



Winchendon Public Schools

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School Committee Meeting

December 12, 2024 – 6:00 pm

2nd Floor - Town Hall Auditorium

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Attendance:

D. Iannacone, J. Caitlin, Mike Barbaro, E. Marinelli, Marc Gosselin, Interim Superintendent, Liz Latoria, Business Manager

1. **Call to order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Audio Disclosure:**
4. **Public Comment:** Staff/member of search committee: Notes how the search committee did a great detailed job on the search for the candidates. Explains his thoughts on each candidate and why he thinks we should move forward with Dr. Gosselin as the Superintendent.
5. **Superintendent Search Process: J. Caitlin** – Had time to think about things. Was able to speak to a lot of people and were all extremely supportive of Dr. Gosselin. Would like to make a motion to stop the search process and move forward with Dr Gosselin as the superintendent. M. Barbaro: second motion.
K. Kast: Opens up for discussion.
M. Barbaro: Wanted to note to the individuals who were concerned that they had wasted their time being on the search committee. He notes that they didn't waste their time, they started a conversation. States that members from the search committee and staff contacted them to say they are happy with Dr. Gosselin as the superintendent.
E. Marinelli: Liked that people have reached out to them about the search. Feels that we should finished the process we started and select the best candidate we think.
D. Iannacone: Thinks we do owe it to everyone to complete the process.
K. Kast: Notes that we have done the process, and the process is dictated by us the school committee and we have gone through the process. The process was to have a search committee, have them go through the process of screening candidates. Notes the school committee had no hands on during the screening process and states that other school districts that is not the case. Does remind everyone that they did agree to do the process of the meet and greets. States something the public doesn't know but the committee knows: The day of the finalist being announced, on behalf of her and other members of the committee emailed T. Novick to ask to stop the process and give us the chance to discuss at their Dec 5th meeting on how they would like to proceed and asked to not schedule any further meet and greets or visits. Feels like they have gone through the process and as they needed to and have completed the process. Notes she is supportive of Dr. Gosselin.
E. Marinelli – Asks K. Kast what T. Novick response was when she asks T. Novick to halt the superintendent search
K. Kast: – notes that T. Novick went forward with the search despite them directing her not to. Also notes to E. Marinelli that it was a direction it wasn't really a request.

E. Marinelli – Asks to clarify what K. Kast asked in the email to T. Novick. K. Kast notes that she has the email in her inbox that she could look at. Again E. Marinelli asks to clarify what she was asking for clarification on the email.

K. Kast: Notes that T. Novick did not want to delay the timeline and she was worried about the timeline and being able to fit in the meet and greets and visits.

Student Rep: Saw the candidate in the school during the meet and greet. Seemed welcoming, but does support Dr. Gosselin for the Superintendent.

Vote was unanimous to stop the Superintendent search process.

M. Barbaro motions to offer the permanent superintendent position to Dr. Gosselin. Pending successful negotiations. Second by J. Caitlin. Vote is unanimous.

6. Superintendent Selection and Appointment Pending Negotiation

7. Closing Member Comments:

E. Marinelli – none

J. Caitlin – none

M. Barbaro – none

D. Iannacone - none

K. Kast – Thank you to everyone who was involved in the search for the superintendent.

M. Barbaro motions to skip next week meeting. Second by J. Caitlin. Vote unanimous.

8. Executive Session

9. Adjournment:

M. Barbaro motions to adjourn. Second by J. Caitlin. Vote is unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted:



Darcie Morin, Payroll & HR Generalist

Documents Attached: None