

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, March 19, 2018
Stella Library Media Center

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Hamilton, Chair called the meeting to order (7:00 PM).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Margaret Hamilton, Chair; Ms. Claire Coleman (7:08 PM); Ms. Maegan Genovese, Secretary; Ms. Nancy Maasbach, Vice Chair; Ms. Lynn Piascyk and Mr. John Vultee.

STAFF: Mr. Robert Gilbert, Superintendent; Al Pullo, Director of Business Services/Operations; Cheryl Mammen, Special Services Director; Gina Prisco, Principal; Analisa Sherman, Assistant Principal; and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Beth Heller, First Selectman; Teresa Nakouzi, WEA and Pua Ford community.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1 – CONSENT AGENDA

Move that we approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ms. Piascyk

Second by Mr. Vultee

UNANIMOUS

REPORTS

PTO Update – No Report

Board Member Appreciation – Superintendent Gilbert acknowledged the contributions made by members of the Board of Education and presented each with a candy bar from CAFE as well as the book *Uplifting Leadership*. Ms. Heller, First Selectman presented a proclamation on behalf of the Board of Selectmen naming March 19, 2018 as Board Member Appreciation Day in the Town of Woodbridge. She also noted the countless hours Board members have volunteered in service to the community.

Superintendent Report – Superintendent Gilbert highlighted recent updates provided to the Boards of Selectmen and Finance on the current deficit increase, development of the spring survey for parents, staff and students, annual budget hearing on April 23, BOWA play and dinner on April 6 for Board of Education members and administrators, initialization of the Ad Hoc Class Size Committee. Budget reductions made by the BOS and BOF for 2018/19 include \$185,000 in reductions to the Capital Budget (Asphalt Replacement in the North Parking lot / emergency access path \$135,000 and Erosion Control Landscaping \$50,000). The BOF reduced the Operating Budget by \$50,000 and deferred \$50,000 held in reserve for Special Education related costs.

April Regular Meeting – Since the Town Budget Hearing is scheduled for Monday, April 23, the regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00 PM in the Stella Library Media Center.

BRS Report – Ms. Prisco noted that given the seven snow days recently incurred, report cards will be distributed on Friday, March 23. March activities include Read Across America on March 1, Family Fun Night on the 20th, MAG Information Night on the 27th, BKind / Spirit Week and the Pennies for Puppies fund-raising in support of K-9 first responders.

Accountability Report – Ms. Prisco and Ms. Sherman presented an overview of student performance and the specific indicators that affect measurement on student growth and progress. SBAC is a different form of standardized testing, completed on-line and provides a more holistic approach with a broad set of 12 indicators incorporating student growth over time. Of the 12 indicators, five are applicable to BRS – (1) academic achievement measured by state assessments; (2)

academic growth; (3) assessment participation rate; (4) chronic absenteeism; and (5) physical fitness. Each district attains an “accountability index” score as well as a “performance index” score (subject specific English/Language Arts, Math and Science). All districts are required to have a 95% student participation rate in testing, inclusive of high need students. Overall, our results mirrored the state, with a slight increase in math (71.6%) a slight dip in language arts (76.4%) and a slight increase in physical fitness (59.7%). Unlike prior years, this year we experienced an achievement gap in science. Our school classification remained a Category 2, primarily as a result of our participation rate.

Facilities Committee – Mr. Vultee reviewed the March 19 meeting held just prior to the Public Session. The Committee reviewed specifics related to the burst pipe and the final relocation of all classes, received a facilities assessment update as well as an update from the Town Ad Hoc Committee on the warranty repair of the Dextran humidification system for the pool area.

Finance Committee – Ms. Hamilton noted that at the March 12 Finance Committee meeting 2018/19 budgets for Extended Day, Summer Enrichment and the school lunch programs were reviewed as well as the proposed solar installation contract by CT Green Bank.

MOTION #2 – 2018/19 EXTENDED DAY BUDGET

Move that we approve the 2018/19 budget for the Extended Day program as presented.

Ms. Hamilton
Second by Ms. Maasbach
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MOTION #3 – 2018 SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Move that we approve the 2018 budget for the Summer Enrichment Program as presented.

Ms. Hamilton
Second by Ms. Piascyk
UNANIMOUS

MOTION #4 – 2018/19 CAFETERIA BUDGET

Move that we approve the 2018/19 Cafeteria Budget as presented.

Ms. Hamilton
Second by Mr. Vultee
UNANIMOUS

MOTION #5 – CT GREEN BANK AUTHORIZATION

Move that we authorize administration to enroll in the solar installation at Beecher Road School in the on-peak demand program run by the regional grid operator as requested by CT Green Bank.

Ms. Hamilton
Second by Ms. Maasbach
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Curriculum Committee – Ms. Piascyk apprised the Board this committee did not meet in March. The next meeting is slated for April 12 at 4:30 PM with discussion on Part II of the TAG update.

Policy Committee – Ms. Maasbach indicated the March 12 Policy Committee was snowed out and would be rescheduled.

ACES Liaison – No Report

CABE Liaison – Ms. Genovese noted the May 18 deadline for student submissions for the November CABE/CAPSS Convention and a CABE *Journal* article on diversity.

Upcoming Meeting Presentation – The presentation will focus on communication, inclusive of CABE communication awards, Superintendent and Principal parent updates, parent/student handbook information and general feedback on various communication tools.

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Gilbert presented the 2018/19 Healthy Food Program participation certification for adoption by the Board.

MOTION #6 – 2018/19 HEALTHY FOOD CERTIFICATION

Move that we approve participation in the Healthy Food Certification program in the 2018/19 school year for submission to the Connecticut State Department of Education as specified pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. 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.

The Woodbridge Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut 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. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held.

The Woodbridge Board of Education will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes 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 beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. The “school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held, and must be the same place as the food sales.

Ms. Genovese
Second by Ms. Piascyk
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PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MOTION TO ADJOURN: (8:17 PM)
Ms. Piascyk
Second by Ms. Genovese
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Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board