

WINDHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP MINUTES  
January 25, 2017

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Mrs. Osuba, Vice-chair Dr. Sewall, Secretary Dr. Gomez, Mr. French, Mrs. Lambert, Mr. Montalvo, Mrs. Lessard, Mr. Flores-Alvarez (arrived at 7:07pm)

BOARD ABSENT: Mr. Kalajian,

ADMINISTRATION

PRESENT: Superintendent Patricia Garcia, Assistant Superintendents Tracy Youngberg, William Chaffin; Directors: Ms. Beghetto, Mr. Johnson

STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVES: None

OTHERS PRESENT: General public, staff, administrators, news media

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mrs. Osuba called the January 25, 2017 Board of Education meeting to order at 7:03pm in the Windham High School Library Media Center.

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGIANCE

Ms. Lessard led the Board and the Public in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommended approval of budget transfers as presented by the Finance and Audit Committee

**Motion by Dr. Sewall, seconded by Mr. Montalvo that the Board of Education approve the budget transfers as presented by the Finance and Audit Committee.**

**Motion is unanimously approved.**

WORKSHOP TOPIC – BOARD OF EDUCATION 2017-2018 BUDGET

Dr. Garcia advised that a date has been set for the budget referendum. She requested that the Board of Education encourage the Board of Finance to move the date to later in the year. It was confirmed that the Board of Education budget is due to the Board of Finance on March 15. Dr.

Garcia discussed the Community Budget Forum that was held on January 17 and invited all Board members to attend the Community Budget Workshop which will be held on January 31.

Dr. Garcia reviewed the information that has been gathered to this point regarding the 2017-2018 budget. This information is a result of compiling the requests from the schools. The purpose of the workshop is to provide some preliminary calculations, examine how budget priorities align with the District's strategic plan and to answer questions from members of the Board of Education. During the discussion, it was stated that Mrs. Lambert would obtain student statistics from the Path Academy regarding Windham students.

Mrs. Lambert inquired as to the status of the Air Force JROTC program as, if implemented, this would have an impact on the budget. Mrs. Osuba stated that, after the last meeting, the Air Force contacted the District and required an acceptance of the program within 24 hours to offer other Districts the opportunity to host the program. Dr. Garcia will contact the Air Force and determine if the opportunity still exists for Windham to participate.

There was discussion regarding opportunities to reduce the budget and attempt to move away from reliance on grant funding.

The following important dates were discussed:

January 31, 2017 – 6PM – Finance Council Meeting

February 27, 2017 – 6:30PM – District Data Workshop

February 28, 2017 – 6:00PM – Budget Forum

March 1, 2017 – Presentation of Superintendent's Budget to the Board of Education

### **Executive Session**

**No Executive session.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mr. Montalvo, seconded by Mr. French, that the Board adjourn its meeting at 8:39 PM.**

**Motion is unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Jaime Gomez, Secretary