



Winchendon Public Schools

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School Committee Chair *KKM***School Committee Meeting**

November 16, 2023 – 6:00 pm
2nd Floor - Town Hall Auditorium

Attendance:

Karen Kast-McBride, Anthony Findley, Adam LeBlanc, Anthony Findley, David LaPointe, Ruthann Petruno-Goguen, Interim Superintendent

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Audio Disclosure
4. Student Representative Update: None
5. Public Comment: None
6. Consent Agenda:

- a. PTO Fundraiser Requests – Vote

Supermarket Sweep – Hannaford's raffle to win 2 minutes of shopping throughout the store. Discussed rules, price and date.

Popcorn Fridays are postponed until they can finalize how to collect donations.

A. LeBlanc moves to approve the PTO Fundraiser request as presented. Seconded by A. Findley. Vote is Unanimous.

7. Superintendent's Report:

- a. Superintendent's Update: Dr. Goguen - Personnel Report: J. Connors our BCBA has resigned, effective Nov 9th. Signed agreement with Shapiro Educational and Behavioral Consultants to have a certified replacement.
All Room Teacher J. Hobbs has also resigned, effective Nov 3rd. There will be a BCBA consulting one day a week and position is posted.
All Room Teacher B. McMaster resigned, effective Nov 24th. Looking at reallocating staff and the job is posted.
ALL Room Paraprofessional H. Lawton resigned.
MHS Assistant Principal T. Gamble Resigned, effective Jan 13th. Job is posted.
Additional custodian at MMHS using ESSER Funds – one year position.
B. Clinton, IT Director contract extended.
Interviewed a candidate for business manager position and another candidate tomorrow.
C. Jordan rescinded decision on retiring end of year.

Budget Report: Discusses budget not readjusted when reorganization was decided against and time needed to correct. Like to have final draft of FY25 budget to school committee for Jan 18th, to comment, return to school committee Feb 1st, to comment and final vote on Feb 15th.

Discussed adopting new HQIM. Wonders 2023 or Written Wisdom. J. Forsythe will be the coach for TTE and MEM teachers for the program.

Discussed Looney Math – stop using as we did not have a contract with them.

Discussed Tiered Focus Monitoring Cycle Review, Tier B – Civil Rights and Special Education. Site visit will be May 28th, 29th, and 30th.

Superintendent Report: Discussed touring all the schools with Scurry from DESI.

b. Principal report: David Fredette, Interim Principal, Murdock High School

Discusses number of students, and honor roll.

Discusses needs of hiring Special Education teachers as W. Skelley- Haney retiring Jan 1st so there will be three Special Education positions open.

Discussed the adjustments made to assist some vacancies at the Middle School.

Finally has school advisory council.

Discusses high school sports accomplishments.

Murdock Academy successful transition back to the High School.

8. Subcommittee Reports: None

9. New Business: None

10. Old Business:

a. Organizational Meeting Discussion

K. Kast-McBride makes motion to start Organizational Meeting on Jan 4th and 4:30. Second by A. Findley. Vote is unanimous.

b. New District Strategic Plan – Vote

D. LaPointe moves to accept the Winchendon Public Schools District Strategic Plan and Instructional Priorities for the 2023-2024 school year. Second by A. LeBlanc. Vote is unanimous.

11. Future Agenda Items:

a. Handle With Care

b. SEPAC

K. Karen- McBride motions to have only the December 7th school committee meeting instead of December 7th and December 21st. Second by A. Findley. Vote is unanimous.

12. Closing Member Comments

A. Findley – wonderful art show and book fair.

D. Goguen – Happy Thanksgiving everyone

K. Kast-McBride – Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. Thanks teachers, staff and families who spending so much making our schools work.

13. Adjournment

D. LaPointe motions to adjourn. Second by A. LeBlanc. Vote is Unanimous.

Adjourned at 7pm

Respectfully Submitted:



Darcie Morin, Payroll & Data Specialist

Documents Attached: None