

**WINCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
WINCHESTER SCHOOL LIBRARY  
MARCH 7, 2012**

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair, C. Duquette at 6:30 pm.

**MINUTES:**

**T. Croteau MOVED to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2012 Public Hearing; SECONDED by: W. Hildreth, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.**

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**K. Whippie MOVED to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2012 Non-Public Meeting; SECONDED by: W. Hildreth, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

After review, **K. Whippie MOVED to approve Policies GCQA and IGE as a Final Reading; SECONDED by: W. Hildreth, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**W. Hildreth MOVED to approve the Manifest in the amount of \$364,365.74; SECONDED by: K. Whippie, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.**

C. Paulin advised that the \$2,098.79 fine, questioned at last month's meeting, will be returned by the Federal Government.

C. Paulin reviewed the dishwasher bids. C. Paulin advised they want to install it during April vacation.  
C. Paulin - thanks goes to Don Chamberlain; he did all the leg work.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

J. Lewis distributed his report to the Board.

\*Milk and cookies will be rescheduled; probably in a couple of weeks.

Jeremy Miller explained a proposal for a Book Mobile to be purchased through a grant. Federal Express is willing to sell a storage truck to the Access Program for \$5,000. He believes the additional cost will be \$5,000 for the upcoming year. They will take it to places where children may not have regular access to books. It would be a book distribution center on wheels and model good reading. Free books will be distributed; now looking at doing it on a monthly basis during the day, to pre-school families.

Mel Harrison advised it is their hope that the Book Mobile Program would carry on during the Summer; they have volunteers that would donate their time.

C. Duquette feels maybe it could be a parent resource for infant and child development stages.

K. Whippie asked if Porter's should do a once-through on the truck.

J. Miller advised New England Fleet just passed it for inspection; great idea, though.

**K. Whippie MOVED that the Access Program proceed with the purchase of the truck contingent on a positive report from a qualified mechanic, SECONDED by: W. Hildreth, after discussion, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.**

Pre-School came last week to see what goes on in the Kindergarten.

Bambi Truesdell advised they will be going to WIC to read to children.

B. Truesdell - The Sportsmen's Club has donated books; paper strips with book titles will be put into Easter eggs and given out to children to redeem for a book.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** The Board received K. Dassau's report.

\*Due Process Hearing – Withdrawn by Parent.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

Joseph Kosmo asked about the Warrant Article to take the Budget Committee out of the handling of the School Board budget. He asked why. Feels there needs to be checks and balances.

C. Duquette advised it is his prerogative how he votes.

J. Kosmo advised Winchester students went to Keene years ago and Special Ed kids, too. It cost a fortune. Was there information to the public that Special Education students would go?

C. Duquette advised yes, all students grades nine through twelve.

J. Kosmo asked when the fees went up why the Board didn't bring the students back.

C. Duquette – to what?

J. Kosmo – back to the school.

J. Lewis explained that the building isn't ready for students.

J. Kosmo advised he will need 20 minutes to speak at the next Board meeting.

C. Duquette advised 15 minutes total is allotted for the public to speak. For more time, he would need to ask the Superintendent to be put on the agenda.

**K. Whippie MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 pm; SECONDED by: W. Hildreth, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Higgins  
School Board Secretary