

WILLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by chairman Mark Makuch at the Town Office Building.

PRESENT: Mark Makuch, Laurie Semprebon, Christine Psathas, Christina Mailhos, David Tharp, Herbert Arico, Teri Gareau, Superintendent David Harding

ABSENT: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Superintendent presented a copy of a notice of claim for workers compensation from an employee sent to the Board. Mark Makuch noted the CABA settlement updates were received.

PRESENT TO SPEAK:

None

PRESENTATION:

Superintendent David Harding presented on the district and school websites for 2008/2009.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: by Herb Arico, seconded by Mark Makuch to separate Part A, the minutes of March 18, 2008 meeting out of the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Christine Psathas, seconded by Teri Gareau, to accept the remaining items B and C, Minutes of March Committee Meetings and Payment of Bills on the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Christine Psathas, seconded by Laurie Semprebon, to approve the minutes of March 18, 2008 Meeting, Part A of the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: All in Favor with one vote to Abstain: Herb Arico

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Facility Committee discussed landscaping schedule in front of HMS, Capital Improvement list revisions and Facilities Use Policy. Committee will meet on April 22, 2008 at 6:00 pm. The Food Service Committee discussed review of the Food Service Program. The Policy Committee discussed the Non-Resident Attendance policy.

The Superintendent Evaluation Committee discussed the evaluation and process timeline tool.

Herb Arico, liaison with Region #19 and EastConn, discussed Region#19 budget, new fields and track options, the ACT Program, the new Depot School, and the new Quinebaug Valley Program.

The Health and Safety Committee will meet on April 24, 2008 at Hall Memorial School at 2:45pm.

The Finance Committee will meet on April 24, 2008 at 6:30pm.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Harding reported on the CIP transfer request approval and status, the budget update, HMS History Day successes including the nomination of Pat Pinney as the Connecticut History Day Teacher of the year and the planning of History Day Presentation Night. He discussed the reading update and that CES is currently in phase two of the original strategy implementation. He mentioned that the Hall Memorial School graduation will take place on June 19, 2008.

MOTION: by Mark Makuch, seconded by Laurie Semprebon to add an additional approval of a transfer request as letter H under New Business.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

#### OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Laurie Semprebon, seconded by Christina Mailhos to accept February Committee Meeting Minutes with modification of who was in attendance at the Superintendent Evaluation Committee Meeting.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Board discussed Citizenship Award procedures.

MOTION: by Laurie Semprebon, seconded by Mark Makuch to approve transfer request of April 8, 2008 to purchase cameras and recording equipment for HMS for \$5,331.00.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Board discussed handout of instrument developed for the Superintendent Evaluation Process.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Christine Psathas, seconded by Laurie Semprebon, Pursuant to Connecticut Statutes Section 10-151, The Willington Board of Education non-renew the teacher contract of Eric Brody at the end of the 2007-2008 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Further move that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to respond on behalf of the Board to any request for a hearing, if required by law, or for other data which may be forthcoming from the teacher and/or his representatives pursuant to applicable provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-151; and that the Superintendent be directed that any response to a request for a hearing, if a hearing is required by law, indicate that such hearing is to be before the Board

of Education.

VOTE: All in Favor with one vote to Abstain: David Tharp

MOTION: by Teri Gareau, seconded by Christine Psathas to approve June 17, 18, and 19 as early release days (Minimum Days) for professional development.

VOTE: All in Favor with one vote No: Mark Makuch

MOTION: by Teri Gareau, seconded by Herb Arico to allow the Superintendent to arrange the teacher retirement activities for the year.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Laurie Semprebon, seconded by Herb Arico to approve the Professional Growth and Teacher Evaluation Program.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Christine Psathas, seconded by Laurie Semprebon to approve the Education Leader Professional Development and Evaluation Program.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Herb Arico, seconded by Laurie Semprebon to approve Lockton Companies LLC as the new Agent of Record.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Board discussed first reading of Policy 5118, Non-resident Attendance and affidavit handout.

MOTION: by Laurie Semprebon, seconded by Teri Gareau to approve the transfer request for baseball uniforms and two additional games for baseball and softball from the health insurance and CMT supplies account for \$1,677.00.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

PRESENT TO SPEAK:

None.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Members congratulated Pat Pinney and the Students on their many successes at Connecticut History Day. Members mentioned upcoming school activities: "Into the Woods" musical at HMS on April 10 and 11 at 7 p.m., the CES Earth Day on April 23. The Board welcomed member David Tharp back.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

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Recording Secretary