

WINCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MAY 20, 2021
WINCHESTER SCHOOL GYM

Board Members Present: L. Picard, T. Perkins, T. Kilanski, J. Rokes, L. Hildreth
Administration Present: K. Dassau, V. Carey, T. Taylor

Superintendent, K. Dassau called the meeting to order at 6:34pm for the election of officers.

T. Perkins MOVED to nominate L. Picard as Chair of the Winchester School Board; SECONDED by: L. Hildreth, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.
There were no other nominations.

L. Picard then took over the handling of the meeting.

L Picard MOVED to nominate T. Perkins as Vice-Chair of the Winchester School Board; SECONDED by: L. Hildreth, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.
There were no other nominations.

L Picard MOVED to nominate J. Rokes as Secretary of the Winchester School Board; SECONDED by: L. Hildreth, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.
There were no other nominations.

L. Picard welcomed Lindsey Hildreth to the Board table.

L. Picard MOVED to approve the Public minutes of 5/6/21; SECONDED by: T. Perkins, amending Gina Bushey to *Sheena* Bushey, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

PRINCIPAL – V. Carey:

*V. Carey reviewed the vote from May 11th and how it effects next year. She was very happy with the approval of the Teachers' contract. They have done an incredible amount of work in the past year.

She thanked staff, parents, community members. Getting a yes to the budget is a massive win.

*Information on Summer Camp has gone out to see what interest there is.

*Some opportunities for COVID related funds. One of the requirements is to form a committee to identify the needs and gather input as to how to use the monies. The Committee needs to include a parent, community member and one School Board member. Need to start quickly. Anticipates more detail coming with regard to requirements.

*Part of the School Partners call – CDC change is not applicable to K-12 settings. The CDC has a separate requirement for K-12. Need to continue with masking and social distancing for the rest of the year and then will watch things going into Summer School and see if changes are needed.

BUSINESS MANAGER – T. Taylor:

After Board review, **L. Picard MOVED to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest dated 5/13/21 in the amount of \$107,505.55; SECONDED by: T. Kilanski, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.**

T. Perkins MOVED to approve the Payroll Manifest of 5/14/21 in the amount of \$190,882.51; SECONDED by: J. Rokes, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

- *The MS-22 has been completed and submitted and Board members signed.
- *Distributed month-end budget for review. The biggest line is KHS tuition and Special Ed will be coming in. Hoping things will level-out in the budget at end-of-year 6/30/21.
- *May 24th State Grant Audit – will be here in person. Looking at very specific things. June 24th is the Food Service Audit.
- *Attended Webinar on Grants; biggest thing we need to do is form a committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – K. Dassau:

- *Welcomed L. Hildreth to the School Board. Let her know to reach out to L. Picard if she has any questions and then to Administration for help.
- *Commended the Budget Committee and School Board for accepting the new budget and the public for acting on it.
- *Reviewed information on lawsuit with the Board. Not likely to be resolved before the end of 2022. Started out with two districts; now many are involved.
- *Hired Matt Hill to replace Ian Spencer as Director of Facilities. He was the unanimous choice of the Committee. Matt Hill will be here on the 24th and Ian Spencer will be back from vacation to work with him before his last day on May 28th.
- *Non-Public session is needed for nominations and a resignation.

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR COMMENT/REPORT:

- *L. Picard explained the Board knew early that they wanted to be involved in the lawsuit. They recognize the impact the current formula has on taxes and students. L. Picard is happy to see there were a couple of districts that weren't as heavily impacted as Winchester, but stepped up. She looks forward to more information when it comes in.
- *Senior Night is Wednesday, June 2nd at 6:00pm. Will send out a reminder to the Board. She would appreciate as many Board members there as possible.
- *Big shout-out to all community members that took the time to learn about school funding and the impact it has on the school, talked it up and shared the information with others. She is looking forward to that continuing.
- *Tax Rate – The total increase from the budget on the tax rate is just over \$3.00. The increase in the tax rate is directly related to reduction in revenues. Winchester received a one-time \$800,000, but it still impacts the tax rate and revenues. When we get heated up about what the school costs, need to keep in mind our ultimate goals.

COMMITTEES:

L. Picard reviewed the list of Committees and assignments were given:

- Budget Committee: J. Rokes, L. Hildreth (back-up)
- Negotiations: T. Kilanski, T. Perkins – The Board Chair will fill in as needed.
- Selectboard: L. Picard will keep the Board apprised as important things come up. Will continue to rotate Board Members.
- Professional Development: L. Hildreth, L. Picard
- Reopening Committee: L. Hildreth, L. Picard (back-up)
- Finance Committee: L. Picard, J. Rokes
- KHS Committee: T. Kilanski, L. Hildreth, L. Picard (back-up)
- Joint Loss Committee: T. Perkins

- Legislative Action/Policy Committee: T. Perkins, L. Picard – L. Hildreth will go and observe to see how it works.
- NHSBA: L. Picard suggested newer members T. Kilanski, J. Rokes and L. Hildreth contact the NHSBA with questions, review information, etc.
- Scholarship Committee: T. Perkins – L. Picard advised closer to the event could pull in other Board Members to show them the process.
- Sick Bank: L. Picard
- Transportation: Left this committee open for now. Not much to do at this point.
- Energy Conservation: J. Rokes, T. Kilanski
- Technology: L. Picard, T. Perkins (back up)

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

There was an issue with the live feed, but there were no citizens' comments from the gym.

L. Picard MOVED to go into non-public session at 7:36PM. under RSA91-A:3 (b); SECONDED by: J. Rokes, VOTED by roll call: T. Perkins - yes, L. Hildreth – yes, T. Kilanski – yes, J. Rokes – yes, L. Picard – yes, MOTION PASSED.

L. Picard MOVED to leave non-public session at 7:47pm, SECONDED by: J. Rokes, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

While in non-public session the board discussed nominations and resignations.

L. Picard MOVED to seal the non-public minutes for at least two weeks; SECONDED by: L. Hildreth, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

The Board received a request from the Trustees of Trust Funds to sign the letter for scholarships funds.

T. Perkins MOVED to sign the letter for the Trustees of Trust funds for Scholarship monies; SECONDED by: L. Picard, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

After discussion, **J. Rokes MOVED to give authority, to Superintendent Dassau to enter into contracts as needed; SECONDED by: T. Perkins, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.**

L. Picard MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm; SECONDED by: T. Perkins, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Higgins
School Board Secretary