

WINCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD
JANUARY 26, 2023
WINCHESTER SCHOOL LIBRARY

Board Members Present: L. Hildreth, L. Picard, J. Hadler, J. Rokes; Absent: J. Blake
Administration Present: L. Carey, M. Pouliot, T. Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. by Board Chair, L. Hildreth.

L. Picard MOVED to approve the Public Minutes of 1/5/23, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – M. Pouliot:

- *Eighth Grade players were recognized in between basketball games tonight. The Athletic Director made beautiful posters and surprised them with t-shirts.
- *Eighth Grade scheduling for Keene is underway; 10-11 kids are signed up so far.
- *Cheshire Smiles was here for three days doing dental work for students Preschool through Grade Eight. Next year the school will send information out at the beginning of the year. M. Pouliot thinks they would get more people signed up for dental visits that way.
- *The Lion's Club will be coming in two weeks to do vision screening. They are opening it up to Preschool through Grade Eight.

BUSINESS MANAGER – T. Taylor:

L. Hildreth MOVED to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest dated 1/13/23 – Voucher #1089, in the amount of \$218,726.92; SECONDED by: L. Picard, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

L. Hildreth MOVED to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest dated 1/27/23 – Voucher #1088 in the amount of \$166.41; SECONDED by: L. Picard, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

L. Picard MOVED to approve the Payroll Manifest dated 1/20/23, in the amount of \$220,711.07; SECONDED by: L. Picard, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

L. Hildreth MOVED to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest dated 1/27/23 – Voucher #1094 in the amount of \$2,308.92; SECONDED by: L. Picard, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

L. Hildreth MOVED to approve the Payroll Manifest dated 1/27/23 – Voucher #1095, in the amount of \$206,064.41; SECONDED by: L. Picard, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – L. Carey:

- *The Board received the draft of the School calendar and reviewed. L. Carey advised it has been sent to The WTA and the WSSA. There was a comment regarding a workshop day. Amy Hill advised that the Union is in the process of reviewing. The calendar hasn't been approved yet.
- *L. Carey explained Policy GADA. It is a new law and is a required policy. After review, **L. Hildreth MOVED to approve Policy GADA - Employment References and Verification (Prohibiting Aiding and Abetting of Sexual Abuse); SECONDED by: L. Picard, the Policy Committee did review the policy a few times and cross-referenced related Board policies, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.**
- *L. Carey appreciates everyone's patience regarding bad weather, snow days, delays. She

explained they try to call parents the night before to advise of a delay/cancellation, but are not always able to. Our bussing directly relates to Keene. It is hard when we have a two-hour delay and Keene does not. It makes it more difficult to stay on/near schedule, but they have done it. The goal is to give parents/teachers enough notice.

L. Picard - The bus company and other districts have a lot of additional input in the decision.

L. Carey – It is no longer a local issue.

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS/REPORT: L. Hildreth:

*The School Board's Deliberative Session will be held on 2/4/23 at 12:15 here in the gym. Hope to have a good turnout to support the budget.

L. Picard asked that if the Board is looking for any specific documents for the Deliberative Session, to let them know so they can prepare.

L. Hildreth – Budget, Capital Reserve and Enrollment information.

L. Picard – Dollar amount in Building Capital Fund and Special Ed Capital Fund.

L. Picard advised the Board needs to approve a request for the Trustee of Trust Funds to withdraw funds for a scholarship.

L. Picard MOVED to sign off on a request for Astoria Fox in the amount of \$300.00 for the Van Holm Memorial Scholarship; SECONDED by: L. Hildreth, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

None.

L. Hildreth MOVED to go into Non-Public Session under RSA91-A:3II(c) at 6:55pm; SECONDED by: L. Picard, J. Rokes – yes, L. Hildreth – yes, L. Picard – yes, J. Hildreth – yes, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

The next Board meeting will be held on February 2, 2023.

L. Hildreth MOVED to leave Non-Public Session at 7:21pm; SECONDED by: L. Picard, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

L. Hildreth MOVED to seal the Non-Public Minutes until the issue is otherwise resolved; SECONDED by: J. Hadler, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

L. Hildreth MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm; SECONDED by: L. Picard, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted:

Peggy Higgins
School Board Secretary