

**Willington Board of Education
May 9 2017 Meeting Minutes
Town Office Building, Lower Level Conference Room**

Audio Recording yes
Notes Taken yes

Members present at meeting:

Ann Grosjean
Melissa McKinnon
Peggy Roberts
Marybeth Wallett
Erika Wiecewski

Members absent:

Herb Arico
Michelle Doucette Cunningham

Also present: Interim Superintendent of Schools Jacqueline J. Jacoby

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

2. Present to speak see present to speak form-**none**

3. Communications: none

4. Board of Education Chairman's Report

Superintendent Search- The BOE appreciates the more than 100 people who contributed to the superintendent search process and special thanks to the Community Search Committee. The BOE also recognizes the selection of a superintendent is one of the single most important decisions it will make over the next few years. Therefore, after considerable thought and deliberation, the BOE has decided to suspend the search and revisit it after the first of the year in 2018. Due to various issues including; the yet to be determined State budget on the school district's budget and programs, the pending outcome of the ongoing facilities study, and the fact that several new BOE members may be elected this November, the BOE has asked our current experienced interim superintendent to lead us through this potentially significant transformation.

5. Superintendent Reports

Resignation- Kyle Dunnack, Center School teacher, has submitted his resignation, effective the end of June 2017.

Facilities Update-The study is ongoing. The Firm has completed a Building and Grounds Survey and Code Analysis for Willington schools. Once the report is finished and the BOE has reviewed the report, a link to the report will be provided for the public to view. The plan is to share some of their ideas and options at the BOE meeting in June.

Center School TVs- Center School has installed two new TVs, one at the front lobby and one by parent pick up. The TVs communicate current happenings and provide pictures of past programs/events. Take some time to visit and view these new additions.

6. Financial Report dated May 8, 2017 (Attachment 1)

We are monitoring the budget closely; currently our bottom line is at 1%. The budget is in good shape and there is a possibility that some money will go back to the town.

Dr. Jacoby indicated that we will be introducing new fiduciary processes related to transfers, the student activity accounts and lunch financial reports.

7. Committee Reports-none

8. New Business

- A. Approve minutes of April 19, 2017 (Attachment # 2)

MOTION: by Erika Wiecenski

To approve the minutes of the April 19, 2017 BOE meeting

Seconded by Marybeth Walleth

VOTE:

YES

Ann Grosjean
Melissa McKinnon
Peggy Roberts
Marybeth Walleth
Erika Wiecenski

Motion Passed

- B. Approve 5 year transportation contract with M & J Bus, Inc. and waive bid process

MOTION: by Marybeth Walleth

Motion: After review by the Board of Education Finance subcommittee, the Willington Board of Education moves to approve the negotiated 5 year transportation contract, with M & J Bus, Inc., our current vendor, through 2021-2022, which includes fair and reasonable annual percentage increases aligned with 4 nearby community contracts with M & J.

Seconded by Erika Wiecewski

VOTE:

Yes

Ann Grosjean
Melissa McKinnon
Peggy Roberts
Marybeth Walleth
Erika Wiecewski

Motion Passed

C. Contract Extension for Interim Superintendent

MOTION: by Ann Grosjean

Motion: By mutual agreement, the Willington Board of Education moves to extend the Interim Superintendent of Schools' contract from June 12, 2017 through June 30, 2017, with all terms of the contract remaining the same, at no additional cost.

Seconded by Marybeth Walleth

VOTE:

Yes

Ann Grosjean
Melissa McKinnon
Peggy Roberts
Marybeth Walleth
Erika Wiecewski

Motion Passed

D. Healthy Food Certification

MOTION: by Melissa McKinnon

Motion: Pursuant to Section 10-251f of the CT General Statutes, the Willington Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in our schools, and not exempted from the CT Nutrition Standards published by the CT State Department of Education, will comply with said standards during the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias and any fundraising activities on school premises, sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups.

Also, the Willington Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the CT Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and, 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store.

Seconded by Erika Wieceński

VOTE:

Yes

Ann Grosjean
Melissa McKinnon
Peggy Roberts
Marybeth Walleth
Erika Wieceński

Motion Passed

E. First Reading of Series 1000 Policies, Community Relations

The BOE will review and provide feedback.

New Policy: #1322, Contests for Students (provides general rules)

Revisions: #1330, Use of School Facilities

#1330, Regulation, Use of School Facilities

#1411, Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies

9. Old Business

- A. Second reading of Social Media Policies 6141.326 (Students) and 4118.51 (Personnel)

MOTION: by Erika Wiecewski

Motion: To table vote on Social Media Policies 6141.326 (Students) and 4118.51 (Personnel) for a later date since the attorneys are not done reviewing the policy.

Comment to add "Snapchat" under areas of types of Social Media (included but not limited to)

Seconded by Peggy Roberts

VOTE:

Yes

Ann Grosjean

Melissa McKinnon

Peggy Roberts

Marybeth Walleth

Erika Wiecewski

Motion Passed

10. Present to Speak –

Mike Cioe, 7th grade Math Teacher at Hall Memorial and Co-President of Union- He thanked the BOE for their thoughtfulness regarding the superintendent search.

11. Board Comments

Herb Arico-Not present

Michelle Doucette Cunningham-Not present

Ann Grosjean- She shared that she will be keeping her eye on the food issues as she believes the district should continue to keep our high standards despite changes. She is thankful for the bus agreement.

Melissa McKinnon- She would like to wish Mr. Dunnack well. Also, a reminder that Willington Day is May 27th 11am-3pm after the Fun Runs. The fishing derby will also take place.

Peggy Roberts- No comment

Marybeth Walleth- She wants to wish Mr. Dunnack well. Thanks to Dr. Jacoby for raising the professionalism of the Board and District.

Erika Wiecenski-Thanks to Kyle Dunnack for years of service. It is nice to see a role model like him. Thanks to everyone involved in the superintendent search including Dr. Jacoby and especially Brenda LaFemina-Weber. Good luck to both the Softball and Baseball teams this season!

12. Adjournment at 7:39 pm.