

WINTHROP SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2018

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

ABSENT/LATE: Absent -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 6:00PM.
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance recited
 - B. Roll call taken

- II. Communication Public Comments
 - A. Adjustments to Agenda:
 - Add Approval of May 4, 2018 meeting minutes
 - Add Executive Session Re: Labor Negotiations

 - B. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Jana moved to accept the minutes of the April 25, 2018 meeting.
Meg seconded, and the motion passed 5:0.

Jana moved to accept the minutes of the May 2, 2018 meeting.
Meg seconded, and the motion passed 5:0.

Jana moved to accept the minutes of the May 4, 2018 meeting.
Meg seconded, and the motion passed 5:0.

 - C. Superintendent Report:

Winthrop High School was recognized for a 2nd time with the Silver Award from US News. For 2018, we were ranked the 8th best high school in the State of Maine.
Kudos to the High School and all teachers K-12.

The Maine Labor Relations Board sent us the election report for the administrator association formation. 8 members were eligible to vote, 7 ballots were cast and 7 ballots were in favor of the formation of the union. We are not sure what the next steps are.

Gary advised that Joel is currently in conversation with Monmouth regarding combining the Robotics programs. Joel stated that one issue is that Monmouth participates in a different program league.

 - D. School Committee Chair Report:

None.

E. Standing Committee Reports
Finance Committee (Warrant Rotation) – As reported by Jana
The committee is up to date on warrants as of last week.

Policy Committee – As reported by Meg
The committee will meet tomorrow at 8:30 a.m.

Negotiations: - As reported by Kristin
Negotiations are ongoing with Teachers and Central Office staff.

F. Public Comments:
None.

III. Administrator Open Forum:
Sarah Landry:

- The US News award was definitely at team effort. Ginny asked Sara to thank the students on behalf of the School Committee.
- Today Biology students released salmon into the wild as part of a wildlife and fisheries program.
- 8th grade Step Up Day is tomorrow. We are looking forward to welcoming the upcoming freshmen.
- Seniors are going on a class trip tomorrow to Reid State Park as a reward for winning March Madness.
- Day of Caring is Friday!! We are looking forward to working in the community. The focus this year is businesses in Winthrop, especially downtown. Thank you, to Amanda Boyce for organizing.
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Karen Criss:

- Yesterday we completed our last extended Tuesday.
- The Art Show was a HUGE success. New projects were so exciting to see.
- Discover 101 made notes to senior citizens in nursing homes. I got to deliver a stack to Glenridge, where my Mom now lives. The residents were filled with JOY to receive thoughtful words on Mother's Day.
- All 7th Graders participated in speeches this month. This week the finalists are competed in the Library. I will have winners for the next meeting.
- Looking forward to the 8th grade step up day tomorrow and our final dance of the year on Friday night.

Laurie Lemieux:

- Last year the state visited our district to audit the Special Education Department. I have recently been notified that we passed.
- Today is the regional track and field day for Special Olympics.

Jeff Ladd:

- May 4th Hope for Shyanna Fundraiser was held with over \$4,000 raised.
- May 9th WGS hosted the "Festival of the Arts".
- May 9th PTA helped us celebrate Staff Appreciation Day with a Fiesta of Food.
- Wonder Awhile Nursery School Step Up Day was held with 3 groups visiting Preschool and Kindergarten classrooms.
- May 14th Preschool held their "Muffin Mingle" for students and their families.

IV. IV. Focus on Instruction - None.

V. Continuing Business:

Policy Review: None

FY 19 Budget Review:

As reported by Superintendent Rosenthal:

Budget Review – There are 13.37% of budget funds remaining at this time. There are 3 payrolls and 3 account payable warrants still to pay.

Article 6 is overdrawn, Building Maintenance and Special Education are in good shape.

Funds will be moved to cover any deficit lines in June, per the auditor.

VI. New Business:

Nomination of Probationary/Continuing Contract Teachers

Superintendent Rosenthal mentioned that all the recommended teachers have been through the evaluation process and he is making the following recommendations:

Jana moved to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to move the following teachers from:

1st Year Probationary recommended to be renewed to 2nd year probationary status:

Kristin Mutchler – Grade 1 Teacher	WGS
Nik Foulke – MS/HS Band Chorus	WMS/WHS
Margaret Mountcastle – Art	WHS
Christine O’Brian – English	WHS

Joe seconded, and the motion passed 5:0.

Jana moved to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to move the following teachers from:

2nd Year Probationary recommended to be renewed to 3rd year probationary status:

Sara Johnson – Art Teacher	WGS
Kim Blanco – Grade 4 Teacher	WGS
Hilary Pottle – Grade 2 Teacher	WGS
Lauren McHatten – Guidance Counselor	WMS
Kelsey Ouellette – Spanish	WHS
Ross Shaler – Latin	WHS

Joe seconded, and the motion passed 5:0.

Jana moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to move the following teachers from:

3rd Year Probationary recommended to be renewed to Continuing Contract:

Deanna Emery – Grade 1 Teacher	WGS
Deb Jones – Grade 3 Teacher	WGS
Jessica Wing – Grade 3 Teacher	WGS
Erika Guerrette – Grade 4 Teacher	WGS
Michelle Rioux – Preschool Teacher	WGS
Kelcie Simmons – Science	WMS
Margo MacKenzie – Math	WMS
Joe Burnham – Science	WMS
Chelsea Drew – Guidance Counselor	WHS
Vanessa Mertzal – Science	WHS
Dennis Price – Drama/Theater Arts	WHS

Joe seconded, and the motion passed 5:0.

Jana moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to move the following teachers from:

2017-2018 Teacher Nominations Special Education Dept.

2nd Year Probationary recommended to be renewed to 3rd year probationary status:

Brittni Carver	WMS
Rebecca Turcotte	WGS

Joe seconded, and the motion passed 5:0.

Jana moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to move the following teachers from:

2017-2018 Teacher Nominations Special Education Dept.

3rd Year Probationary recommended to be renewed to Continuing Contract:

Athena Sargent	WGS
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Appointment of FY2018-2019 Interim Superintendent:

Kristin moved to nominate Dr. Cornelia Brown as the Interim Superintendent of Schools in Winthrop for the 2018-2019 school year effective July 1, 2018

Jana seconded, and the motion passed 5:0.

Chairperson Geyer read Dr. Cornelia Brown's biography to the group.

VII. School Committee Member Open Forum:

Jana:

- I did not get to the art show until after hours but it was amazing.
- Thanks to the PTA for the staff appreciation day lunch
- Congratulations to the top 10 WHS Students, one being Fantasia
- Congratulations to WPS for the silver metal award
- I did some research for the Day of Caring -3x20 vinyl banners costs \$360 and double sided lawn signs \$40

Ginny:

Next meeting date is May 30 at 6:00 p.m. Kristin will not be able to attend.

Kristin:

At the last Town Council meeting we were asked to reduce our budget from an increase of .68 mils to a .5 mil increase. That will be an approximate \$108,000 reduction. The A-Team made suggested reductions and these suggestions are listed in the committee member's packets. We will reapprove the budget/warrant articles at our May 30th School Committee meeting

I will look at the Town Councils' list of questions and will provide answers.

VIII. Executive Session:

At 6:46 p.m. Kristin moved to enter into executive session to discuss labor negotiations pursuant to 1MRSA § 405 (6) (D). Meg seconded and the motion passed 5:0.

At 7:55 p.m. The meeting became public.

IX. Adjournment:

At 7:56 p.m. Kristin moved to adjourn. Jana seconded and the motion passed 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Souza
Recording Secretary

Gary Rosenthal
Superintendent