

WILLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by chairman Mark Makuch at the Town Office Building.

PRESENT: Mark Makuch, Laurie Semprebon, Leo Mercado, Erika Wiczenski, Barry Wallett, Mark Jones, Herb Arico, Superintendent David Harding

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

PRESENT TO SPEAK:

None

PRESENTATION:

HMS fourth grade teacher, Rebecca Pilver, presented on classroom use of different Web2.0 tools such as Wiki, Voki, Pod-Casts and Wiki-Talks explaining the skills utilized and enhanced learning with this technology.

Superintendent Harding presented on the Ninth Grade Readiness with an overview of data from CMT and CAPT scores, honor roll listings, sports team participation all broken down by the three sending towns of Ashford, Mansfield and Willington.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Harding reported that the CMT testing is progressing with HMS working on make ups and CES is still continuing with testing.

The water project had some movement with Anchor Engineering meeting with Karl Acimovic regarding street and surveys, working on preparing the Inland Wetlands and Planning and Zoning applications in next couple weeks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee met and reviewed the bills.

Policy Committee handed out packets for review of section of 5000 series to discuss at next meeting.

Facilities Committee will meet on Monday, March 16, 2010 at 6:30pm.

Herb Arico, Liaison for Region 19 reported they met on March 2, 2010 with presentation on Wellness by Ande Bloom of Eastern Highlands Health District, discussed budget, and Building Committee met on facilities getting track and field project down below two million.

Herb Arico, Liaison for EastConn Executive Committee met on February 23, 2010 and had a presentation on assistive technology for disabled students, planning annual meeting in May with speakers and reception, new building on hold due to planning and zoning and are asking State for one year extension.

Herb Arico, Liaison for Charter Communications met in January at ECSU for presentation and dinner with selectman and board of finance members.

Mark Makuch reported on communication from CABA to Board about satisfaction of services and future service needs.

Mark Makuch reported on SEPTA meeting with logistics and appointment of officers discussed.

Mark Makuch reported on Transportation Committee in Hartford and legislative support.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Erika Wiecenski, seconded by Leo Mercado, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2010 Board Meeting with minor corrections as noted.

VOTE: Yes: Erika Wiecenski, Laurie Semprebon, Barry Wallet,
Mark Jones, Leo Mercado
Abstain: Herb Arico

Motion Passes

Board discussed criteria, past recipients, and award presentation of BOE Citizenship Award, members are to let Erika Wiecenski know of any candidates.

Board discussed Legislative updates noting which topics to support and oppose.

MOTION: by Mark Makuch, seconded by Laurie Semprebon to execute and mail legislative correspondence to our legislator Bryan Hurlburt regarding burden of proof.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Leo Mercado gave overview of Freedom of Information Workshop he attended on March 2, 2010 that was organized by the selectman and open to the public noting items pertaining to the board.

Superintendent Harding reported on the Clinical and Educational Services Analysis being discussed by the regional superintendents to audit the Special Education costs of each district to recommend areas of savings with cost of service split by number of students in each district.

OLD BUSINESS:

Board discussed communications received regarding Willington appointment to Region #19 Agriculture, Science and Technology Committee.

PRESENT TO SPEAK:

Former Board member Christine Psathas was pleased board attended the Freedom of Information meeting and wanted to inform that all information of this nature is available in the bylaws and is open to the public and she clarified issue of committee meeting minutes.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Board thanked Rebecca Pilver and David Harding for their presentations.

Board members attended the Success Assembly and Spelling Bee at HMS noting the convenience of the morning time for parents.

Board members noted fundraiser for HMS musical to be held at Track 9 diner on March 12, 2010 with the Musical Performances on April 16 and 17.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19p.m.

Nichole Page
Recording Secretary