

Winnacunnet Cooperative School District

School Board Meeting Minutes Winnacunnet High School – Lecture Hall Wednesday, November 15, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Board Members: Henry Marsh: Chair (N. Hampton), Leslie Lafond, Vice-Chair, David Gandt (Hampton Falls), Fran Henderson (Seabrook), and Catherine Antonio - (At Large).

Administration: Dr. Robert Sullivan; Superintendent, Dr. Ronna Cadarette; Assistant Superintendent, Matt Ferreira; Business Administrator, and Bill McGowan; Principal.

Isabel Johnston; Student Council Representative excused herself at 6:39 p.m.

Call to Order

At 6:32 p.m., Henry Marsh called the Winnacunnet School Board meeting to **order**, and led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

3. Winnacunnet Pride – Isabel Johnston expressed:

- Congratulations to the Winnacunnet Football Team for achieving and qualifying in the Division One State Champions Title to be held on Saturday, November 18th.
- Congratulations to Billy Powers for being chosen as a WMUR Hometown Hero.
- Congratulations to Josh Dirksen who won the World Cup Skate Board Event in Orange County, CA.

Catherine Antonio gave a SHOUT OUT to The Winnacunnet ROTC for serving over 750 hours of community service such as helping with the hurricane relief fund raising, and the Seafood Festival.

Henry Marsh expressed appreciation to all students and participants attending the football games for their impressive positive behaviors. The whole event was well handled, along with a positive feeling of safety with the presence of the Hampton Police and the mounted police patrol.

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4. Public Comment on Agenda Items - There were no comments.

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5. Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

Motion: Catherine Antonio moved to approve the October 18, 2017 Public minutes as written. Second: Fran Henderson. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Motion: Leslie Lafond moved to approve the October 30, 2017 Work Session minutes as written, the November 3, 2017 Work Session minutes as written, and the November 7, 2017 Work Session minutes as written. Second: Henry Marsh. Motion passed 5-0-0, for November 3, 2017, and November 7, 2017.

Motion passed 4-0-1, for October 30, 2017. (Abstained: Catherine Antonio).

B) Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sullivan reviewed his written report, and provided information on school cancellations, delayed openings, and early dismissals.

Dr. Cadarette reviewed a written report, and informed that Commissioner Edelblut has re-scheduled his visit to our SAU #21 Districts on Dec 18, 2017.

C) Principal's Report

Principal McGowan reviewed his written report, and informed that Winnacunnet High School Students and staff will be participating in the Hampton Holiday Parade.

6. Continuing Business

A) Board Liaisons

Leslie Lafond informed of the exciting new math classes to be offered to students and will be discussed under D. Program of Studies.

Matt Ferreira informed that there is a renewed push by Health Trust to encourage participants to use the Smart Shopper, and health assessments which could help to reduce the GMR. A health assessment screening may be scheduled in the SAU 21 District.

The Board inquired about a quarterly report on the use of programs used by the district members of Health Trust.

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B) Superintendent's Search – Update

Matt Ferreira informed that the Screening Committee will meet during the first week of December, and will be recommending candidates on December 18th at 7:00 p.m.

C) Policy – Second Read and Approval – JICI Weapons on School Property

Motion: Fran Henderson moved to approve JICI Weapons on School Property for Second Read as amended. Second: Leslie Lafond. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Amendment: Page 2 of 2: Change “may” to “shall” modification on the third and fourth paragraph.

Members of the public who violate this policy shall be reported to local law enforcement authorities, if possession of the weapon is used in a threatening, harassing or intimidating manner.

The Superintendent or other building administrator shall exercise his/her best judgement in determining the scope of this policy as it relates to inadvertent or unintentional violations of this policy by adults, provided such inadvertent or unintentional violation of this policy does not affect the safety of students, school staff or the public.

Motion: Lesley Lafond moved to add the word “and”. Second: David Gandt. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Page 1- Under Other Weapons Paragraph 2. “Weapon” is further defined as any device, instrument, material or substance, which is used, and attempted to be used, or threatened to be used, and is readily capable of causing death or serious physical injury.

Motion: Catherine Antonio moved to approve Policy JICI for Second Read as amended. Second: Leslie Lafond. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Dr. Sullivan agreed to contact the NHSBA in regard to drafting a policy for Weapons on School Property involving the public and adults.

D) Program of Studies – 2018-2019 – Update

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Principal McGowan introduced six additional classes that will be added to the curriculum program of studies to include: Intermediate Algebra – 2 Trimester, replaces Senior Math, Design, Code, and Build – 1 Trimester, Python Programming – 1 Trimester, Intro to Flight – 1 Trimester, AP Environmental Science – Full Year, and String Orchestra – 1 Trimester. There is no impact on staffing.

7. New Business

A) District Goal

Administration informed about the goal connected to the My Learning Plan and Competency Based Learning for teaching staff, which is posted on My Learning Plan as well as on the SAU #21 website.

SAU #21 districts will develop a fully-aligned competency-based curriculum across disciplines by collaborating and communicating with stake holders as measured by completed common assessments, rubrics, and reporting tools to advance student learning within a growth model by June 2020.

B) Awarding of Bids – Art Room Renovation

Matt Ferreira informed that several Art Room Renovation bids have been received, and Administration is still in the process of reviewing them. We will provide the information to the Budget Committee for their input, and will be presenting the information as we continue this process.

C) South Hampton CTE Students

Dr. Sullivan informed that Winnacunnet High School students have the ability to attend SST programming. SST involves eight New Hampshire districts in all.

Our students in South Hampton do not attend Winnacunnet High School, but they attend Amesbury High School in Amesbury, MA., which is a closer distance and shorter bus ride.

Interested students from Amesbury High School would attend the Whittier Regional Technical High School in MA. As of 2007, there is a contract between Amesbury, MA High School for interested students to attend the Whittier Regional Technical High

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School. South Hampton students who attend the Amesbury High School are not part of that contract and do not have the right to attend the Whittier Regional Technical High School.

Interested South Hampton, NH students/parents have the right to contact, and inquire about attending the Whittier Regional Technical High School themselves. Due to the increase in enrollment in the Technical High School, the response is that they are hard pressed to handle the response that their own districts are responsible for.

Dr. Sullivan has expressed how to find a way for a future South Hampton student to attend a CTE program, if there is an interest.

Winnacunnet High School has a policy with explicit language to not accept out of district students. He expressed an interest in gathering more information with an RSA that talks about an educational hardship that would not change the policy. More information would be forthcoming as he addresses this need.

D) SESPA Contract Update – The Board agreed to defer the SESPA Contract Update to a non-meeting.

8. Budget Review

Matt Ferreira reviewed the FY2017-2018 expenditures.

- The final budget is \$26,241,037, with a 3.9% increase.
- Page 171 - 7262026-432 Repair/Maintenance Service \$135,000
Administration has proposed the reduction of \$20,000

Motion: David Gandt moved to accept the recommendation from administration, and to approve the \$20,000 reduction for line item 171 – Page - 171 7262026-432 Repair/Maintenance Service \$135,000. Second: Leslie Lafond. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Motion: Henry Marsh moved to accept the administration recommended 2018-2019 budget for \$26,241,037. Second: Leslie Lafond. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Henry Marsh expressed that the proposed 2018-2019 budget is a responsible budget to present to the Winnacunnet Budget Committee.

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A. School Nutrition Report

Matt Ferreira reviewed the School Nutrition Department Report written by Ed Comeau; School Nutrition Director.

B. 2018-2019 Budget Review Dates

C. 2018-2019 Warrant Articles

Matt Ferreira informed that:

- SESPA Negotiations need to be ratified within the next two weeks.
- Administration is currently reviewing the Art Department Renovations bids, and will present their findings to the school board, and to the budget committee for review.
- Security Upgrades will hold until we hear about an Infrastructures Grant that was applied for.
- Special Education Expendable Trust \$150,000
- Health Care Expendable Trust \$25,000

The Board agreed to vote on all of the warrant articles together.

The Board expressed that if one District chooses not to approve the SESPA negotiations, then the negotiations will immediately begin again.

North Hampton, South Hampton, Seabrook, and Hampton Falls residents also need to remember to vote their choice on the Winnacunnet Collective Bargaining Agreement when voting on the Winnacunnet High School Ballot, as the Winnacunnet High School ballot in each town, is also considered when approving or not approving a warrant article.

9. Other

10. Public Comment

Motion: Henry Marsh recessed the school board meeting at 8:13 p.m. to conduct a non-meeting under RSA 91-A:2 (i) to discuss collective bargaining.

A non-meeting is used while the SESPA and Administration are still in negotiations.

Submitted by Maureen Hastings, Recording Secretary (Approved December 20, 2017)