

WINCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
WINCHESTER SCHOOL CAFETERIA
MARCH 17, 2022

School Board Members Present: L. Picard, L. Hildreth, J. Hale Hadler, T. Kilanski – via phone
J. Rokes - Absent
Administration Present: K. Dassau, T. Taylor, V. Carey, M. Hill

As elections were held after the last Board meeting, K. Dassau called the meeting to order at 6:34pm and called for a nomination for Board Chair.

L. Picard nominated L. Hildreth for School Board Chair; Voted: 3-1 (T. Kilanski – no).
T. Kilanski nominated J. Rokes for School Board Chair; VOTED: 1-3 (L. Hildreth, L. Picard, J. Hale Hadler – no).
The meeting was turned over to L. Hildreth as Board Chair.

T. Kilanski nominated J. Rokes as Vice-Chair: Voted: 1–3 (L. Hildreth, L. Picard, J. Hale Hadler – no).
L. Hildreth nominated L. Picard as Vice-Chair: Voted: 3-1 (T. Kilanski – no).
L. Picard will serve as Vice-Chair.

L. Hildreth nominated J. Rokes as back-up Secretary as needed: Voted: 4-0.

**L. Picard MOVED to approve the Public Minutes of the 3/3/22 School Board Meeting; SECONDED by:
L. Hildreth, VOTED: 3-0-1 (J. Hale Hadler – abstained).**

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – V. Carey:

- *Conferences are being held this week and next, along with the Book Fair this week.
- *Baseball/Softball is getting started. There is an informational meeting being held tonight.
- *Student Council is working on offering dance parties throughout the day on April 1st for the elementary grades and after school for the middle school students.
- *Students had expressed an interest in having some different opportunities in Unified Arts. In the past they had people coming in to offer their talents. The School is not having people come in through the community, but using staff to offer different opportunities for students. Students in 7th and 8th grade had many activities to choose from including, cooking, outside landscaping, computers, advanced gym, advanced music, etc. The students gave their first, second and third choices. Staff worked hard to get the students their first or second choice. Hoping to continue for the remainder of the school year.
- *Still working with COVID protocols for symptoms; becoming trickier as they head into allergy season. There was a call with the State and recommendations from the school nurse. They will be putting together some guidance for families who have children who suffer from frequent allergies. V. Carey will be contacting families, probably next week, with what that protocol will look like.

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT – T. Taylor:

- *Board members received the 2021 Audit via e-mail so they could send any questions they might have. T. Taylor advised she received no questions. She would like to get an approval tonight.

L. Hildreth MOVED to approve the results of the FY21 Audit; SECONDED by: L. Picard, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

L. Hildreth MOVED to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest dated 3/11/22 in the amount of \$58,306.13; SECONDED by: L. Picard, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

L. Hildreth MOVED to approve the Payroll Manifest dated 3/18/22; SECONDED by: L. Picard, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

*The MS-22 was distributed for Board signatures. The recount on Article Five was done today and was passed by four votes. It has been included in the MS-22.

L. Hildreth MOVED to approve the MS22 as presented; SECONDED BY: L. Picard, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

T. Kilanski will stop in and sign the MS-22 when he is back in the area.

*T. Taylor distributed ESSER I and ESSER II budgets, the list of items funds were used for and reviewed with the Board. There is \$64,386.24 left in ESSER I funds which will expire in September, 2022 and \$327, 558.17 in ESSER II funds which will expire in September 2023. T. Taylor advised there will be a couple more meetings before we see anything for ESSER III.

L. Hildreth asked if there was a need to hold a Reopening Committee Meeting or an ESSER Meeting regarding ESSER III funds.

V. Carey advised they will be forming a Committee, based on the Reopening Committee, to come up with a plan to focus on the use of ESSER funds and how they are staying in person for learning and maintaining all of the guidelines and moving forward with that. Tomorrow she will be sending out an e-mail to give people a chance to express their interest in being on that Committee so they can get back together, look at the original plan and see what has been deemed not required or still required and what suggestions have been received by the District.

T. Kilanski was disconnected at 7:12pm.

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES - M. Hill:

*Received the final quote for the sanding of the gym floor. Will be discussing at the next Facilities Meeting.

*Iris Waite from Design Day provided a proposal for the three major HVAC projects. M. Hill advised they are going with her company.

*Having a hard time finding equipment for the Music Room; currently in a holding pattern.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – K. Dassau:

*A non-public session is needed tonight.

L. Hildreth reviewed the Board Meeting schedule and advised will do committee assignments at the next meeting when there is a full Board.

L. Picard thanked the voters; it was a very tight vote for insurance for support staff. It was a hard decision, but she is happy it turned out in favor of the support staff. Continuing to lift them up in a positive way as they lift up our community, is important.

L. Picard advised she will be taking an active Vice-Chair role in the transition of the new Board Chair and new Superintendent.

L. Picard welcomed Joni Hale Hadler to the Board.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

None.

L. Hildreth MOVED to enter into non-public session at 7:21pm under RSA91-A:3(b); SECONDED by: L. Picard, L. Hildreth – yes, L. Picard – yes, J. Hale Hadler – yes, MOTION PASSED.

L. Picard MOVED to leave non-public session at 7:45pm; SECONDED by: L. Hildreth, VOTED: 3-0, MOTION PASSED.

While in non-public session the Board discussed a new hire.

L. Hildreth MOVED to seal the minutes until an offer is accepted; SECONDED BY: L. Picard, VOTED: 3-0, MOTION PASSED.

L. Picard MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm. SECONDED by: L. Hildreth, VOTED: 3-0, MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Higgins
School Board Secretary