

**WINDHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION
WILLIMANTIC, CONNECTICUT**

**MINUTES
November 9, 2005**

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Mr. Folan, Mr. Adamo, Dr. Switchenko, Mr. Doyle, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Haney, Mr. Diaz, Mr. Clements

BOARD ABSENT: Vice-chair Mrs. Rayhall

ADMINISTRATION

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

REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT: Student Council – Amelia Gagnon
Columbia – Mr. Pernaselli

OTHERS PRESENT: Administrators, general public and news media

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mr. Folan called the November 9, 2005, Board of Education meeting to order at 7:35 P.M., in conference room one (room 223), 2nd floor, Kramer School.

MINUTES

October 26, 2005, Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes (Ref. 1)

Motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Haney, that the Board of Education approve the October 26, 2005, regular Board of Education meeting minutes, Reference 1.

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

October 26, 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 26, 2005, special Board of Education meeting minutes, Reference 1A.

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

November 1, 2005, Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes (Ref. 1B)

Motion of Mrs. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Haney, that the Board of Education approve the November 1, 2005, special Board of Education meeting minutes, Reference 1B.

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

Nay: No one

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

The motion passes: 4-0-4

PRESENTATION

On behalf of the Connecticut Association of Urban Superintendents (CAUS), Chairperson Dr. Doris Kurtz presented an award in recognition of Windham Center Elementary School's designation by the United States Department of Education as a Blue Ribbon School for outstanding achievement. Mr. Folan and Mr. Perzanoski thanked Dr. Kurtz.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Folan congratulated the Board of Education members who won re-election and will continue to serve on the Board. He distributed several thank-you notes from Windham Center staff and Principal Jon Romeo for the recent Blue Ribbon Celebration hosted by the Board of Education. Mrs. Haney reminded Board members about the upcoming fundraiser at Windham High School for the fuel bank and asked for their support.

Mr. Folan welcomed Mr. Pernaselli, Columbia Board of Education Chair.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Amelia Gagnon reported that Windham High School was the number one youth team at the recent Relay for Life raising over \$4700.

CITIZENS/DELEGATIONS

Mr. Pernaselli, Columbia Board of Education Chairman, complimented the Board members who were re-elected. He thanked the Board for its contributions to Columbia and its students and commended Board members for a job well done and spoke highly about the professional relationship between the Windham and Columbia boards. Mr. Folan thanked him for his support.

SUMMARY ACTION

Personnel Action (Ref. 2)

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

Resignations:

- Amy Twing, reading teacher at Windham Middle School, effective December 23, 2005.
- Eloise Farris, cafeteria worker at North Windham Elementary School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective February 2, 2006.
- Caril Rush, special education educational assistant at Windham High School, effective October 13, 2005.

Appointments:

- Carmen D. Lopez, bus monitor at Head Start Prospect Street, Effective September 12, 2005. Replaces Wilmarie Aguilar who resigned.
- Daniela Shea, cafeteria worker at Windham Middle School, effective September 26, 2005. Hourly rate is \$9.02. Replaces Susan Wood who resigned.
- Jacqueline Bergeron, part time educational assistant at Natchaug Elementary School, effective October 31, 2005. Hourly rate is \$10.02. Replaces Heather Pichette who transferred to North Windham Elementary School.
- Jason Tartt, special education educational assistant at Windham Center Elementary School, effective October 24, 2005. Hourly rate is \$10.02. New position.
- Allison Kellie, part-time reading tutor at Sweeney Elementary School, effective November 1, 2005. Hourly rate is \$15.00. New grant funded position.

Co/extra curricular appointments:

- David Gruber, boys' tennis coach at Windham High School, stipend is \$2,839.

Leaves of absence:

- Barbara Zirakzadeh, reading teacher at Sweeney Elementary School, medical leave of absence from December 13, 2005, to January 9, 2006.
- Gail Provost, custodian at Sweeney Elementary School, medical leave of absence from October 31, 2005, to approximately January 3, 2006.

- Donna Brodeur, nurse at Windham Middle School, medical leave of absence from September 23, 2005, through October 20, 2005.

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

ACTION ITEMS

Before and After School Task Force (Ref. 3)

Motion of Mr. Clements, seconded by Dr. Switchenko, that the Board of Education approve the development of a townwide Before and After School Task Force, chaired by Board of Education member, Mark Doyle. Mr. Folan said that he would be honored to have Mr. Doyle chair this committee and thanked him for taking part in this communitywide effort. There was some discussion about how to involve community agencies in this initiative. Mr. Folan asked for another Board member to serve on the committee.

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

Series 3000 - Business and Non-Instructional Operation (Ref. 4)

Motion of Mrs. Collins, seconded by Mr. Doyle, that the Board of Education approve the proposed revised Board of Education Series 3000 (Business and Non-Instructional Operation) policies and regulations. This is the second reading which includes changes requested at the first reading which took place at the September 28, 2005, Board of Education meeting.

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

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent's Reports

Strategic School Profile (Ref. 5)

Mr. Perzanoski provided the Board with a brief summary of the information provided in the 2004-2005 Strategic School Profile report for the Windham School District. There was some discussion by Board members.

Mr. Folan said that Mrs. Rayhall is absent from tonight's meeting due to personal reasons.

Financial Statement (10/31/05) (Ref. 6)

Mr. Nelson reported that he is optimistic with the decrease in fuel prices. There was no discussion.

Announcements/Information (Ref. 7)

There was no discussion.

Board of Education

Board of Education meeting dates for 2006 (Ref. 8)

Proposed 2006 dates for Board of Education meetings were reviewed. Mr. Doyle said that he was concerned with the five-week stretch between the December and January meetings and the eight weeks between meetings in the summer. Mrs. Collins said that she thought that the Board should have a meeting during the summer. Mr. Folan suggested scheduling a meeting in early August which could be cancelled if it were not necessary. Mrs. Banks commented that the second week in August would be a better time to hold a meeting regarding personnel appointments.

Subcommittee Reports

Superintendent's Latino Advisory: Mr. Perzanoski reported that the committee discussed plans to distribute the parent and student surveys between January and June.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Folan asked for a review of the condition of the floor in the Windham High School cafeteria by the Facilities and Maintenance Committee.

CITIZENS/DELEGATIONS

Suzanne Brogie, Willimantic, asked for the status of the magnet school survey and the date for the next Student Services Committee meeting. The meeting will be held on November 22, 2005, at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Perzanoski said that the surveys will be delivered to the Town Hall and town libraries next week and principals will have them for distribution at parent conferences.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion of Mr. Adamo, seconded by Dr. Switchenko, that the Board enter into executive session at 8:24 PM, for the discussion of exempt documents pertaining to bargaining unit negotiations.

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

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Mr. Folan, Mr. Adamo, Dr. Switchenko, Mr. Doyle, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Haney, Mr. Diaz, Mr. Clements

ADMINISTRATION

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

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES

Chair Mr. Folan reconvened regular session at 8:36 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mr. Doyle, that the Board adjourn its meeting at 8:36 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

John Adamo, Secretary