



Winchendon Public Schools

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School Committee Meeting

May 19, 2022 - 6:00 pm

Town Hall - 2nd Floor Auditorium

Attendance:

Larry Murphy, Chair; Karen Kast-McBride, Vice-Chair; Greg Vine; Alicia Jordan;
Thad King, Superintendent; Robert Mullin, Director of Finance

1. Call to order

L. Murphy reads audio-visual disclosure.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment: None

4. Welcome of New School Committee Member:

L. Murphy welcomes newly elected member, Alicia Jordan. A. Jordan gives a brief background of her experience in education and states that she looks forward to bringing her knowledge and experience and whatever she can to the town of Winchendon.

5. Reorganization of Committee:

G. Vine moves to table reorganization as R. Forsythe is out of town. Seconded by K. Kast-McBride. Vote is unanimous.

6. Student Representative Report:

Student Representative presents information on scholars dinner, special olympics, robotics competition, and a brief summary of upcoming dates for Murdock High School. Stephanie Rondeau approaches to give additional details regarding end of year celebrations and graduation.

7. Superintendent's Report:

T. King presents COVID update for the district. Positive cases are increasing town wide. Mr. King reminds the committee that there is no longer a test and stay protocol or contact Tracing.

T. King follows with details of graduation 2022, which will take place on Sunday, June 5.

G. Vine questions whether school committee members would be wearing robes this year or coat and tie. Stephanie Rondeau replies that the committee is welcome to wear regalia, but it is their choice. She states that those who will be leading the students out must wear regalia, but those who are not leading can wear what they wish. A. Jordan asks for clarification on what regalia they should wear. Mrs. Rondeau states that most who wear the regalia follow either master's or bachelor's, so they wear what they have.

8. New Business:

L. Murphy introduces Nicole Landry, who is the recent recipient of the LifeChanger of the Year award. Mrs. Landry is recognized for her achievements and her dedication to the students of Winchendon.

G. Vine moves to take a five minute break for some picture taking. Seconded by K. Kast-McBride. Vote is unanimous.

9. Old Business:

Upon return from break, L. Murphy discusses Superintendent Evaluation. He states that he did speak with Tracy Novick of MASC, who recommended that the committee not do an evaluation but instead an observation and that there is a form for that. This would be a formative evaluation rather than summative. Then at the end of next year, they would do a summative evaluation. K. Kast-McBride states that she believes the committee should do an evaluation as he has been acting in the capacity of Superintendent. L. Murphy states that he will obtain a copy of the form for the other members to provide Mr. King with some feedback. He asks that the members complete their feedback by June 9 so that it can be discussed at the meeting on June 16.

10. Future Agenda Items:

Future Agenda items are as follows:

- a. Murdock Trust Breakdown
- b. Data Presentations
- c. ESSER Update
- d. School Committee Reorganization

11. Executive Session:

G. Vine moves to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and to reconvene into Open Session from there. Seconded by K.

Kast-McBride. Vote is unanimous. Executive Session is entered.

12. Reconvene:

L. Murphy calls meeting back into Open Session. G. Vine moves to approve the Agreement between the Winchendon School Committee and the Winchendon Teachers Association. Seconded by K. Kast-McBride. Vote is unanimous.

13. School Committee Closing Comments:

G. Vine thanks Mrs. Rondeau and her negotiating team for several very nice, amicable sessions negotiating the contract.

K. Kast-McBride thanks Larry and Greg for negotiating with Mrs. Rondeau and her team so the teachers can have a nice contract. She also congratulates Mrs. Landry on her award and Alicia for her win and welcomes her to the committee.

A. Jordan thanks everyone for their patience, as well as the agreement between all parties regarding the contract. She thanks Karen for her well wishes and states that she looks forward to working with everyone.

L. Murphy thanks the committee for a job well done. He thanks Mrs. Rondeau for all that she does.

14. Adjournment:

G. Vine moves to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by K. Kast-McBride. Vote is unanimous. Meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Liz Latoria

Liz Latoria, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Documents Attached: None