

**WINDHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
WILLIMANTIC, CONNECTICUT
October 12, 2005**

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Mr. Folan, Vice-chair Mrs. Rayhall (arrived at 7:38 P.M.), Mr. Adamo, Dr. Switchenko, Mr. Diaz, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Haney, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Clements

BOARD ABSENT: No One

ADMINISTRATION

PRESENT: Superintendent Mr. Perzanoski, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Summa, Directors Mrs. Banks and Mr. Nelson

REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT: Student Council – No One
Columbia – Ms. Margaret Curtis

OTHERS PRESENT: Administrators, general public and news media

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mr. Folan called the October 12, 2005, Board of Education meeting to order at 7:35 P.M., in conference room one (room 223), 2nd floor, Kramer School.

MINUTES

September 28, 2005, Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes (Ref. 1)

Motion of Dr. Switchenko, seconded by Mrs. Collins, that the Board of Education approve the September 28, 2005, regular Board of Education meeting minutes, Reference 1.

On the motion: Aye: Mr. Folan, Mr. Adamo, Dr. Switchenko, Mr. Doyle, Mrs. Haney, Mrs. Collins, Mr. Diaz

Nay: No one

Abstained: Mr. Clements

The motion passes: 7-0-1

October 4, 2005, Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes (Ref. 1A)

Motion of Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mrs. Haney, that the Board of Education approve the October 4, 2005, special Board of Education meeting minutes, Reference 1A.

On the motion: Aye: Mr. Folan, Mr. Adamo, Mrs. Haney, Mrs. Collins, Mr. Clements

Nay: No one

Abstained: Dr. Switchenko, Mr. Diaz, Mr. Doyle

The motion passes: 5-0-3

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

STUDENT COUNCIL

There was no report.

CITIZENS/DELEGATIONS

No one spoke.

SUMMARY ACTION

Personnel Action (Ref. 2)

Motion of Mr. Clements, seconded by Dr. Switchenko, that the Board of Education approve Reference 2.

Resignation:

- Judy Mulqueen, secretary II-10 month at Eastern Regional Academy, effective October 14, 2005.

Appointments:

- Amy Ottiano, speech and language pathologist at preschool, effective date to be determined. Salary is MA/8 \$41,894 prorated. Replaces JoAnne Hokanson who resigned.
- Catherine Rauchle, nurse at Sweeney Elementary School, effective September 29, 2005. Salary is \$37,720 prorated. Replaces Margaret Stickel who resigned.
- James Boyle, custodian at central office, effective September 26, 2005. Hourly rate is \$12.00. Replaces James Peludat who resigned.
- Sandra Canterbury, tutor at Windham Middle School, effective August 30, 2005. Hourly rate is \$15.00. New position.
- Michael Peterson, tutor at Windham Middle School, effective October 5, 2005. Hourly rate is \$15.00. New position.
- Irene Ricard, cafeteria worker at Windham High School, effective September 27, 2005. Hourly rate is \$9.02. Replaces Lynn Laprade who transferred.
- Joel Santiago, cafeteria worker at Windham Middle School, effective September 27, 2005. Hourly rate is \$9.02. Replaces Maria Cranmer who transferred.

Schedule A-2 appointments:

- Maximo Echevarria, team leader grade 6 at Windham Middle School, stipend is \$2,664. Replaces Kimberly Kelley who resigned.
- Carol Stolle, team leader grade 8 at Windham Middle School, stipend is \$2,664. Replaces Bridget Corcoran who resigned.
- Nivea Torres, district bilingual coordinator, stipend is \$4,500.

Co-extra curricular appointments:

- Betty Harris-Perkins, head cheerleaders at Windham High School, stipend is \$4,843.
- Sheryl Fraser, assistant volleyball coach at Windham High School, stipend is \$3,507.
- Mary Blain, National Junior Honor Society advisor at Windham Middle School, stipend is \$1,503.
- Mark Gildea, head cross country coach at Windham Middle School, stipend is \$1,336.

Leave of absence:

- Jennifer Lindsay, guidance counselor at Windham High School, childbearing/rearing leave of absence from November 28, 2005, to February 27, 2006.

There was no discussion.

On the motion: Aye, 8-0; unanimous.

Student Council field trip (Ref. 3)

Motion of Mrs. Collins, seconded by Mr. Diaz, that the Board of Education approve the field trip request for Windham High School student council members to participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at the Eastern Connecticut State University field in Mansfield, Connecticut, from Saturday, October 15, 2005, to Sunday, October 16, 2005, in accordance with Board Policy 6110P. There was no discussion.

On the motion: Aye, 8-0; unanimous.

ACTION ITEMS

District Federal Consolidated Grant (Ref. 4)

Motion of Mrs. Haney, seconded by Mr. Adamo, that the Board of Education approve the submission of the District Federal Consolidated grant application for FY 2006. Mr. Clements asked for further (Mrs. Rayhall entered the meeting.)

explanation of Title II, Part, Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting. Mr. Perzanoski said that he would get the information.

On the motion: Aye, 9-0, unanimous.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent's Reports

Young Parents' Program (Ref. 5)

Ms. Carole Norrish provided the Board with a report on the Young Parents' Program which has been in existence at Windham High School for approximately seventeen years. On average, there are about twenty-two young parents enrolled in the program each year. Last year the state recognized the program as exemplary and used it as an example to show other districts throughout the state how a successful program is run. The childcare center also received state commendation. Ms. Norrish spoke about the creation and implementation of a Young Parents' Program handbook; participation of students in a course that she teaches for which they receive college credit; and student participation in the after-school mentoring and tutoring components of the program which are grant funded. Throughout her presentation, she answered Board members' questions. Mr. Folan and Mr. Perzanoski thanked her for her report.

Before and After School Programs (Ref. 6)

Mr. Perzanoski reported that the administration is concerned that funding for the before and after school programs in the district will no longer be available in future years. He reviewed the current programs, their funding sources, and student participation statistics. The 21st Century grant, which funds many of the programs, has cut its funding this year by 25%. In 06-07, 50% of its funding will be cut and in 07-08, there will be no funding. Parent fees in 04-05 totaled \$69,237. This indicates that in the 07-08 school year, \$250,000 in addition to the parent fees will be needed to keep these programs operating. Mr. Perzanoski said that there is currently a bill before the state legislature to create a new grant program to help support after school activities. He reviewed possible actions in order for the Board of Education and administration to take proactive steps to find ways keep these programs running such as developing a Community Task Force. Mr. Perzanoski answered questions from the Board. Mr. Folan said that the Board could generate letters to legislators and also get the town involved. Mrs. Collins agreed.

Financial statement (September 2005) (Ref. 7)

Mr. Nelson said that he will begin to bring budget transfers to next week's Budget and Finance Committee meeting to address the energy deficit. There was some discussion about the continued high cost of fuel and some possible budget areas where savings may occur. Mr. Folan thanked Mr. Nelson.

Announcements/Information (Ref. 8)

Mr. Folan noted that Windham High School seniors, Joshua Dorsey, Amanda Jenkins, Sam Osborn and Erika Sharpe, have been named as Commended Students in the 2006 National Merit Scholarship Program.

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Subcommittee Reports

Policy/Planning: Mrs. Collins reported that the changes to Series 3000 have been submitted and will be brought back to the Board for a second reading and there will be another group of policies coming forth for a first reading.

Head Start: Mrs. Collins said that the committee continues to meet.

Superintendent's Advisory/Latino Affairs: Mr. Perzanoski reported that the agenda was set for the coming year. The committee plans to present the student and parent surveys that it has been working on at the next Student Services Committee meeting.

Program Development/Evaluation: Mr. Adamo said that next week's meeting has been canceled.

Mr. Perzanoski said that an update on the final 05-06 budget and information regarding the proposed magnet school will be presented next Wednesday at the Board of Finance meeting at the Town Hall at the request of Mr. Carey.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Collins asked for an update on the athletic trainer position. Mrs. Banks said that the appointment will be ready for the next Board meeting.

Mr. Folan asked about the status of the survey which is being completed by seniors at the high school and their parents. Student surveys have been returned, but it will take a while longer for the parent surveys to be returned.

CITIZENS/DELEGATIONS

No one spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mr. Doyle, that the Board adjourn its meeting at 8:06 P.M.

On the motion: Aye, 9-0; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

John Adamo, Secretary