

**February 8, 2023 - School Board Meeting (Wednesday, February 8, 2023)**

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**1. Opening Items**

Procedural: A. Call to Order

*Heath Palen-McBee calls meeting to order 7:00pm*

Procedural: B. Flag Salute

*Holly Orbino led the pledge*

**2. Action Items**

Action, Discussion: A. Approval of the Agenda

Recommended Action: Approve Agenda

**Emma Ruiz makes motion to approve agenda; Holly Orbino seconds;**

*Holly Orbino discusses amending item 8, it is clarified the Consent Agenda cannot be amended;*

**Motion carries 4-1.**

Action, Minutes: B. Approval of the Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve Minutes

**Duane Bryant motions to approve minutes; Randy Hall seconds; motion passed 5-0.**

Action, Discussion: C. Approval of Payroll

Recommended Action: Approve Payroll

**Randy first, Emma second; motion passed 5-0.**

Action, Discussion: D. Approval of Warrants

**Duane Bryant motions to approve warrants, Randy Hall second; motion carries 5-0.**

**3. Transfers/Resignations/New Hires**

Action, Discussion: A. New Hire of Noah Patching Assistant Middle School Track Coach

**Duane Bryant motions approval of New hire Noah Patching, Randy Hall second, motion passed 5-0.**

Action, Discussion: B. New Hire of Leah Randall WMES Front Office Clerical Aide

**Randy Hall motions to approve new hire Leah Randall, Emma Ruiz seconds;**

*Holly asks for clarification on funding source for position;*

**motion carries 5-0.**

Action, Discussion: C. New Hire of Dennis Tauscher ESports Coach

**Duane Bryant motions to approve New Hire Dennis Tauscher, Holly Orbino seconds; motion carries 4-1**

**4. Reports**

Information: A. Middle School and High School Principal Report

*Dracy McCoy presents the Middle School/High School Report  
reviews winter benchmark data and bilingual data*

*Reviews attendance, grade percentages, and honor roll student stats*

*Reviews benchmark data*

*7/10 building goals met*

*Tomorrow night at 7:00pm in the MS Gym is the Evening on Broadway concert*

Information: B. Special Programs Report

*Michelle Jeffries presents the Special Programs Report*

*Reviews sped numbers and new grants/funding sources*

*Book Study: Lost at school*

*Migrant night*

Information, Reports: C. Financial Report  
*Gloria Dupree reviews the financial report*

Information: D. Superintendent Report  
*Dr. Garry Cameron presents his resignation to the school board.*  
*Will be discussed in executive session.*

## 5. Public Comments

1. Serenity Fletcher - not present
2. Tawna Wickert - Winlock School employee
  - a. asks that before they make a vote that the board shadows what the behavior intervention staff does for the students
3. Meg Matheson - Winlock School employee
  - a. can we make change that doesn't directly effect students
4. Rainey Johnson - District #2
  - a. Speaks to the benefit of Lorena and Eric's positions for our multilingual students
5. Della McMahon - Winlock employee
  - a. presents some of the social, emotional, and mental benefits that the staff provide
6. Alicia Meehan - Winlock Employee
  - a. Reads a letter from a student and expresses gratitude towards the supporting staff
7. Spencer Hoven - WSCA President
  - a. Speaks to the benefits that Denise Morlin provides to students, families, and teachers
8. Tori Nelson - Union President, Randy's District
  - a. expresses the confusion around budget spending
9. Madison Pelagio - student
  - a. speaks to the support that the behavior specialists have provided her
10. Lisa Collins - Winlock Employee
  - a. Speaks to the benefits that behavioral specialists bring
11. Rebecka Patching - Student parent
  - a. talks about how Denise Morlin supported her son's mental health in a time of crisis
12. Olivia Alvord - Winlock Employee
  - a. Reads two letters from students about Mrs. Ford and Mr. Contreras
13. not present
14. Brandon Marskell - Winlock Employee
  - a. emphasizes that the students need emotional support
  - o. Recess until 8:47 pm
16. Payton Nowak - 5th grade
  - a. Talks about why she wants Mrs. Morlin to stay at WMES
17. Casey Ruiz - Emma's District
  - a. Speaking to the unfortunate circumstances. He mentions he trusts the board to take the students into account
18. River Larson - Previous Student
  - a. Expresses how much Mrs. Ford has helped them with their mental health and getting them out of an abusive household
19. Ethan Youngblood - Student from Rochester
  - a. Here to speak about the impact that losing behavior interventionists will have on mental health.
20. Caleb Thornberg - Student at Winlock
  - a. Has seen the positive impact that the behavior interventionists have had on his friends and is very grateful
21. Lulu Ziese - Winlock Student
  - a. Talks about how Mrs Morlin helped her transition to Winlock out of Foster care.
22. Elanor Parker - Student at Winlock
  - a. Expresses how it feels like the students are being punished
23. Heather Ziese - Winlock Employee
  - a. Expresses frustrations with the decision making behind cuts
24. Tom Howsden - Wrestling Coach
  - a. Encourages board members to go out and support students by attending wrestling competition
25. Diana Ortiz - Winlock Employee - Multilingual teacher
  - a. expresses concerns about equity for spanish speaking and non-english speaking families
26. Lynette Hoffman - Editor at Lewis County News
  - a. Expresses concern about losing teachers if we lose mental health support
27. Martinez - has young students
  - a. spoke in spanish and encouraged board to call Eric and Lorena
28. Dani Ford - Foster Care
  - a. Concerned about the gap this will create for students.
29. Kendall Kelly - Student

- a. Speaks about mental health crises and how Dani Ford helped her cope.
- 30. Jaxson - Student
  - a. Our counselors should stay so we can stay safe.
- 31. Tony Quezada - Parent of student
  - a. Speaks to the importance of migrant family representatives
- 32. Tasha Nowak - Heath's District
  - a. Continues Rainey's presentation of the benefits that Eric Contreras and Lorena Gomez bring it the community.
- 33. Marty Poirrier - Winlock RESident
  - a. Asks for as much information that is possible moving forward. Recognizes that the district is stuck in a seemingly impossible problem and hopes
- 34. Cooper
  - a. Mrs. Ford comforted him when he lost two friends and his cousin.
- 35. Jocelyn Shepardson - Choice in Student from Castle Rock
  - a. Talks about how the behavior interventionists helped her through multiple mental health crises.
- 36. Lindsey Giberson - Emma's District
  - a. Personally attests to the importance of Mrs. Morlin's presence in her children's lives.
- 37. Amy Silverstre - Student Parent
  - a. Expresses thanks to teachers and staff. Asks the board to reconsider the cuts.
- 38. Lincoln Ruiz - Emma's District
  - a. Expresses gratitude towards the board and panel. Asks that the board makes the morally right decision.
- 39. Caden Gobel - Student
  - a. If you get rid of counselors you will lose stock in the school which isn't good. Mrs Morlin helped me learn to be a good kid.
- 40. Christopher Carlson - Heaths District
  - a. If there is a way to keep these resources (the behavior interventionists), please consider them.
- 41. Tiffany Sares - Winlock Parent
  - a. Speaks about the support that Dani Ford and Eric Contreras has provided her children and family.
- 42. Fred Terry - Winlock Employee, Holly Orbino's District
  - a. Stands in support of the counselors and staff affected by the cuts. Talks about the load that they carry for the rest of our staff and teachers.
- 43. Kendra Forler - Winlock Student
  - a. Mentions that the behavior interventionists are always out connecting with students. Expresses that she is proud of everyone that came out to speak.
- 44. Avery Voie - Graduated in 2020 from Winlock
  - a. In 2016 there was only one counselor, it was the only thing that got him through.
- 45. Amanda Shepardson - Winlock Parent
  - a. Concerns about funding for mental health.

## 6. New Business

Action, Discussion: A. Budget Extension Resolution 2023-1

**Duane Bryant motions to approve Budget Extension Resolution 2023-1, Randy Hall seconds motion; motion carried 5-0.**

Action, Discussion: B. Overnight Travel for Wrestling State Competition in Tacoma on February 17-18th

**Randy Hall motions to approve Overnight Travel for Wrestling State Competition in Tacoma on February 17-18th, Holly Orbino seconds motion;**

Heath opens up discussion;

**motion carries 5-0.**

## 7. Executive Session

**Duane Bryant motions to move into Executive session for 4 hours; Randy Hall seconds motion; motion carries 5-0.** Executive Session will go until 1:55 am

Discussion: A. Performance of Public Employee 42.30.110g

*Heath Palen-McBee called meeting called back to order 12:09 am*

8. Consent Agenda

Action: A. Reduction In Force of 5 Exempt Employees effective February 28, 2023

**Emma Ruiz motions to table the consent agenda; Duane Bryant seconds motion to table;**

It is clarified that this is a motion to not vote on this item tonight

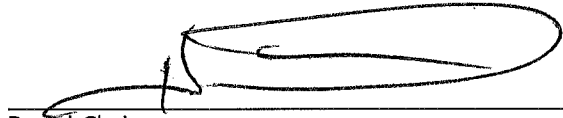
**motion passes 4-1.**

Heath states there will be a special session board meeting to address budget issues in a public forum.

9. Closing

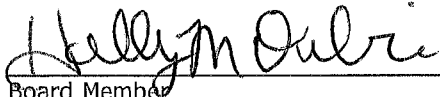
Procedural: A. Adjourn

**Duane Bryant motions to adjourn; Emma Ruiz seconds motion; motion carries 5-0.**



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