

Winnacunnet Cooperative School District

School Board Meeting Minutes

Winnacunnet High School – Lecture Hall

The Regular School Board meeting will immediately follow the Public Hearing for the Acceptance of Gifts to the Winnacunnet School District
Wednesday, March 21, 2018

6:30 p.m.

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

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

Call to Order

At 6:34 p.m., Dr. Robert Sullivan called the meeting of the Winnacunnet School Board to **order** in accordance with RSA 91-A-2.

Congratulations was extended to Leslie Lafond and Catherine Antonio for their successful re-election to the school board and expressed appreciation for their commitment to serving the Winnacunnet Community.

3. Re-organization of the Board

A. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Superintendent Sullivan called for a motion to nominate the Board Chair.

Motion: Fran Henderson moved to nominate Henry Marsh as School Board Chair for the 2018-2019 school year. Second: Leslie Lafond. Motion passed 4-0-1. (Henry Marsh abstained).

Henry Marsh invited Isabel Johnston to lead the Pledge of Alliance.

Motion: Henry Marsh moved to nominate Leslie Lafond as School Board Vice-Chair for the 2018-2019 school year. Second: Fran Henderson. Motion passed 4-0-1. (Leslie Lafond abstained).

B. Committee Assignments

Position (Elected)

Board Chair Henry Marsh

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Board Vice-Chair Leslie Lafond

B) Committee Assignments

Budget Committee Representative	Fran Henderson
Budget Committee Alternative	David Gandt
SEA Negotiations	David Gandt
SEA Negotiations Alternate	Catherine Antonio
SESPA Negotiations	not needed
SESPA Negotiations Alternate	not needed
NHSBA Delegate	Catherine Antonio
NHSBA Alternate	Fran Henderson
SAU Operations Committee Representative:	Catherine Antonio
SAU Operations Committee Representative alternate:	David Gandt
SST Representative	Leslie Lafond
SST Alternate	Fran Henderson

High School Liaisons:

Curriculum	Leslie Lafond
Facilities	Fran Henderson
Technology	David Gandt
Special Education	Catherine Antonio
Athletics/Student Activities	Henry Marsh

4. Accept and Adopt Policy Manual as written

Motion: Catherine Antonio moved to accept and adopt policy manual as written. Second: Fran Henderson. Motion passed 5-0-0.

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A) Signing of Policy BBBF

The Board signed the Ethics Policy BBBF as written.

5. Winnacunnet Pride

Isabel Johnston reviewed the on-going student activities such as the spectacular trip to Portugal and Spain with an extended layover in Frankfurt, Germany due to weather. Spring sports and Trimester 3 has begun, Mr. WHS pageant is upcoming, JAG students are holding a school supply collection to send and to show support to Parkland High School, FL.

Principal McGowan introduced a Reaching Higher NH www.reaachinghighernh.org printed brochure for the ELO NH Extended Learning Opportunities featuring Winnacunnet High School Students, and announced that a February 2019 student trip to Greece and an April 2019 student trip to Italy are being planned.

The Board expressed appreciation to the voters for their support of all the Winnacunnet Warrant Articles.

6. Public Comment on Agenda Items – There were no comments.

7. Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

Motion: Fran Henderson motioned to approve the February 21, 2018 Public Hearing, Public, and Non-Public minutes as written. Second: Catherine Antonio.
Motion passed 5-0-0.

B) Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sullivan reviewed his written report. He expressed his respect and sympathy for Carol Dugan: Reading Specialist from the South Hampton School District.

Dr. Cadarette reviewed her written report and discussed school safety.

- ❖ Forrest Carter of Seabrook was nominated by the SAU #21 to receive the 2018 Champions for Children Award for his dedication, passion and participation with Across New Hampshire, After School Alliance Ambassador, Seabrook Adventure Zone, Six Flags Read to Succeed, and Seacoast Youth Services. The SAU21

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Administration will recognize Mr. Carter during the April 9, 2018 Seabrook School Board meeting.

C) Principal's Report

Principal McGowan informed that:

- ❖ Appreciation was expressed to Winnacunnet MCJROTC cadets led by LT. Col Mike Antonio from Mary Conroy, President of Special Olympics for their assistance with the Penguin Plunge.
- ❖ Congratulations to Alexis Seta who will represent New Hampshire in the 44th annual Lions Twin State Soccer game on July 21, 2018.
- ❖ Superintendent Lupini will be visiting Winnacunnet High School on April 5th to meet with students, and staff.
- ❖ Principal McGowan, Officer Deluca, and Ryan Stevens; Dean of Student Safety & Operations attended A.L.I.C.E training and became certified trainers, with the idea of training school staff. More information will be forthcoming.

Henry Marsh informed that NH legislature is contemplating a New Hampshire High School student requirement for seniors to pass citizenship tests before they graduate.

8. Continuing Business

A) Board Liaisons – Update

Matt Ferreira reported that due to a recent facilities incident where a lacrosse ball hit a sprinkler head and flooded a section of gymnasium floor causing some damage. Either replacement or refinishing the floor will be determined. In the meantime, our neighboring schools and basketball facilities have provided gym space for five spring teams to practice in. More information will be forthcoming.

The bathroom area of the gymnasium pipes froze and caused water damage and that measures are being made to remedy this problem. He continues to work and move forward with the security upgrade and art room renovation project.

9. New Business

A) Acceptance of Gifts

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Motion: Leslie Lafond motioned to accept \$5,000 to the Winnacunnet Cooperative School District on behalf of the Winnacunnet High School Baseball Program. Second: Fran Henderson. Motion passed 5-0-0.

The Board expressed appreciation to the Hampton Babe Ruth League for their donation of \$5,000 to the Winnacunnet Cooperative School District on behalf of the Winnacunnet Cooperative School Baseball Program.

10. Budget Review

B) Audit Governance Letter (Out of order)

Matt Ferreira reviewed the Plodzik and Sanderson Governance Letter in regard to the 2017 Annual Financial Audit. The full audit can be viewed on the SAU21 website.

D) Award of Bid – Security Surveillance Upgrades (Out of order)

Motion: Fran Henderson motioned to accept the bid from FTD Security for the open security system upgrade RFP for \$324,278.26. Second: Leslie Lafond. Motion passed 5-0-0.

This project is funded from the 2018-19 Security Upgrades Warrant Article.

This project is approved for reimbursement at an 80% rate from NH Public School Infrastructure Fund. \$265,000 will be returned to the general fund as revenue.

B) 2017-2018 Last Day of School

Motion: Leslie Lafond motioned to approve the proposed 2017-2018 last day of school to be June 21, 2018 for students and June 22, 2018 for teachers if there are no waivers. Second: Fran Henderson. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Motion: Leslie Lafond moved to keep Graduation Day on June 8, 2018. Second: Fran Henderson. Motion passed 5-0-0.

C) 2018-2019 School Calendar

Motion: Fran Henderson motioned to approve the proposed 2018-2019 School Calendar as amended. Second: Catherine Antonio. Motion passed 5-0-0.

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Amendment to the school calendar – Change August to three teacher days,
Change November to 17 days, and to label parent conference within the key on
bottom of the calendar.

10. Budget Review

Matt Ferreira reviewed the FY 2017-18 expenditure report.

A) School Nutrition Report

Matt Ferreira informed that the budgetary goal is on-track, reviewed the School
Nutrition Report and the 2018-2019 commodities order has been placed.

11. Other

Matt Ferreira informed of a newly formed NH Public School Infrastructure Fund for
security projects, life safety project, and fiber projects. All in all, SAU21 district received
approximately \$500,000 in funds for projects from this fund.

The Board expressed Kudos to Matt Ferreira for his diligence of filing the paperwork, his
knowledge of the specific grant language, and his success by obtaining these funds for
our SAU 21 districts.

A) Personnel – Nominations – deferred to non-public session.

12. Public Comment – There were no comments.

Motion: Henry Marsh moved to enter Non-Public Session under RSA 19-A:3 II (b, c) at
p.m. Second: Leslie Lafond. Roll Call vote: Henry Marsh says yes, Leslie Lafond
says yes, Catherine Antonio says yes, David Gandt says yes, and Fran Henderson
says yes. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Maureen Hastings, Recording Secretary (Approved April 18, 2018)