



## Winchendon Public Schools

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School Committee Chair

### School Committee Meeting

November 2, 2023 – 6:00 pm 2nd  
Floor - Town Hall Auditorium

#### Attendance:

Karen Kast-McBride, Anthony Findley, Adam LeBlanc, Jake Catlin,  
Ruthann Petruno-Goguen, Interim Superintendent,

1. **Call to order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Audio Disclosure**
4. **Student Representative Update:**
  - Elementary PTO sponsoring Monster Ball November 3, 2024.
  - Operation Winchendon Cares accepting donations for their Christmas care packages Saturday, November 4, 2023 at the Legion.
  - Haunted High School – rescheduled on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – 6 to 8pm at Murdock.
  - Dino November started at Murdock.
  - Newsies the Musical auditions held on November 6, 2023 at 3PM.
  - Let's Talk Turkey Begins Monday, November, 6 at Murdock High School.
  - Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup>, Murdock National Honor Society attending the fall conference at College of Holy Cross.
  - Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup> Murdock student council attending the Fall regional conference.
  - Can Drive Redemption will be Saturday, November 18 – 9 to 12pm; benefits freshman class.
  - Discussed cheer competition, track and football games.
5. **Public Comment: None**
6. **Consent Agenda: None**
7. **Superintendent's Report:**
  - a. **Superintendent's Update:** Dr. Goguen Introduce the new Interim Assistant Principal for Murdock High School. Discussed some scheduling changes to address open positions at Murdock Middle School. Discussed the Business Manager position search; reached out to agencies for quotes to help with the search. Budget meetings with the leadership teams will start 11/14. Discussed Rural School Aid, which increased from \$110,000 to \$278,000. End of year reporting is being done by an outside consultant, Tony Mertz. Audit is being moved to January 18<sup>th</sup>. Discussed the incident on Friday. PD scheduled for Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – drills and safety preparedness. Discussed a leadership curriculum instruction update – implementing learning walks, how to monitor student data and setting up stronger data systems. Discussed the ELA program adoption and to finalize the decision next week.
  - b. **Principal report: Craig Murdock, Interim Principal, Murdock Middle School:**
    - C. Murdock introduce himself and discussed class and staff information. New students to the district are invited for a tour and informational session on 11/29 3:30-4:30pm. Sending weekly newsletter to parents. Implementing PBIS system and restorative practices.

Student council member and student council teacher – Discussed updates on what the 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been learning.

**8. Subcommittee Reports: none**

**9. New Business:**

a. **MASC Conference Discussion** – K. Kast – McBride to go to the MASC Conference. Cost is \$525 for hotel (4 nights) plus meals is \$275 (4 days).

b. **MASC Delegate – Vote**

A. Findley motion to approve K. Kast-McBride as the MASC delegate for Winchendon School Committee and improve their attendance to also include the expense at the 2023 MASC Conference. Seconded by J. Catline. Vote is Unanimous.

c. **Special Town Meeting Discussion**

Postponed from Nov 13<sup>th</sup> to Dec 11<sup>th</sup>

d. **Town Manager Search Update**

Board of Selectman approved three candidates and will be at the social event on Sunday 4-6pm at the Historical Society. Their interviews and deliberate is on Monday.

**10. Old Business: None**

**11. Future Agenda Items:**

a. **Handle With Care**

b. **SEPAC**

K. Kast-McBride request to have the organizational meeting added to the future agenda items and the District Strategic Plan.

**12. Closing Member Comments**

J. Caitlin – Everyone did a wonderful job handling the situation on Friday.

A. Findley – Great work in the stressful situation on Friday. Opportunity for people to volunteer and help in the district in PTO need some coaches. Finalization for winter coaches will be made this week.

A. LeBlanc – Thank students, teachers outside agencies for Friday. Thanks Dr. Goguen, her team, Police Department, Fire Department. Next weeks Veteran's Day. Events at the Legion and Veterans Cemetery.

Dr. Goguen – Impressed with the community. Friday was a testament to teamwork.

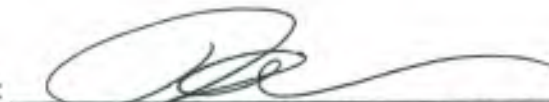
K. Kast-McBride – Thank everybody for what was done to help make Friday less crazy that it had to be.

**13. Adjournment**

K. Kast-McBride motions to adjourn. Second by A. Findley. Vote unanimous.

Adjournment at 7:25pm

Respectfully Submitted:



Darcie Morin, Payroll & Data Specialist

Documents Attached: None