

WILLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2008
(Unofficial until Board approval)

The meeting was called to order at 4:11 p.m. by Chairman Mark Makuch at the Town Office Building.

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

ABSENT: Herbert Arico, David Tharp

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Board received a letter from the Smith family, a thank you from Terri and Dave Palmer, exit interviews from retirees, the School Wellness Policy Report from the State Board of Education, a letter from the Town's Website Committee and a letter from the State Comptroller's Office.

PRESENT TO SPEAK:

None

PRESENTATION:

John Mindek presented a proposal for his Eagle Scout project. The project involves creating mulched areas with picnic tables at each school. The Chairman will send a letter to Mr. Mindek stating Board approval.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: by Christine Psathas, seconded by Laurie Semprebon, to split the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Teri Gareau, seconded by Laurie Semprebon, to accept the meeting minutes of June 10, 2008 with the discussed corrections.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Christine Psathas, seconded by Teri Gareau, to accept the committees' meeting minutes.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Teri Gareau, seconded by Christina Mailhos, to postpone payment of bills and transfers to the next Board meeting.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Transportation Committee received a letter from Kids Kingdom and recommended that the Board adhere to its Transportation policy.

The Finance Committee reviewed the end-of-the-year budget.

The Facilities Committee commented on the completion of the brick work repairs in front of Hall Memorial School.

The Negotiations Committee met before the Board meeting and will begin negotiations this week.

The Food Service Committee mentioned that Beth Gankofskie has been hired as Director and Janice Mills as Field Director with Wendy Knight as Manager of Operations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Harding reported that the end-of-the-year budget should be finalized soon, that Special Education costs have increased, the kitchen equipment at Hall Memorial will be installed this week, the playground mulch projects at both schools and the all-purpose room floor project at Center will be completed this month, the brick work and step repair in front of Hall Memorial has been completed, the website will be ready in August, the administrators contract negotiations will begin this week, interviews are on-going for the 3rd grade position and the CMT results will be released on July 17.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Laurie Semprebon, seconded by Christine Psathas, to approve the addendum to the Superintendent of schools contract as presented with compensation of \$131,000, which represents a 6.5% increase of base salary to \$126,735 plus a nonrecurring bonus of \$4,265 to reflect the cost savings realized during the 2007-2008 school year.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Laurie Semprebon, seconded by Teri Gareau, to approve the hiring of Christine Browning for the 8th grade language arts position.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Laurie Semprebon, seconded by Teri Gareau, to increase the lunch prices at Hall Memorial by \$.30 to \$2.25, at Center by \$.25 to \$2.10 and the milk price by \$.10 to \$.40.

VOTE: Yes: Teri Gareau, Christina Mailhos, Christine Psathas, Laurie Semprebon
No: Mark Makuch
Motion Passes

MOTION: by Christina Mailhos, seconded by Laurie Semprebon, to increase adult lunch prices by \$.30 to \$3.10.

VOTE: Yes: Teri Gareau, Christina Mailhos, Christine Psathas, Laurie Semprebon
No: Mark Makuch

Motion Passes

PRESENT TO SPEAK:

None

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Christine Psathas
Board Secretary