

WINTHROP SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 30, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Virginia Geyer, Jana Diket, Joe Pietroski, Meg Cook, and Fantasia Perez

ABSENT/LATE: Absent: Kristin Shumway 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 6:00 PM.
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance recited
 - B. Roll call taken
- II. Communication Public Comments
 - A. Adjustments to Agenda
Add Presentation of WPS Latin Convention Awards
 - B. Public Comments:
Carl asked if there would be any changes made to multi colored sheet – Ginny advised No
- III. Administrator Open Forum:
None.
- IV. Focus on Instruction
None.
- V. Continuing Business

Presentation of WPS Latin Convention Awards:

Vincent Scott, WPS student and President of WPS Latin Club, shared the awards and accomplishments that the team from WPS brought home from the Spring Latin Convention.

Approval of FY 19 Budget Articles:

Superintendent Rosenthal advised that he crossed referenced all budget forms to ensure accuracy.

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 **\$11,762,350.36**, 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.

Jana seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

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 4-0.

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 **\$ 6,672,684.95** in additional local funds for the school operating budget, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$ 1,472,011.20** 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.

Jana seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

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 **\$133,097.46**, 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 4-0.

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 **\$551,779.05**, 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 4-0.

VI. New Business
None.

VII. School Committee Open Forum:

Jana – Wished everyone success with the last few weeks of the school year. She also thanked all staff for their efforts in making this another great year for WPS.

Joe – Spoke about Lacrosse and Hockey funding. He mentioned that there are few spectators at both sports due to the games being played out of District.

Joe also spoke about his concerns regard the new photocopier contract and the process that was used to select the vendor. He advised that the district is currently in a 6-year contract that we are proposing to break and enter in to another 6-year contract. There is a cost factor that is in this budget. Joe will be meeting with the Superintendent and Richard Cormier on Thursday to review the bid/selection process.

Ginny – Thanked everyone for a great school year and reminded the group of the Town Council meeting on Monday, June 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Meg – Will be attending a Diversity meeting at Temple Beth El in Augusta to discuss the WPS Celebration of Diversity policy. WPS was the first to adopt such a policy. Meg also stated it was a pleasure to be able to attend the Latin Convention that was held at Camp Mechuwana last week. She stated that it was great to be with the kids. Meg is honored to be going to the summer event in Indianapolis.

Meg also reminded the group that Class Night is Friday, June 8, at 6pm; Graduation is Sunday, June 10 at 2 PM; and Academic/Sports Awards Night is Wednesday, June 6 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

At 6:27 p.m. Jana moved to adjourn. Meg seconded and the motion passed 4:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Souza
Recording Secretary

Gary Rosenthal
Superintendent