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School Committee Chair: Dawn Fronte

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, August 23, 2018

2nd Floor - Town Hall Auditorium

1. Call to order: 6:03 pm/ Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Greg Vine, Dawn Fronte, Larry Murphy, Felicia Nurmsen
Steve Haddad, Superintendent, Richard Ikonen, Business Manager (Abs)
Joan Landers – Interim Superintendent

2. Audio/Video Disclosure –Barrie Martins

3. Citizen Questions and/or Comments: None

4. New Interim Superintendent Contract:

G. Vine introduced Joan Landers, the Interim Superintendent nominee, noting that she will speak at the Tri-Board meeting at 6:30 pm. She has been a Superintendent for 11 years, most recently at Middlesex Regional School District. The School Committee is very enthusiastic. Ms. Landers she has put in a lot of hours prior to having a contract and has been very collaborative in the process. L. Murphy noted it is a fair, standard interim contract, prorated for 200 days, similar to Steve Haddad's contract when he was Interim Superintendent. A copy of the draft contract was emailed to the committee; they have reviewed it and have no additional comments. D. Fronte moved to approve the contract with Joan Landers to become the Interim Superintendent. Second by L. Murphy. G. Vine – Aye; D. Fronte – Aye; L. Murphy – Aye. F. Nurmsen – Aye. Approved 4-0-0. The contract will be signed prior to the Tri-Board meeting.

5. New Assistant Business Manager Introduction - Irene Woodward reviewed her background, noting she has lived here in the past and her children went to school here. She moved back to Winchendon recently. She has worked in school district payroll for the past 14 years, and has 4 years' experience with Accounts Payable, Free/Reduced Lunch and has some Grant work experience. The committee welcomed her to the WPS.

6. Assignment of FLLAC and CAPS Representative:

FLLAC – L. Murphy moved to appoint our Interim Superintendent to the position of FLLAC representative. Second by D. Fronte. G. Vine – Aye; D. Fronte – Aye; L. Murphy – Aye. F. Nurmsen – Aye. Approved 4-0-0.

7. Donation Received for Extended Day Program:

G. Vine reported that on August 6, 2018, Winchendon resident Keith Kent presented WPS Director of Extended Days Programs, Jennifer Haddad, a check for \$1,000, made payable to the WPS Extended Days Programs, to assist with the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Initiative, or STEM, as it is commonly known. The check comes from an anonymous donor whom he represents and who has also made donations to other worthy causes in Winchendon. Mr. Kent stressed that it was only because of the tireless work, dedication and information provided by Mrs. Haddad that he recommended this particular donation to this individual who wishes to remain private. It is the individuals' hope programs such as STEM continue to educate and empower our communities' young students leading the way to a brighter future. S. Haddad reported the check has been deposited and credited to the appropriate account. L. Murphy moved that we accept the donation of the anonymous donation and with great honor and gladness, it will get a lot of good use in the Extended Day Program and we're excited about it. We appreciate the good will. Second by D. Fronte. Approved 4-0-0.

8. Adjournment: 6:16 pm. D. Fronte moved to adjourn. Second by L. Murphy. Approved 4 -0-0.

Respectfully submitted: Barrie E. Martins, School Committee Recording Secretary