

**WINCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
WINCHESTER SCHOOL LIBRARY
DECEMBER 1, 2011**

Board Members Present: J. Gile, T. Croteau, K. Whippie, C. Duquette, W. Hildreth
Administration Present: K. Dassau, P. Bigelow, C. Paulin, C. Boyle

The meeting was called to order by Chair, C. Duquette at 6:50 pm.

MINUTES:

K. Whippie MOVED to approve the public minutes of November 17, 2011; SECONDED by: J. Gile, VOTED: 4-0-1 (W. Hildreth - abstained).

K. Whippie MOVED to approve the withdrawal of \$200,000 from the Special Education Expendable Trust; SECONDED by: J. Gile, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

J. Gile MOVED to approve the manifest in the amount of \$403,389.88; SECONDED by: W. Hildreth, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

The Board received a copy of J. Lewis' report. He was away and could not attend the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

*Reviewed budget schedule and time line with the Board.

*Marie Braley advised need to post Public Hearing on January 10th and hold a meeting on the 17th. The Deliberative Session will be held February 9th.

C. Duquette advised K. Whippie to let the Budget Committee know that the Board was not ready to meet with them. They will need time to go through the budget. After discussion, the Board agreed to meet next Tuesday as a work session. C. Duquette advised she will be away.

K. Whippie will let Brian Moser know that they won't be meeting with the Budget Committee on Tuesday and will tell him it is likely January 10th won't work and they have until the 17th for the Public Hearing.

K. Dassau advised they will post the meeting for a budget work session on Tuesday at 6:15 pm. After the meeting, the Board will see if another meeting is needed on the 13th.

2012/2013 Budget:

K. Dassau reviewed the budget line by line with the Board and answered questions.

K. Whippie likes the percent and amount difference columns; he feels it is very helpful.

K. Dassau advised once they are a little closer to the final budget, he will post it on the website.

K. Dassau will bring information on the following back to the Board:

*T. Croteau would like information regarding the reason for the increase in tuition at KHS.

*W. Hildreth asked why Winchester can't be part of AREA in Keene.

*K. Dassau will be meeting with John Harper at KHS to go through the tuition bill.

*Certificate Reimbursement 2320-58100 – C. Duquette wants to know what has been

spent to date.

*Information on supplies for next year. K. Dassau can get a breakdown.

C. Duquette asked for detail sheets as to what teachers need for supplies.

*Will check on Summer School numbers.

*Guidance Salaries

*Occupational Therapy Assistants – 2170

K. Dassau thinks it was a budget amount; will check on that. May have revised numbers.

The Board discussed areas of possible reductions in the budget.

C. Duquette feels this year across the Board can't afford pay increases; maybe another way they could compensate.

K. Dassau advised will need to discuss coaches' salaries with the Board.

The Board will meet to discuss the Budget on Tuesday. C. Duquette asked the Board to come prepared with items to cut/reduce. If members have questions beforehand, they should e-mail K. Dassau or C. Paulin. They will meet in the Ford Building. K. Dassau will post the meeting as a work session and put a sign on the school door.

T. Croteau asked about revenues. He would like information broken down so the Board can see revenues from Surry, shared positions with Hinsdale, etc.

BOARD COMMITTEE/REP REPORTS:

Selectmen's Meeting:

T. Croteau and K. Dassau attended the meeting and explained what was going on at the School. The Select Board wasn't happy receiving a letter regarding a deficit from the Attorney; they felt it should have come from the Board. T. Sepe advised she is expecting the Board to cut their budget like the Town.

NHSBA:

Delegate Assembly will be held on December 14th. C. Duquette gave information to T. Croteau.

K. Dassau spoke to someone from Kelly Ayotte's office. He will be writing a letter to State Representatives regarding Special Ed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

AREA with Keene.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Sue Rice asked for a definition of Special Ed students.

K. Dassau explained there are eight different categories; he can give her information.

S. Rice asked questions regarding budget.

Heather Pelkey advised her daughter is in a Kindergarten class of 22 kids; hopes Readiness/Pre-First class can be in place as well as a part-time Music teacher for the 4th grade.

J. Gile wonders how much better kids could do if they had a Readiness program at the 3-4 year level.

K. Whippie MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm; SECONDED by: J. Gile, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Higgins
School Board Secretary