

WILLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by vice chairman Laurie Semprebon at the Town Office Building.

PRESENT: Mark Makuch at 7:14pm, Leo Mercado, Christina Mailhos, Christine Psathas, Herb Arico, Teri Gareau, Laurie Semprebon, Superintendent David Harding

COMMUNICATIONS:

Superintendent Harding shared a copy of a letter from the Eastern Highlands Health District to our Food Service Director, Beth Gankofskie, awarding Willington Public Schools with a Healthy Dining Certification

PRESENT TO SPEAK:

Judy Threatt spoke about the plan regarding life threatening food allergies for students. She commented on the regulations, times frames, and guidelines required. She handed out a packet of information to the Board and offered her and another parent's assistance in developing a plan for the schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Harding reported on the budget's unencumbered funds to be returned to the town with a more exact figure to be known by September.

Project updates-CES water project has eleven bids on the design phase to rate by a rubric to decide which three bids will be selected to do a formal presentation.

The stimulus grant was approved and should be posted to the website by next week.

CMT results are in to the Superintendent with official results to be released and access to CT reports on July 29, 2009. Superintendent Harding continues to analyze the results and has been working with the principals, discussing a possible presentation on CMT scores at the August meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health and Safety Committee met and discussed Tools for Shools surveys and H1N1 flu.

Transportation Committee has not met.

Finance Committee met and reviewed bills for end of year.

Facilities Committee met on 6/15/09 at CES and discussed the various scheduled repairs needed versus which ones could wait until next year. Reviewed concerns at CES with remote and out of site entry doorways being monitored by video equipment. Discussed HMS sign changes for current events.

Policy Committee continues to meet and informed the board about and requested input on the personnel section for a specific policy from CAFE which was found to conflict with Board bylaws.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Mark Makuch, seconded by Laurie Semprebon, to retain current lunch prices for the 09-10 school year.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Christine Psathas, seconded by Christina Mailhos, to approve the minutes of June 9, 2009 Board meeting.

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

Motion Passes

MOTION: by Christine Psathas, seconded by Teri Gareau, to approve the minutes of June 17, 2009 Special Board Meeting.

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

Motion Passes

MOTION: by Laurie Semprebon, seconded by Mark Makuch, to approve camera placement at exterior doors of CES with buzzers and monitors.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Laurie Semprebon, seconded by Christina Mailhos, to hold board meeting at Center School on August 25, 2009 at 7pm.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Mark Makuch, seconded by Laurie Semprebon, to be it resolved: That upon the recommendation of the Policy Review Committee and the Superintendent of Schools, the Willington Board of Education adopts the Board of Education Bylaws in the 9000 Series as presented.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Christine Psathas, seconded by Mark Makuch, to accept the evaluation of the Superintendent as presented.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by, Laurie Semprebon, seconded by Herb Arico, to approve the addendum to the Superintendent of schools contract as presented with compensation of \$134,930.00, which represents a 3% increase in salary for the 2009-2010 year and extends the contract of the Superintendent to June 30, 2012.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

PRESENT TO SPEAK:

None

BOARD COMMENTS:

Board attended the CES grade 3 promotion ceremony, CES field trips to the zoo, the HMS grade 8 graduation, HMS success assembly and the current preschool camp at CES.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Nichole Page
Recording Secretary