



Date Approved/Released: 1/6/22

Date Approved/Held: _____

School Committee Chair: [Signature]

School Committee Meeting
December 14, 2021 - 4:00 pm
Town Hall - 2nd Floor Auditorium

1. Call to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance:

Larry Murphy, Chair; Ryan Forsythe; Greg Vine; Karen Kast-McBride

L. Murphy reads audio visual disclosure.

3. Interviews of Superintendent Finalists:

Dr. Kimberly Roberts-Morandi from North Adams Public Schools is interviewed.

Dr. Mark Branco from Tyngsboro Public Schools is interviewed.

Mr. Thaddeus King from Winchendon Public Schools is interviewed.

4. Deliberation:

L. Murphy begins deliberation, thanking all finalists for their interests in Winchendon Public Schools. School Committee members share their opinions on who should be appointed as Superintendent.

R. Forsythe begins, stating his choice for Superintendent is Mr. Thad King.

G. Vine follows, stating his choice for Superintendent is Mr. Thad King.

L. Murphy states his choice for Superintendent is Mr. Thad King.

K. Kast-McBride states her first choice for Superintendent would be Dr. Morandi; however she gives her support for Mr. Thad King.

5. Announcement of appointed Superintendent:

Motion by G. Vine, pending successful negotiations, that the School Committee appoint Mr. Thaddeus King as Superintendent of Winchendon Public Schools. Seconded by R. Forsythe. Vote is unanimous.

6. School Committee Closing Comments:

L. Murphy states that Mr. Thaddeus King is officially appointed as the Superintendent of Winchendon Public Schools beginning January 1, 2022. Additionally, the high school has had a spike in positive COVID cases. The Department of Education sent 8 nurses to test all high school students, finding 11 new cases. It was recommended by the DOE that the high school go to remote learning until after the holidays.

K. Kast-McBride clarifies 48 cases of COVID at the high school as of yesterday, not including students who were quarantined.

Tina Santos, Board of Health member, approaches and reports that at an emergency meeting and based on the current COVID numbers, the BOH voted unanimously to request that the high school go to remote learning until after the holidays.

L. Murphy asks for vote of support to close the high school and go to remote learning until after the holidays. Motion made by G. Vine. Seconded by K. Kast-McBride. Vote is unanimous.

7. Adjournment:

G. Vine makes Motion to adjourn. Seconded by R. Forsythe. Vote is unanimous. Meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted: _____



Liz Latoria, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Documents Attached: None