

Winchendon Public Schools



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School Committee Chair



**School Committee Meeting**

February 26, 2024 – 5:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

**Attendance:**

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

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 5:03 PM by David LaPointe
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Audio Disclosure**
4. **Student Representative Update:** None
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Consent Agenda:** None
7. **Superintendent's Report:**
8. **Subcommittee Reports:**
9. **New Business:**
  - a. School Committee review and approval of Massachusetts School Building Authority Statement of Interest application for Accelerated Repairs on School Buildings.

D. LaPointe stated the only order this evening is the application to the Massachusetts School Building Authority and asked for someone to read the resolution. Dr. Goguen stated this is intended to let the public know that they are applying for accelerated repairs and need the School Committee and Select Board members approval to sign and approve prior to the applications being sent in. This will allow us to keep up with the capital maintenance and repairs of our buildings. Three applications are being submitted for Roofs, Windows, and Doors. D. LaPointe passes to K. Kast-McBride. Dr. Goguen states her and B. Croteau worked on the applications for all of the buildings. This is step one of many to share with the Winchendon community. MSBA gives funds for capital improvements and the application deadline is March 1, 2024. Dr. Goguen expresses gratitude to the board for meeting to review the applications and move forward. K. Kast-McBride asks if anyone has any questions. She then asked for Dr. Goguen to go over what is being applied for again. Dr. Goguen shared roofs, windows and door repairs are being requested. The Murdock MS/HS are priority as one needs to be listed as priority and then Toy Town and Memorial Elementary. Each building has different issues to cover. We can apply as many times as we like. K. Kast-McBride asked if anyone else had questions and what the turn around time to hear back from MSBA would be. Dr. Goguen did not know the turn around time but that the applications were due March 1<sup>st</sup>. She would call the next day to inquire about the turn around time. Also stating, sometimes you can apply and not get accepted but wanted to get ahead and get in the queue. Dr. Goguen mentioned K. Kast-McBride would need to get electronic signatures from the school committee members and

B.Croteau would be going to the select board meeting that evening to get their approval and signatures. K. Kast-McBride asked Dr. Goguen to please explain the process so others can understand. Dr. Goguen explained how MSBA uses taxes and funds generated in Massachusetts and gives the funds back to communities for core or accelerated repairs. If accepted the town will have to do a visibility survey, detailed and outlined and the community will also have to contribute some funds as well. By applying doesn't guarantee approval and it may take a few times from Dr. Goguen's prior experience to get approved but it does save tax payers money.

K. Kast-McBride states she knows a visibility test will have to be conducted and that will take time if we are approved. It doesn't happen overnight and wants to be transparent. Appreciates all that Dr. Goguen is doing for the Winchendon Public Schools. Dr. Goguen states Community should know it's a very prescribed process and if approved they won't just get a check if the community is not involved. The MSBA will go step by step if approved. J. Catlin suggests a motion to approve the Massachusetts School Building Authority Statement of Interest Application for Accelerated repairs on School Buildings. Second by D. LaPointe J.Catlin read the following statement;

Having convened in an open meeting on 2/26/24, prior to the S01 submission closing date, the school committee of Winchendon. in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated February 2024 for the Memorial School, Toytown School & Murdock Middle! High School located at 32 Elmwood Rd /25 Grove St & 3 Memorial Dr. which describes and explains the/n/lowing deficiencies and the priority category's) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future. The following deficiencies are as follows. roof replacement. window replacement & door replacement and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application. The awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town of Winchendon or Winchendon Public Schools to filing an application/or funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

D.LaPointe seconds the motion. K. Kast-McBride does roll call vote with all members approving.

**10. Old Business: None**

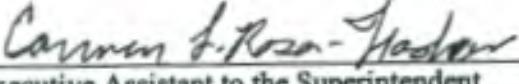
**11. Future Agenda Items: None**

**12. Closing Member Comments:** K. Kast-McBride thanked Dr.Goguen and Brian Croteau for their hard work on this matter. It's appreciated!

**13. Adjournment**

A. Findley motions to adjourn, Second by J. Catlin. Roll call vote unanimous  
Adjournment at 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Carmen Rosa-Fashaw Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Documents Attached: None