

WILLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2009
(Unofficial Until Board Approval)

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by chairman Mark Makuch at the Town Office Building.

PRESENT: Mark Makuch, Christina Mailhos, Christine Psathas, Herb Arico,
Superintendent David Harding

ABSENT: Teri Gareau, Laurie Semprebon

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

PRESENT TO SPEAK:

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Harding reported on the budget stating it should exceed projections to give back to the town.

The reading update - CREC will come on the professional development day to give curriculum overview to entire district.

Project updates-CES water project committee met yesterday, Superintendent Harding handed out a projected time line for the project. Discussion followed and Dave Charette inquired about evaluation of the septic systems ability to handle the flow of a forced main rather than a well. The stimulus grant is completed and signed, going to the state this week, expect quick turn around in time to receive funding for the summer school in June, once approved will be posted on line.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Christina Mailhos, seconded by Mark Makuch, to approve Leo Mercado to fill the Willington Board of Education position vacated by David Tharp.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Herb Arico, seconded by Christine Psathas, to approve the minutes of May 12, 2009 Board meeting.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Christine Psathas, seconded by Christina Mailhos, to approve the minutes of May 12, 2009 Special Board Meeting.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Board discussed the new hires of Rebecca Pilver for grade 4, Chris Nyser transfer from special education to grade 4, Lauren Catalano for grade 3, Kristen Stevens transfer from grade 3 to Literacy Coach.

MOTION: by Christine Psathas, seconded by Herb Arico, to approve the new hires for the school year 2009-2010 as listed.

VOTE: Yes: Herb Arico, Christina Mailhos, Christine Psathas
Abstain: Mark Makuch

Motion Passes

Board discussed renewal of healthy food certification noting the reduction in reimbursement amounts.

MOTION: by Herb Arico, seconded by Christina Mailhos, to approve the Healthy Food Certification for 2009-2010.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Board discussed the first reading of the first section of series 9000 Policies Bylaws of the board requesting members to send thoughts to the policy committee before the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Christina Mailhos, seconded by Herb Arico, 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 new **Board of Education Policy 2135, Pupil Services Director/Administration.**

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Christina Mailhos, seconded by Herb Arico, that upon the recommendation of the Policy Review Committee and the Superintendent of Schools, the Willington Board of Education adopts the **revised Board of Education Policy 2400, Evaluation of the Superintendent.**

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Discussion of second reading of Policy 3260 Disposal of Obsolete or Surplus Equipment/Materials with decision to look into this further to obtain clarification and possible rewording.

MOTION: by, Herb Arico, seconded by Christina Mailhos, to be it resolved: that upon recommendation of the Policy Review Committee and the Superintendent of Schools, the Willington Board of Education **adopts the new Board of Education Policy 3260, Disposal of Obsolete or Surplus Equipment/Materials.**

VOTE: Unanimous against

Motion Failed

MOTION: by, Mark Makuch, seconded by Herb Arico, 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 new Board of Education**

Policy manual, Section 3000, Business/Non-Instructional Operations, policies 3324 through 3543.311.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Motion Passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Transportation Committee met and received update on efforts to regionalize bussing and transportation policy.

Herb Arico, Liaison for EastConn Executive Committee reported met and discussed budget and reported on the ACT school. Next meeting on 8/23/09.

Herb Arico, Liaison for Region #19 informed that the facilities committee met and a representative from Storrs Downtown Development Project attended.

Finance Committee met reviewed bills for payment and approved.

Policy Committee will start tomorrow with the 4000 series.

Mark Makuch, Ad-hoc Regionalization Committee, reported group comprised of town members, boards, superintendents, and parents. They will meet again on Thursday with Ron Harris from the state scheduled to do a presentation.

Curriculum Committee continues to meet and there are plans for the full days of professional development at the end of the year in place with CREC.

Facilities Committee has not met and scheduled with new board member to meet at CES on June 15, 2009.

PRESENT TO SPEAK:

None

BOARD COMMENTS:

Board attended the CES Kindergarten ice cream social and celebration of learning events, the HMS concert and art show, with upcoming Pops concert at HMS on Thursday, June 10 at 6:30pm, Hall Idol competition held on June 15 at 7:45am, and the CES Flag Day on June 15 at 9:00 am.

Board welcomed and thanked Leo Mercado for joining the Board.

MOTION: by Christine Psathas, seconded by Herb Arico, to enter executive session for the purpose of the discussion of Superintendent Evaluation at 8:10pm.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Board moved out of executive session at 8:42pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43p.m.

Nichole Page
Recording Secretary