

WINCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JUNE 3, 2021
WINCHESTER SCHOOL GYM

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

School Board Chair, L. Picard called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

L. Picard MOVED to approve the Public minutes of 5/20/21; SECONDED by: T. Perkins, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

The School Board recognized Winchester Senior, Dean Truesdell.

V. Carey introduced Dean Truesdell. He won many awards last night at the Winchester Scholarship Night. He will be attending the University of Maine at Orono. Dean Truesdell has a very impressive history at KHS and they are all super proud of him.

L. Picard presented Dean Truesdell with a certificate and asked if there was anything he would say to his peers? He wanted them to know that there are some things you need to go with the flow on and be ready to get into an opportunity you've been given, even if it might not be something you think you want to do. His favorite activity at KHS is Skiing. He is ranked in the 20's in the State.

L. Picard thanked Dean Truesdell for being here and for being a wonderful example for Winchester. She gave a big thank you to his parents and Grandmother, too.

Students that couldn't be here tonight to be recognized by the Board but received scholarships at the awards night included Claudia Nordberg, Hannah Giles, Mary "Lulu" Cook and Abigail Sprague (who was highlighted at a previous Board meeting). Scholarships totaling \$19,200 were awarded from Winchester businesses. Twelve students attended the scholarship night. The Board and Administration applauds all of the students, their families and the Town for their support.

L. Picard feels the Winchester Scholarship Night is always an excellent event. T. Perkins did a great job gathering up door prizes.

T. Perkins - There were two prizes for everyone and there were additional prizes added to the raffle.

V. Carey – It was nice to see all the families come out to support students. It was great!

PRINCIPAL – V. Carey:

*Field Day will be Monday. They will have lots of water as it will be in the nineties. Students/Staff won't be out in the heat all day.

*Elm City Rotary did the free sneaker day for our Second Graders and they each got a tracking sheet. If the students can track 25 miles, they can join the last mile of the DeMar Marathon. It was great to have the Rotary back this year. They brought jump ropes and frisbees for the Third Grade. They missed out on sneakers last year due to COVID.

BUSINESS MANAGER – T. Taylor:

*T. Taylor reviewed the year-to-date report with the Board. There is about \$300,000 left for encumbered services, but still tracking. Right now she believes they will have about \$140,000 at the end of the year, but that will fluctuate.

*COVID reimbursement – Winchester was allocated \$2.2 million; which was a \$1.4 million split up front and then the second portion will be received when it is distributed to the State.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – K. Dassau:

*Welcomed Matt Hill as Director of Facilities and introduced him to the Board. His official first day is Monday.

*The Board discussed the meeting schedule for July and August.

L. Hildreth MOVED to hold two meetings in the Summer; one on July 15th and one on August 12th, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

CHAIR REPORT/COMMENTS – L. Picard:

L. Picard reviewed Committees and the Board scheduled meetings

***Joint Loss Committee:** Will meet at 5:30 on July 15th.

***Policy Committee:** Will meet on June 17th.

***Negotiations:** Will be coming up.

***NHSBA:** L. Hildreth signed up for a training. She will check each month to see what is available.

***Professional Development** – Will look at a July meeting.

***Re-opening Committee:** V. Carey would like to hold the first meeting the week of June 14th and possibly hold two that week. The plan is due by 6/23/21.

V. Carey will do much of the ground work. After discussion, V. Carey and L. Hildreth agreed to meet on 6/15/21 at 4:00pm.

After questions by the Board, **L. Picard MOVED to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest dated 5/28/21 in the amount of \$161,008.58; SECONDED by: L. Hildreth, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.**

L. Picard MOVED to approve the Payroll Manifest dated 5/28/21 in the amount of \$211,169.46; SECONDED by: J. Rokes, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

There were no comments from the public in the gym or from those on-line.

L. Picard MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:06pm; SECONDED by: L. Hildreth, VOTED 5-0 MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Higgins
School Board Secretary