

WILLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by chairman Mark Makuch at the Town Office Building.

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

ABSENT: David Tharp

COMMUNICATIONS:

Superintendent Harding shared a copy of a letter to the Willington Board of Finance regarding the status of the 2008-2009 Board of Education Budget.

PRESENT TO SPEAK:

None

PRESENTATION:

Kate Levesque presented an overview of the automated online library catalog accessible at library.willingtonct.org or through the links on the Willington Public Schools website at willingtonpublicschools.org.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Harding reported on the budget update, the reading program update, the consortium with Marlborough, Hebron, Lebanon, and Andover to purchase fuel, the upcoming public budget meeting with the Superintendent at HMS library on October 29 at 6:30pm, the upcoming Parent Expo on November 1 at CES from 10-3, the project updates for the CES basketball court and the fixing of the sign at HMS. The superintendent informed the BOE of the problems with getting substitute nurses at both schools. He discussed the status of the CABE Award package, the CABE recommended parameters of the BOE curriculum committee, and the details of the CABE CAPSS convention on November 14 and 15.

OLD BUSINESS:

Board discussed the status of the transportation agreement between Region #19 and the Willington Board of Education.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Members set the date of November 25, 2008 at 4pm for the Board retreat.
Board discussed the curriculum committee parameters recommended by CABE.

MOTION: by Christine Psathas, seconded by Laurie Semprebon to approve the minutes of September 9, 2008 with the following corrections: 1-move David Tharp to yes vote from Abstain, 2- Add David Tharp as Abstain on the next motion, 3-add vote of unanimous in favor on motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Herb Arico, seconded by Laurie Semprebon to approve the review of payment of bills.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Board discussed the process of approval of committee meeting minutes not being required in the future.

MOTION: by Christina Mailhos, seconded by Mark Makuch to approve the Committee Meeting minutes.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Board discussed the first reading of the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED's) Policy and the CABE recommendations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Policy Committee meets every Wednesday, reviewed first packet of bylaws sent by CABE with 59 policies and explained brief overview of process and status of the first packet.

Finance Committee reviewed payment of bills and will meet on October 28, 2008.

Facilities Committee looked at security equipment and will meet on October 28, 2008.

Transportation Committee met on September 30, 2008 and reviewed agreement between Region #19 and BOE. The state hearing took place on October 6, 2008 and is awaiting judgment from the State Appeals Court.

CIP Committee reviewed list for both CES and HMS and selected items to be presented for approval and submitted to the town.

PRESENT TO SPEAK:

None.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Board commented on enjoying the CES curriculum night and the staff breakfasts at both schools along with the wonderful job being done by food service staff, they heard positive feedback about the Harvest Lunch that was held at HMS.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Nichole Page
Recording Secretary