

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

BOARD PRESENT: Interim-chair Dr. Sewall, Secretary Dr. Gomez, Mr. Kalajian, Ms. Lambert (arrived 7:11pm), Mr. French, Ms. Lessard, Mr. Montalvo, Ms. Ide

BOARD ABSENT: Mr. Flores-Alvarez

ADMINISTRATION

PRESENT: Superintendent, Dr. Garcia, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Youngberg, Directors: Ms. Beghetto, Ms. Chatey, Mr. Christian Johnson

STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVES: None

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Dr. Sewall called the October 25, 2017 Board of Education workshop to order at 7:02pm in the Windham High School Library Media Center.

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGIANCE

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

Budget Preparation PRESENTATION

Dr. Garcia presented a draft budget timeline and process for budget creation. There was discussion. Discussion included allocation of funds for the relocation of Windham Early Childhood Central and Board of Education Central Offices; role of the School Governance Council and impact of the referendum on the final budget process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Lambert spoke as a member of the PAC and informed the Board that the PAC had rented the high school for Thursday. They plan to provide tours of the high school and talk about high school renovations and answer questions. The session will be held from 6-8pm and tours will be given by staff, students and members of the public.

ACTION ITEMS

Election of Board Chairman

No action was taken as the entire board was not present

Recommended approval of District's request to allow exemptions for food Items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards (CNS) (Ref. 1)

Motion of Mr. Kalajian seconded by Mr. French that the Board of Education approve District's request to allow exemptions for food Items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards (CNS)

Motion is unanimously approved.

Recommended approval of Charles H. Barrows' overnight field trip to CT Science Center (Ref. 2)

Motion of Ms. Lambert seconded by Mr. Kalajian that the Board of Education approve of Charles H. Barrows' overnight field trip to CT Science Center.

Motion is unanimously approved.

Recommended approval as complete and accept school building projects (Ref. 3)

Motion by Mr. Kalajian seconded by Ms. Lambert that the Board of Education approve as complete and accept the school building projects #163-0071, #163-0072, #163-0073, #163-0075, #163-0076, #163-0077 and #163-0078 for public school purposes and certifies that:

- 1. The projects have been accepted by the architect and construction management firms;**
- 2. All change orders for these projects have been approved by the State Department of Education;**
- 3. The grants received for these projects do not represent a duplication of funding and that funds received do not exceed 100% of the total cost of the project.**
- 4. All bills for the project have been paid or funds to pay such bills are deposited into a separate escrow account;**
- 5. The total sum noted in these applications was expended on the school building projects herein described;**
- 6. Application is hereby made under provisions of Chapter 173 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended for payment of the school building project grant due based on completion of the projects described herein.**

Motion is unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion of Ms. Lambert seconded by Ms. Ide that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 8:36pm for the contract negotiations and personnel items.

The motion is unanimously approved.

BOARD PRESENT: Interim-chair Dr. Sewall, Secretary Dr. Gomez, Mr. Kalajian, Ms. Lambert, Mr. French, Ms. Lessard, Mr. Montalvo, Ms. Ide

ADMINISTRATION

PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Garcia, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Youngberg, Director Ms. Beghetto

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jessica Ritter

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES

Interim-Chair Dr. Sewall reconvened regular session at 9:44pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. French, seconded by Ms. Lambert, that the board adjourn its meeting at 9:46PM.

Motion is unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dr. Jaime Gomez, Secretary