

WILLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by chairman Mark Makuch at the Center School Library.

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

ABSENT: Teri Gareau

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mark Makuch shared information with the Board about being contacted by a local farm looking for endorsements to be established as an educational farm, the election notice and workshops for board members.

PRESENT TO SPEAK:

None

PRESENTATION:

Superintendent Harding presented a PowerPoint with an overview of the Center Elementary School's grade three graduation ceremony last June.

Principal McNamara presented an overview of Center School's CMT results.

Principal Sullivan presented an overview of the Hall Memorial School's CMT results and showed the WFSB Channel 3 news report that aired this week on the PowerSchool Parent Portal program at Hall School.

Board discussed and commented on all the presentations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Harding reported on the Project updates-HMS chip sealing completed with recommendation to wait until spring to paint the lines. CES water committee recommended that Anchor Engineering Services out of Glastonbury do the design work for the water project with a bid of \$29,800.00 with information available at the Superintendent's office.

Superintendent Harding discussed the H1N1 flu being expected to continue to pose problems for the new school year. The CDC no longer recommends shutting down schools and instead is suggesting that schools continue to inform community with updates that students and staff should remain home for at least 24 hours after a fever breaks.

He reported on the change in law that no longer allows for waivers to be granted to substitutes who do not hold a BA to substitute teach.

He reported the state fiscal stabilization fund (SFSF) to be awarded to the BOE with a recent change in law allowing the Board of Finance to accept a transfer of money from the BOE for the amount received from the SFSF.

Board discussed BOE breakfast in September with possible alternatives.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairman Makuch reported that the food service director will present a report at the next board meeting.

Superintendent Evaluation Committee to meet on September 8, 2009 at 6pm.

Facility Committee will meet on September 8, 2009 at 6:30pm and invite Ronald Strong to attend.

Finance Committee met and reviewed bills for end of year.

Transportation Committee met reviewed policy and accommodations.

Policy Committee continued through summer and gave out updates to members reporting that only two series of policies are left to complete.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Board discussed the resignation of Hall School sixth grade math teacher, Lisa Goodwin and the new hires of Christian Kollegger for Hall School Special Education Teacher and Kyle Dunnack for Hall School sixth grade math teacher.

**MOTION:** by Laurie Semprebon, seconded by Herb Arico, to accept the two new hires of Christian Kollegger and Kyle Dunnack and the resignation of Lisa Goodwin as presented.

**VOTE:** Yes: Herb Arico, Christina Mailhos, Christine Psathas,  
Leo Mercado, Laurie Semprebon  
Abstain: Mark Makuch

Motion Passes

**MOTION:** by Christine Psathas, seconded by Christina Mailhos, to approve the minutes of July 14, 2009 Board meeting with correction of Leo Mercado added under Present heading.

**VOTE:** Unanimous in Favor

Superintendent Harding discussed the change in the law to publish the Management Plan for Students with Life Threatening Allergies indicating it is now on the website and in both school's handbooks.

Board reviewed the BOE agenda calendar discussing various changes.

Board discussed the CABA convention indicating any members interested in attending are to inform the Superintendent's office.

**PRESENT TO SPEAK:**

None

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Board commented on the list of supplies required by parents suggesting it could be too significant for some families to manage with Superintendent Harding indicating he will review the lists. Board thanked Superintendent Harding for his work over the summer and wished him, the faculty, staff and students good luck on the start of the school year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Nichole Page  
Recording Secretary