

WILLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by chairman, Mark Makuch, at Center School.

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

ABSENT: Herbert Arico, David Tharp (on active duty)

COMMUNICATIONS:

Superintendent reviewed news articles of Representative Courtney's visit to Hall Memorial School, a letter from the State of Connecticut Worker's Compensation Commission, Mark Makuch's letter to CABE and a letter from CABE in response.

PRESENT TO SPEAK:

Selectman Dave Charette thanked the Superintendent for pursuing and receiving lower oil prices for the next fiscal year. Erica Wiczenski thanked the Board for the budget presentation at the Board of Finance meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: by Christine Psathas, seconded by Laurie Semprebon, to separate the minutes of January 8, 2008 from the remainder of the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Laurie Semprebon, seconded by Teri Gareau, to accept the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

The Board discussed corrections to the minutes of January 8, 2008.

MOTION: by Christine Psathas, seconded by Laurie Semprebon, to accept the minutes of January 8, 2008 as revised.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Facility Committee is continuing the discussion of ongoing school projects.

The Finance Committee reviewed the 2008-2009 budget before presenting to the Board of Finance.

The Food Service Committee met with Jan Boudreau, Food Service Director and Joyce Mayo, from the Town's Finance Office, to discuss the financial process of the food service program.

The Policy Committee has met several times and is recommending two policies for Board discussion and approval.

The Transportation Committee is continuing discussion of an ongoing issue.

Teri Gareau reported that the Health and Safety Committee met and reviewed their minutes with the Board.

The following committees will meet on February 26: Finance and Policy at 6:30 p.m.; Facility and Food Service at 7 p.m.; Superintendent Evaluation at 7:30 p.m.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Harding reported on the current budget, ongoing school water projects, the upcoming Community Conversations forum and that the CAFE Policy Service contract has been signed. He mentioned the meeting at UConn that several teachers from Center School and some administrators attended. Mr. Harding commented on the recent Board retreat, will review Board members' completed surveys on district issues and present findings at the next retreat.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Superintendent Harding discussed with the Board purchased services for legal representation and insurance.

MOTION: by Christina Mailhos, seconded by Teri Gareau, to approve school calendar for the school year 2008-2009.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Laurie Semprebon, seconded by Teri Gareau, to split policies #3541 and #3541.5 on the agenda.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION; by Laurie Semprebon, seconded by Christina Mailhos, to accept new policy #3541.5 in the narrative form.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

## PRESENT TO SPEAK:

None

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mark Makuch attended a CAFE workshop with Superintendent Harding on FOI, religion and student discipline, talked with the chair of Region #19 Board of Education, Fran Archambault, and hopes to meet with him soon. Board members attended Hall Memorial School's Science Night, Success Assembly, the February Region #19 Board of Education meeting and thanked the Superintendent for the new format in presenting the budget to the Board of Finance. Members mentioned upcoming school activities: Spelling Bee at Hall on February 29 at 7:45 a.m., Read Across America at Center School on March 3 and the variety show at Hall on March 14.

MOTION: by Teri Gareau, seconded by Laurie Semprebon, to adjourn at 9:33 p.m.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Christine Psathas  
Board Secretary