the Town of Winthrop be approved for the purpose of raising **\$ 6,787,842.65** in additional local funds for the school operating budget, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$ 5,200.673.75** that the Statement of Reasons for exceeding that model be approved as set forth below, and that the Superintendent be authorized to prepare and deliver that article to the Council for approval.

School Committee's Statement of Reasons for Exceeding Essential Programs and Services allocation model: The school budget proposed for the fiscal year exceeds the state's funding allocation model for various reasons. In general, (i) the model does not recognize the actual costs to operate and maintain the school program and curriculum; (ii) the state is not funding the model at 55% of the actual total cost of education; (iii) the state has added certain costs to the model without increasing available funding such as the state share of teacher retirement costs; (iv) the state has reduced or eliminated funding of costs necessary to operate the schools by such means as changing the student: teacher ratio, the student: ed tech, and other student: staff ratios and reducing funding of administrative costs.

*Note: The above motion is to approve the additional local funds article for the school operating budget. When the budget exceeds the EPS model, Maine law requires a separate school committee vote and a separate council vote on this Article for the school operating budget. Maine law further requires approval of the article by majorities of the full school committee and of the full council. Maine law requires that a Statement of Reasons for exceeding the state allocation model accompany the Article.*

Kristin seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

**Winthrop School Committee Motion to Approve 2018-19 Adult Education Budget**

Motion: Meg moved that the 2018-19 Adult Education Budget for the Town of Winthrop be approved in the amount of \$125,593.39, including the sum of \$35,000 to be raised in support of that budget, and that the Superintendent be authorized to prepare and deliver that budget to the Council for approval.

*Note: The above motion is to approve the Adult Education budget.*

Jana seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

**Winthrop School Committee Motion to Approve 2018-19 School Food Service and Nutrition Budget**

Motion: Meg moved that the 2018-19 School Food Service and Nutrition Budget for the Town of Winthrop be approved in the amount of \$551,799.05, including the sum of \$95,000 to be raised in support of that budget, and that the Superintendent be authorized to prepare and deliver that budget to the Council for approval.

*Note: The above motion is to approve the Food Service Budget.*

Jana seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

VI. **Adjournment:**

At 5:55 p.m. Meg moved to adjourn. Jana seconded and the motion passed 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Souza  
Recording Secretary

Gary Rosenthal  
Superintendent