

**WINCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2021
WINCHESTER SCHOOL LIBRARY**

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

The meeting was called to order by V. Chair, L. Picard at 6:36pm.

MINUTES:

L. Picard MOVED to approve the Public and Non-Public Minutes of 12/2/21; SECONDED by: T. Perkins, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

L.Picard put into the record the 12/3/21 Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$3,699.07. Signed Electronically

L. Picard MOVED to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest dated 12/3/21 in the amount of \$189,693.92 on 12/3/21; SECONDED by: T. Perkins; MOTION PASSED. Signed electronically.

L. Picard MOVED to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest dated 12/17/21 in the amount of \$156,321.65; SECONDED by: T. Perkins, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

L. Picard MOVED to approve the Payroll Manifest dated 12/3/21 in the amount of \$446.89; SECONDED by: L. Hildreth, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

L. Picard MOVED to approve the Payroll Manifest dated 12/10/21 in the amount of \$224,823.19; SECONDED by: T. Perkins, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

Matt Hill reviewed the fencing bids with the Board. He has accepted Cheshire Fence's bid – saved \$20,850 from what was budgeted. Explained they can now get the chairs from the Capital Plan. M. Hill distributed information to the Board and reviewed.

J. Rokes MOVED to purchase single hinge chairs through Amazon and racks too, up to \$9,600; SECONDED by: L. Hildreth, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – K. Dassau:

*There is a need for a brief non-public session.

WARRANT ARTICLES:

Article Two – Completed, pending the Budget Committee's Budget.

Article Three – Previously approved.

Article Five – T. Taylor went back and reviewed the wording; it is correct. She reiterated that it is not for the current year; very confusing. The wording is no different than Article Three.

L. Picard advised they need to be very clear at the Deliberative Session that it is not an addition, just the \$121,727 alone.

L. Picard has been told we are looking at seven new Pre-School students. Concerned about that; looking at enrollment for the future. Not recommending that particular cut.

J. Rokes MOVED to recommend Article Two; SECONDED by: L. Picard, after discussion, T. Kilanski advised he was not voting for the Warrant Article for the same reason he gave before, which is that he doesn't agree with a couple of things in the budget; VOTED: 1-4 (L. Picard, L. Hildreth, T. Perkins, T. Kilanski – no), MOTION FAILED. The Board does not recommend the Warrant Article.

L. Picard MOVED to recommend Article Four; SECONDED by: J. Rokes, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

After discussion, T. Kilanski MOVED to recommend Article Five; SECONDED by: L. Hildreth, VOTED: 4-1 (J. Rokes – no), MOTION PASSED.

J. Rokes MOVED to recommend Article Six; SECONDED by: L. Hildreth, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

L. Hildreth MOVED to recommend Article Seven; SECONDED by: J. Rokes, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

L. Picard advised 1/11/22 is the last day for Warrant Articles.

J. Spaulding advised the Budget Committee is meeting the 4th or 5th of January. The School Board would need to meet to address any petition Warrant Articles at the next Board meeting.

The Public Hearing is January 13th. Jason Spaulding advised the Budget Committee is meeting on 1/22/22 – L. Picard – will post for 6:30pm, but if no petitioned Warrant Articles don't need to meet as a School Board.

Professional Development:

L. Hildreth advised the Committee reviewed the ESSER Grant. Have questions for staff as to what they would like to use the monies for.

Policy Committee:

The next packet will have two policies being recommended. They are currently reviewing two new Policies.

L. Picard reminded the Board to look out for dates and times for upcoming meetings.

L. Hildreth advised Keene will be having a half day-early release on Wednesday. It was a fairly recent decision. Thinking Winchester could do a half day as part of ESSER fund fatigue. She would like to do a lunch for all staff, all shifts, on 12/22/21 to come out of the Board's Recognition and Awards line.

The Board was in agreement.

J. Rokes asked for a hard copy of the DOE-25.

J. Rokes wanted to have further discussion on time clocks.

L. Picard not sure they were ready to discuss tonight. Had agreed to add to agenda in January.

J. Rokes advised he went through and reviewed the prior minutes beginning in 2018 relating to time clocks and read to the Board. Advised the time clocks should have been installed by July 1, 2019; nothing was voted on to get rid of them. They were obviously purchased; but not up and running.

K. Dassau – If in August, 2020 you asked and it was said we weren't going to use them, why did you not bring it up before.

J. Rokes advised he was bringing it up now.

After much discussion, L. Picard advised she wanted to review the minutes as well and discuss as an agenda item in January.

J. Rokes left the meeting at 7:30pm.

T. Kilanski advised he also brought this up at a Selectboard meeting. It was brought to his attention about people using their cell phones at meetings. Feels the Board should abide by the policy. Thinks it needs to be implemented.

L. Hildreth and L. Picard advised there are times that they need to check/answer their cell phones in case of emergency. L. Picard will bring to the Policy Committee for review

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Amy Hill asked about whether she should mention something to the paras/union about the time clocks.

L. Picard – no.

Amy Hill advised it was a nightmare; the system was faulty.

Amy Hill asked about cell phones; is it just for the Board meeting?

T. Kilanski – yes.

Amy Hill advised she has Dojo messages coming at her. She needs her phone on all the time. If she needs to be reached, she can quickly be reached on her phone. It has become a tool for teachers.

Amy Hill asked about 1/13/22 meeting.

L. Hildreth advised it is the Budget Committee's Public Hearing.

The meeting on 1/12/22 will be the Budget Committee and Selectboard going over petitioned Warrant Articles and the School Board if there are any petition Warrant Articles.

Rob advised people on the Board are looking at their calendars, etc. Doesn't think people are just texting. Feels more of it is notes, following documents, etc.

Amanda Nordberg had a question about the budget.

K. Dassau explained it is the Budget Committee's budget. That is why that number is there. It is not the School Board's budget. MS-27 will show the Budget Committee's recommendation and the School Board's recommendation and at the Deliberative Session will have the opportunity to discuss those changes.

Amanda Nordberg asked about the time Clocks – what staff are you talking about?

L. Picard advised they are tabling that conversation until January.

L. Picard advised the Policy Committee will try to have the Cell Phone Policy ready to come back in January.

L. Hildreth MOVED to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3,III(a) at 7:43pm; SECONDED by: T. Perkins VOTED: T. Perkins – yes, L. Picard – yes, L. Hildreth – yes, T. Kilanski-yes, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

While in non-public the Board accepted a retirement.

L. Picard MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:48; SECONDED by: L. Hildreth, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

