

**WINCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2021
VIA ZOOM**

Board Members Present: L. Picard, T. Perkins, E. Holmes, T. Kilanski, J. Rokes
Administration Present: K. Dassau, V. Carey, D. Jack, I. Spencer

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by School Board Chair, L. Picard.
L. Picard read the Right-to-Know meeting checklist, took roll call and all Board members advised no was in the room with them.

L. Picard MOVED to approve the Public minutes of the 1/5/21 and 1/7/21 Board meeting; SECONDED by: E. Holmes, VOTED by roll call: T. Perkins – yes, E. Holmes – yes, T. Kilanski – yes, L. Picard – yes, J. Rokes – yes, MOTION PASSED.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – V. Carey:

V. Carey advised she had nothing on the agenda for tonight. None of the Board members had any questions for her.

BUSINESS MANAGER – D. Jack:

Manifests:

L. Picard MOVED to approve the Payroll Manifest of 1/21/21 in the amount of \$200,167.96 and the Accounts Payable Manifest of 1/19/21 in the amount of \$169,529.39; SECONDED by: T. Perkins, VOTED by roll call: T. Perkins – yes, E. Holmes – yes, T. Kilanski – yes, J. Rokes – yes, L. Picard – yes, MOTION PASSED.

FACILITIES REPORT – I. Spencer:

*Things are going well; progressing very well with the HVAC system.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – K. Dassau:

* K. Dassau advised there is no need for a non-public session tonight.

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS/REPORT – L. Picard:

The Board discussed plans for the upcoming Deliberative Session.

L. Picard advised in the past there was a mock ballot and a list of warrant articles for the public to review. The Board will include an explanation of the Warrant Articles and a copy of the MS27.

K. Dassau advised they need to be sure they have enough handouts; don’t want to be caught short.

Ian Spencer – Marie Braley made 200 copies of the MS27 and Warrant Articles as written.

V. Carey feels they don’t need more; 200 would be an overshoot.

T. Kilanski advised his wife was now at home at 6:51pm.

Ian Spencer advised they have reached out to Henry Parkhurst and Dennis Murphy regarding social distancing at Saturday’s Deliberative Session. I. Spencer feels they could have 70 people on the floor; not sure about the bleachers. The decision is up to Henry Parkhurst and Dennis Murphy as to how they want to set things up.

L. Picard thinks they could probably get another 60 or so in the bleachers.

I. Spencer advised they could definitely access the Middle School cafeteria or the library. The challenge is the functionality, i.e. being able to speak at the meeting and to vote.

V. Carey would recommend using the library as it is already set up.

I. Spencer and V. Carey will work with Henry Parkhurst and Dennis Murphy as to how they want to proceed.

V. Carey will request that an officer be present at the Deliberative Session.

L. Picard will contact the Moderator to set up a meeting to discuss the process for the upcoming Deliberative Session.

L. Picard - There will be three new School Board members at this year's Deliberative Session. L. Picard reminded Board members to feel free to reach out to her if they have any questions, need info, etc. If a member wants to speak on specific Warrant Articles, they should let L. Picard know.

E. Holmes asked about using plastic barriers at the Deliberative Session. The Town has some.

L. Picard will look into that.

L. Picard advised there was a brief Joint Loss meeting; there were no major issues brought up. Teachers on sight continue to be very pleased with the cleanliness of the building by the Custodial/Facilities staff.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

None.

L. Picard continues to thank the Staff, Administration and Facilities who are working to bring as much normalcy to the school as possible. She can't thank everyone enough.

L. Picard MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:13pm; SECONDED by: E. Holmes, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

Sincerely,

Peggy Higgins
School Board Secretary