

**Willington Board of Education
September 12, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes
Center Elementary School, Multi-purpose Room**

Audio Recording yes
Notes Taken yes

Members present at meeting:

Herb Arico
Michelle Doucette Cunningham
Ann Grosjean
Melissa McKinnon
Peggy Roberts
Marybeth Walleth
Erika Wiecenski

Members absent: none

Also present: Interim Superintendent of Schools Jacqueline J. Jacoby
Center Elementary School Principal, Phil Stevens
Friar Associates, Inc. Vice President, Michael Sorano
Members of the public (approximately 25)

1. Call to Order at 7:00p.m. by Erika Wiecenski

2. Presentation

Willington Public Schools' Facilities Study- Michael Sorano, Friar Associates
Mike Sorano presented to the Board of Education (BOE) and to other
community members present. To access the School Facilities Study
presented go to www.friar.com/clients
(Username: WillingtonPS@friar.com
Password: 1234)

You will also be able to view the more detailed individual school
(Hall/Center) studies that include more details for Option I, Capital
Improvement. Overall, six different options for improvements to the
facilities were presented. The BOE reviewed the reports for the first time
during this presentation and will continue to work with Dr. Jacoby to plan
community opportunities to seek feedback and responses to questions.

MOTION: by Michelle Doucette Cunningham

To transfer from Non-certified salaries (02) in the amount of \$219 to Pupil Transportation (06).

Seconded by Ann Grosjean

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	X	----	----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	X	----	----
Ann Grosjean	X	----	----
Melissa McKinnon	X	----	----
Peggy Roberts	X	----	----
Marybeth Wallett	X	----	----
Erika Wiecenski	X	----	----

Motion Passed

MOTION: by Michelle Doucette Cunningham

To transfer from Non-certified salaries (02) in the amount of \$657 to Liability Insurance (07).

Seconded by Herb Arico

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	X	----	----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	X	----	----
Ann Grosjean	X	----	----
Melissa McKinnon	X	----	----
Peggy Roberts	X	----	----
Marybeth Wallett	X	----	----
Erika Wiecenski	X	----	----

Motion Passed

MOTION: by Michelle Doucette Cunningham

To transfer from Employee Benefits (04) in the amount of \$33,971 to Tuition (09).

Seconded by Erika Wiecenski

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	X	----	----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	X	----	----
Ann Grosjean	X	----	----
Melissa McKinnon	X	----	----
Peggy Roberts	X	----	----
Marybeth Wallett	X	----	----
Erika Wiecenski	X	----	----

Motion Passed

MOTION: by Michelle Doucette Cunningham

To transfer from Employee Benefits (04) in the amount of \$11,263 to Other Purchased Services (10).

Seconded by Erika Wiecenski

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	X	----	----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	X	----	----
Ann Grosjean	X	----	----
Melissa McKinnon	X	----	----
Peggy Roberts	X	----	----
Marybeth Wallett	X	----	----
Erika Wiecenski	X	----	----

Motion Passed

MOTION: by Michelle Doucette Cunningham

To transfer from Non-Certified Salaries (02), Substitute Wages (03), Employee Benefits (04), Communications (08), Supplies (11), Textbooks, periodicals, General Supplies (13), Educational Equipment (14) and Dues, Memberships, Travel (14) in the total amount of \$33,959 to Operations management (12).

Seconded by Melissa McKinnon

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	X	----	----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	X	----	----
Ann Grosjean	X	----	----
Melissa McKinnon	X	----	----
Peggy Roberts	X	----	----
Marybeth Wallett	X	----	----
Erika Wiecenski	X	----	----

Motion Passed

Approval of End of the Year Budget after Transfers

MOTION: by Michelle Doucette Cunningham

To approve the Willington Board of Education 2016-2017 End of the Year Budget after the transfers in the amount of \$138,018 and return this amount to the Town of Willington.

Seconded by Marybeth Wallett

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	X	----	----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	X	----	----
Ann Grosjean	X	----	----
Melissa McKinnon	X	----	----
Peggy Roberts	X	----	----
Marybeth Wallett	X	----	----
Erika Wiecenski	X	----	----

Motion Passed

MOTION: by Michelle Doucette Cunningham

To request that \$20,000 of the \$138,018 be placed in the Board of Education non-lapsing fund in accordance with Board of Education Policy #3171

Seconded by Erika Wiecenski

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	X	----	----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	X	----	----
Ann Grosjean	X	----	----
Melissa McKinnon	X	----	----
Peggy Roberts	----	X	----
Marybeth Wallett	----	X	----
Erika Wiecenski	X	----	----

Motion Passed

8. Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Marybeth Wallet noticed that the financial reports were not updated on the website. She requested the one page financial summary provided at the BOE meetings be added online. She also noticed that the audio files have not been updated since December 2016. Dr. Jacoby will follow up on this matter.

9. New Business

A. Approve minutes of August 8, 2017

Attachment #2

MOTION: by Erika Wiecenski

To approve the minutes of the August 8, 2017 BOE special meeting

Seconded by Peggy Roberts

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	----	----	X
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	----	----	X
Ann Grosjean	X	----	----
Melissa McKinnon	----	----	X
Peggy Roberts	X	----	----
Marybeth Wallett	X	----	----
Erika Wiecenski	X	----	----

Motion Passed

10. Old Business

A. Final Reading of Social Media Policies
4118.51 (Personnel) and 6141.326 (Students)

Approve Social Media Policies
4118.51 (Personnel)

MOTION by Michelle Doucette Cunningham

Move to approve the Final Reading of Social Media Policies 4118.51 (Personnel) as presented.

Seconded by Melissa McKinnon

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	X	----	----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	X	----	----
Ann Grosjean	X	----	----
Melissa McKinnon	X	----	----
Peggy Roberts	X	----	----
Marybeth Wallett	X	----	----
Erika Wiecenski	X	----	----

Motion Passed

Approve Social Media Policies
6141.326 (Students)

MOTION by Erika Wiecenski

Move to approve the Final Reading of Social Media Policies 6141.326 (Students) as presented.

Seconded by Herb Arico

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	X	----	----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	X	----	----
Ann Grosjean	X	----	----
Melissa McKinnon	X	----	----
Peggy Roberts	X	----	----
Marybeth Walleth	X	----	----
Erika Wiecenski	X	----	----

Motion Passed

11. Present to Speak

Randy Belair: What was the cost of the facilities study? BOE- \$15,000 (after receiving three bids)

Mike Cioe: What does the timeline look like for the BOE's next steps and decision making regarding the facilities study? BOE- This topic will continue to be discussed at upcoming BOE meetings. Dr. Jacoby and Phil Stevens will present the study to other groups including PTA and staff. This will be a lengthy process and there will be opportunities for community members and others to give feedback, ask questions, and learn more about the study. There was a suggestion to add FAQs to the website so people could view what others are also asking and thinking about.

12. Board Comments

Herb Arico- Commented on the Opening Ceremony for the Willington Schools and was thankful for the invitation. He also commented that we had a responsible budget this year, however of the \$138,000 we didn't discuss possible extra needs we could have used the funds for.

Michelle Doucette Cunningham- Called everyone's attention to the Region 19 new building conversation and the mismanagement of communication by that Board. We need to learn from others mistakes and commit to transparency and effective communication in the process of the facilities. She encouraged all to stay open minded and to work to gain knowledge and wisdom to make the best decisions.

Ann Grosjean- She appreciates the work down by Mike Sorano and his group and is pleased by the various options presented.

Melissa McKinnon- Although she was unable to attend the Opening Ceremony, she appreciated the invite. Thanks to Friar for doing the study. We have a lot of work to do now.

Peggy Roberts- She checked in with Ken Craig, Hall principal, about the new schedule. Ken mentioned that it was going well and has received great feedback.

Marybeth Walleth- Thank you Dr. Jacoby for the Opening Ceremony invitation. She apologizes for not attending.

Erika Wiecenski-Thank you to Mike Sorano, Friar, and Dr. Jacoby. There is a lot to digest. Thanks also for the invited to the Opening Ceremony. It was great to be in the same room with all who teach in Willington. It was very inspiring.

13. Executive Session

MOTION

By Erika Wiecenski

Move to enter Executive Session to discuss Administrators' contract negotiations at 9:13pm

Seconded by Michelle Doucette Cunningham

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	X	----	----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	X	----	----
Ann Grosjean	X	----	----
Melissa McKinnon	X	----	----
Peggy Roberts	X	----	----
Marybeth Walleth	X	----	----
Erika Wiecenski	X	----	----

Motion Passed

Exited executive session at 9:39 p.m.

14. Adjournment at 9:39 p.m.