

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, July 18, 2016
Stella Library Media Center

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Hamilton, Chair called the Public Session to order at 7:05 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Margaret Hamilton, Chair; Dr. Steve Fleischman, Vice Chair; Ms. Lisa Connor, Ms. Keri Matthews, Mr. Garrett Luciani, Ms. Nancy Maasbach (7:12 PM), Ms. Emily Melnick and Ms. Lynn Piascyk.

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Michelle Cubanski and Pua Ford, community.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Ms. Jaffe resigned from the WBOE effective June 30, 2016. The Board elected a new Secretary.

MOTION #1 – NOMINATIONS - SECRETARY

I nominate Lisa Connor to serve as Secretary of the Woodbridge Board of Education.

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Ms. Melnick

UNANIMOUS

MOTION#2 – CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR SECRETARY

Move that we close nominations for Secretary.

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Ms. Matthews

UNANIMOUS

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #3 – CONSENT AGENDA

Move that we approve the consent agenda as presented.

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Ms. Matthews

UNANIMOUS

REPORTS

Board Retreat – Ms. Hamilton noted the Board will hold their retreat on Monday, August 8 from 5:30 – 8:30 PM in the Stella Library Media Center. It was agreed they would not have a facilitator from CAGE conduct the retreat.

PTO Update – No Report

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Gilbert expressed his delight for being in Woodbridge and is looking forward to working with the Board, administrative team as well as the Town boards in the coming weeks. He noted the transition plan that occurred with Dr. Stella. He extended an invitation for anyone who wished to meet with him. Work is continuing to secure building substitutes and interns for the coming year as well as preparation for the upcoming staff professional development days in August.

Ms. Maasbach arrived (7:12 PM).

BRS Update – Ms. Prisco highlighted summer enrichment offerings and noted student attendance was fairly comparable to prior years. Extended Day was averaging approximately 40 students per day.

Transportation Request – Superintendent Gilbert acknowledged the retirement of Frank Aveni as well as his request to transfer his transportation contract to another owner/operator. It was agreed the contract, which is in effect through June 30, 2018, would be bid to the current Woodbridge Owner/Operators.

MOTION #4 – TRANSPORTATION RETIREMENT/CONTRACT (AVENI)

Move that we accept the retirement of Frank Aveni and authorize the Superintendent to bid the transportation route.

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Ms. Piascyk

UNANIMOUS

Finance Committee – Dr. Fleischman noted the Finance Committee met on July 11 to review the monthly financials approved under the Consent Agenda. There was no further report.

Facilities Committee – No Report.

CABE Liaison – Ms. Connor reminded Board members of the upcoming CABE/CAPSS Convention in November.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorization to Hire

As required, when a change in leadership occurs, the incoming superintendent is authorized to hire staff.

MOTION #5 – AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE

Move that we authorize the Superintendent to hire certified staff in accordance with Connecticut General Statute 10-151(b) effective July 1, 2016.

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Ms. Matthews

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WBOE Regular Meeting Dates for 2016/17

The Board reviewed the regular meeting dates from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. It was noted that in 2016, the August meeting had been moved from the 15th to the 22nd and that April vacation commenced on April 10th not the 17th

MOTION #6 – 2016/17 MEETING DATES

Move that we approve the 2016/17 Regular Meeting Dates as amended.

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Ms. Matthews

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CSEA Contract

The Board reviewed the recently negotiated contract settlement with the CSEA Union, which represents the Teacher Assistants.

MOTION #7 – CSEA CONTRACT RATIFICATION

Move that we ratify the contract with the CSEA SEIU Local 2001 effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 as presented and amended.

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Ms. Matthews

UNANIMOUS

PUBLIC COMMENT – Ms. Cubanski spoke regarding the lack of services for children diagnosed with Dyslexia and urged the Board to consider hiring staff with specialized training to service the specific needs of these children.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: (7:29 PM)
Dr. Fleischman
Second by Ms. Matthews
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Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board