



## Winchendon Public Schools

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School Committee Chair

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### School Committee Meeting

August 15, 2024 – 6:00 pm  
2nd Floor - Town Hall Auditorium

#### Attendance:

J. Caitlin, Karen Kast-McBride, David Iannacone, Eleni Marinelli, Marc Gosselin, Liz Latoria

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Audio Disclosure
4. Committee Reorganization: J. Caitlin motioned to move to table the committee reorganization until a further school committee meeting. Second by D. Iannacone. Vote is unanimous.
5. Consent Agenda:
  - a. Minutes – D. Iannacone move to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2024, June 27, 2024, and July 14, 2024 school committee minutes. Second by J. Caitlin. Vote is unanimous.
6. Public Comment: none
7. Superintendent's Report: J. Caitlin motion that we table the interim superintendents report until after the budget update from business manager Latoria. Second by D. Iannacone. Vote is unanimous.
  - a. Interim Superintendent's Update – Dr Gosselin, Interim Superintendent: Updates on enrollment for each school and is up from last year. Update on new hires – in a better position this year than last. Introduces the new hires and their positions. Notes how great the refinished looks and the new paved high school. Full week of meetings and met with the union rep to have a collaborative vision moving forward and partner with the teachers. Met with the town manager, met with the police chief, and Officer Flagg. Met with Tracy Novick from MASC. First district wide leadership meeting yesterday. Meeting with DESE Aug 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Budget Update – Liz Latoria, Business Manager – Update on FY25 budget. Salaries lines have been updated to reflect the actual salaries the new staff is coming in at as of August 1<sup>st</sup>. Curriculum line item was purchased with the remaining ESSER and excess FY24 funds. Plans to offset expenses with rural aid, school choice, and circuit breaker have now been implemented. Amended the plans for the use of Title 1 funds with the creation of new interventionist positions. CFCE grant received additional funding to have the part time specialist be full time. Town has yet to rollover the FY25 budget, so there are slightly different number under salaries. Draft of the FY23 audit. Discussed the findings for the school business office in the audit.

**8. New Business:**

- a. **Murdock Trust Award – Vote** – J. Caitlin motions to accept the funds from the Murdock Trust Fund for Fiscal year 2025. Second by D. Iannacone. Vote is Unanimous.
- b. **Update on Handbooks** – DESE still reviewing and will give to the school committee once feedback is received and adjustments have been made.
- c. **Bullying Intervention Plan – Vote** – who will teach the staff? A requirement for this plan is to have yearly training for the adults.  
J. Caitlin motions to approve the bullying intervention plan as presented by Dr. Gosselin. Second by D. Iannacone. Vote is unanimous.
- d. **District Calendar Amendment – Vote** – Add half days for Jan midterms., March for MCAS, May 21<sup>st</sup> full day. J. Caitlin moves to approve the amendment of the 2024-2025 district calendar as presented. Second by D. Iannacone. Vote is unanimous.
- e. **Prop 2 ½ Discussion & Ad Hoc Committee Appointment** – D. Iannacone move to appoint K. Kast to the Ad Hoc Committee for the proposition 2 1/2. Second by J. Caitlin. Vote is unanimous.
- f. **Special School Committee Meeting 8/29/24** – Yes next meeting 8/29/24.

**9. Old Business:**

- a. **Committee Organizational Meeting -**
- b. **Subcommittees**  
Both of these will be discussed in the next meeting.

**10. Future Agenda Items:**

- a. **Consider for adoption the 2024-2025 Student Handbooks**
- b. **MASC Superintendent Search**
- c. **MASC Conference**

**11. Closing Member Comments:**

D. Iannacone – Welcomes Dr. Gosselin to the school committee meetings.

J. Caitlin – Also welcomes Dr. Gosselin and thanks Liz for helping out and getting Dr. Gosselin up to speed and carrying the torch from one superintendent to the next. And also, charlotte for what she did as an acting superintendent to help out in that position as well. Also encourage people to show up to the meetings, after last year we need people to show up and get involved if you to have a say in what's going on because showing up last minute doesn't do us any good.

E. Marinelli – Looking forward to a good school year. Thanks Dr. Gosselin and Liz.

K. Kast – Also welcomes Dr. Gosselin. Gave a shout out to the Murdock Trust for supporting our schools. Will be sending Liz a thank you letter by email to send to them by mail. Reiterates what J. Caitlin said about showing up to meetings. Also thanks the parents and families of Winchendon.

**12. Adjournment:** D. Iannacone motions to adjourn. Second by J. Caitlin. Vote is unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted:



Darcie Morin, Payroll & Data Specialist

Documents Attached: None