

WILLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 8, 2022

Virtual Meeting: Zoom

7:00 p.m.

Minutes

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Members Present

Michelle Doucette Cunningham - Chair
Herb Arico- Secretary
Ann Grosjean- Vice Chair
Tracey Anderson
Donna Cook
Briana Ross
Laura Rodriguez
(members all present remotely through Zoom)

Also Present

Superintendent of Schools, Phil Stevens
Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Erin Conley
Members of the public

1. **Call to order**

Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Donna Cook made a motion to have item A. Approve meeting minutes in new business moved between item C. and D.

Laura Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Friendly amendment; item A. Approval of meeting minutes in new business is moved between items C. and D.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstain
H. Arico	x		
M. Cunningham	x		
D.Cook	x		
T. Anderson	x		
A.Grosjean	x		

B. Ross	x		
Rodriguez	x		

Motion passes unanimously

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Present to speak

Michelle Christensen, 14 Birch Meadow Lane, Willington, CT expressed her disappointment in the Board. When parents express their concern she believes they should be heard; whether the majority of the board agrees or not. She thanked Superintendent Stevens as he had engaged with her and listened to her concerns, specifically in regards to the well being of her child. She looks forward to collaborating with the Board. She read parts of her email that were sent to the Board of Education members that D. Cook referenced in the last two meetings. She and her husband took some time to look at the CT EdSight numbers as M. Cunningham has suggested. M. Christiensen finds it hard to have faith when people on the board and the curriculum review are arguing the data and the positive light when the numbers speak otherwise. She also agreed with D. Cook as to why the school decided to try and reinvent the wheel rather than adopt a curriculum from neighboring school districts who are successful. There have been reports of this new curriculum being successful in other states like Mississippi but she wanted to know why we are not looking at more local schools. Some thoughts that were not in her email she added; she doesn't think test scores are not everything as there are many factors that come into play, however she is disappointed in what she is seeing and hearing. She thought students that need the extra help would be able to receive it but she is hearing and witnessing this not happening. These students are being failed where they clearly need help. She recently learned science and social studies is not being taught all year long. How can anyone think this is a good idea for our kids? Also on a side note on the survey's; can raw data be shared with the parents about the half days that were voted in by the Board. She has heard many parents are concerned that more educational time is being taken away from the students. An example was previously given from a Board member that South Windsor district has the half days implemented. She reached out to some people she knows in that district and they do in fact have the half days but it does bring some difficulty to families and finding child care. She finds it confusing that the survey completed seemed directed as needed because of the pandemic but after attending these meetings it seems they are more needed for implementing the new curriculum. She is not quite sure which it is but she does support the teacher's time needed but to what extent to the students and their families.

Julie Marshall, Fisher Hill Road, Willington, CT joined the meeting to discuss the mask mandate. She had concerns that the schools may be removing masks. Her concern is for the preschool children who are not of age to be vaccinated. Therefore, if masks were removed we would be putting those children at risk. There is no longer a remote option for anyone that has concerns having their 3 or 4 year olds at school without a mask. Parents would have to choose to keep their child home, where they will fall behind and have no education or send their child to school and be at risk. She is in support of continuing the mask mandate.

Arthur Christenson, 14 Birch Meadow Lane, Willington, CT wanted to note that what he was reading did not portray the whole picture as he could not share the graphs. The graphs and numbers he discussed were pulled from the Connecticut Ed website that the Board of Education recommended. People have argued that Willington performs above the state average but after

looking at these numbers they are actually very low. As a parent, he felt it was not ok. When comparing the schools Willington scored the lowest when compared to Ashford, Willington and Coventry. Since Willington will merge with Mansfield in high school he chose to compare Willington to Mansfield as well. Willington scored below Mansfield in every single K-4 category available. These scores were from 2018-2019. Lastly, he found the drop startling in scores from 2017-2018 to 2018-2019. There was a drop in 4 out of the 5 categories. He wondered what happened? Was there anything specifically that happened to cause this drop? He felt some Board members were trying to dismiss or making excuses for this. Some say the new curriculum will fix these numbers but that could take up to three years. Can the students really wait that long? He does not feel these scores show failure in the students or teachers he feels they are being failed by the district. Parents would like to be heard and not dismissed with their concerns. He looks forward to learning better ways to have more objective commentary and work together.

Peter Latincics, 97 Trask Road, Willington, CT, he attended this meeting with large concern that there was a letter the Board received from a townsperson, and he was trying to access the content of the email, but it was not in any of the meeting minutes or public records. He shared that he has served on many committees before where letters received are shared and posted. He stated that he wanted Mrs. Christensen's letter to be placed in the records.

Sarah Baker, 7 Ridgewood Road, Willington, CT she wanted to discuss the mask mandate as well. Her main concern is more the process. She is interested in taking the time to get feedback from parents, students and staff and then make a decision.

Matt Clark, 42 Burt Latham Road, Willington, CT his hope during the meeting was that a motion would be made to have Michelle Christensen's email be added to the minutes. This way the people of Willington would have the benefit of the charts and information they provided.

4. Chairman's report

Chair Cunningham wanted to remind everyone that at a previous meeting there was a discussion about having a special workshop about students' performance and scores with parents. It will be more of a dialogue with a presentation. It will be soon but for right now they are trying to get through the budget season and difficult health decisions that still need to be made. It will not be within the next month, but soon. Once the Board of Education can put together a date they will let the public know.

5. Communications

- a. Attorney Christine Chinni- discussed in new business
- b. CABE, Patrice McCarthy- discussed in new business

6. Presentation: Curriculum Overview

Erin Conley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, gave a presentation on curriculum and reviewed a sample for the Board to view. Superintendent Stevens has it available online for those who are interested.

Board members were able to ask questions and Erin Conley provided examples and information regarding their concerns. The many websites she provided gave an insight as to how the curriculum is implemented and why.

7. Superintendent report

a. 2021-2022 update

Superintendent Stevens shared that there had been over 80 positive COVID cases since the last

board meeting. The nurses continue to distribute COVID tests, which have been extremely helpful. Despite the number of positive cases they have been able to continue educating their students.

He also shared that at this point in time, the sidewalk replacement at both buildings remains in year one of the CIP plan. The CIP committee placed the air conditioning for the band room as a potential ARPA item.

b. Enrollment update

Center School has 206 students and Hall School has 187 students. They currently have a total of 393 students. That total does not include the three students who are currently outplaced.

c. Staffing

Superintendent Stevens stated that they had two part time paraprofessionals, Andi St. Jean and Chrissy Senechal, resign. Andi took a position significantly closer to her home and Chrissy is studying to be a pediatrician. Danielle Cromack was hired to replace them.

d. CES Insurance Claim

Superintendent Stevens discussed the pipe that froze in the preschool room at Center School, and then subsequently they had a pipe freeze in the gym. He is still working with CIRMA, the insurance provider, but here are the details so far:

- They had two classrooms that will have full tile removal and replacement;
- One classroom with full tile and carpet removal and replacement
- A temporary heating unit for the preschool room;
- The entire hallway will have an asbestos abatement project and be replaced with carpet up to the double doors. Servpro reported the classrooms do not have asbestos;
- The repairs to the heating units in the gym and preschool will be covered;
- Furniture and materials that were ruined are also covered;
- The cost to the district so far is approximately \$18,000 which includes \$13,000 for the asbestos abatement and \$5,000 in deductibles;
- They have two air scrubbers, which is a portable filtration system and improves air quality, running at CES, in case of mold. Ironically, they help remove virus as well;
- They are working with Servpro and EMCOR on the timeline, which is impacted by their ability to get materials, but they are planning for April break abatement and installation;

8. Financial Report

a. February financial report

Attachment #1

Superintendent Stevens shared they really had minimal changes this month in their accounts. He stated the administrative team is reviewing their accounts with staff to identify items that need to be purchased for the remainder of the year. The only highlight he had was program 3.

Program 3: Excess cost is still not encumbered, and currently 1 para is unencumbered but will be encumbered on your next report.

H. Arico asked about transportation and the amount that was shown on the report and about the increase in gasoline. Would they have enough?

Superintendent Stevens reassured H. Arico that the money for transportation is okay because they already paid for the entire school year. He also explained that they locked their price in for gasoline while it was still low, so they were okay with that too.

9. Committee Report

Brenda is working on scheduling a policy meeting.

The curriculum committee met and reviewed the first ELA set of curriculum.

The negotiations team will be negotiating the WESS contract in March.

The SBC has hired an OPM to help with that project. There will be more meetings within the next month.

10. New Business

Note: a. Approve meeting minutes was moved after item c. Board Attorney, CABE opinion

b. 2022-2023 Board of Education Budget Approval

Superintendent Stevens shared the updated and highlighted budget to share.

H. Arico wanted to thank the Superintendent for putting this budget together. He felt it would provide students with the programs and services they need. It didn't address some things he had hoped for but the administration has done the best with what they have. He was hoping the increase would be a little lower. He realized what would help the budget would be reducing staff and they cannot do that. He supports the budget.

Herb Arico made a motion to approve Willington Public Schools budget for 2022-2023 for \$9,307,721.

Ann Grojean seconded the motion.

H. Arico wanted verification that the budget will now be presented to the Board of Finance.

Superintendent Stevens explained he will present the budget and it will be voted on then.

Chair Cunningham stated she will be at the meeting as well. You may look at the calendar online for the date of the meeting.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstain
H. Arico	x		
M. Cunningham	x		
D.Cook		x	
T. Anderson	x		
A.Grosjean	x		
B. Ross	x		
L. Rodriquez	x		

6 Yes 1 No Motion passes

c. Board Attorney, CABA opinion on Meeting Minutes

Questions were sent to the attorney for clarification regarding if communications can be shared in meeting minutes. The simple response back stated that; no the minutes do not have to include any communications that are sent to board members. If it is not discussed at the meetings it is not part of the minutes. There was an extensive discussion among the board members regarding this topic.

D. Cook was frustrated because the questions she had were not answered from the attorney. She stated that she wanted to know if we wanted to include emails we receive, can we attach them in our minutes? Some emails they receive have important information that the community needs to be aware of, such as the charts and graphs from the Christensen's. The minutes from December were lacking substantial information. All it said was that there were two emails from Michelle Christensen. Nobody but the people that were at the meeting even knew what this was about. She understood if someone sent inappropriate or vulgar emails they would not share those. There should be times that a board member can request that something is attached in its entirety.

Chairperson Cunningham reassured that this is no way disregarding Mrs. Christensen. She appreciated how engaged Mrs. Christensen was. It raised some questions as to what the process is to share documents that are received by the board.

H. Arico read both letters from the attorney and CABA and he felt that what was asked of them was very narrow. The meeting minutes are more of the happenings of the actual meeting. The board receives so many documents. He asked what happens to those documents? Any document that is mentioned at the meeting should be saved. He did agree with D. Cook that they should attach communication documents to the minutes.

Chair Cunningham reiterated the issue being discussed is the process of including information in the minutes not where the documents go. She was trying to narrow the conversation to what the process is if they include information in the minutes. They read from the lawyer they do not have to include it but their question is should they? If so, when? Which cases? She thinks it is clear they don't want to include everything they receive in the minutes. They do include documents that are discussed at the meetings. This specific email from Mrs. Christensen was not read at the meeting because she was unable to attend the meeting. However, she and her husband were able to speak/read some of their email at the meeting tonight although it does not capture the full comprehensiveness with the charts and tables.

A. Grosjean stated that she felt it was important that anyone in the public that wanted to read this email should be able to. She mentioned a google drive or somewhere where we could store documents that are received. The things that appear on the minutes are part of what is on the agenda for the meeting. She believes that's what the minutes are about. But coming up with a creative way to share these items.

Chair Cunningham stated it's not a matter of how to share these documents but when. So if it's related to an item on the agenda or if a board of education member requests it then it's included? She wondered when it would be excluded? Also if board members disagree does it have to be voted on whether it's included or not? No one is preventing anyone from sharing any documents.

A. Grosjean restated that she believes it's only the items on the agenda that are included in the minutes. Maybe they need to look at an alternate way to share documents.

T. Anderson discussed the letter from the attorney. She stated that under communications there could be the name and topic so they all have an idea of what the topic was about.

L. Rodriguez stated there was a lot to think about. The first question is the limiting question. She has a problem with the board deciding whose letters are attached and whose are not. If this is something they decide to do it should be everyone. She liked Ann's idea of having a place to store these documents like a google drive.

H. Arico stated that any written comment to one or more board members becomes a public document. And should be accessible under FOI.

D. Cook reiterated her concerns regarding Mrs. Christensen's email not being attached to the minutes. The way it was written in the minutes did not even explain what the emails were about. Because of the uniqueness of this email that included charts and tables it did not do it justice, which is why she asked for her to be attached. She would like this specific letter attached because of the uniqueness. She stated she did not go through and fact check she assumed Mrs. Christensen went through a reliable website that the board of education recommended and the content is true. She suggested limiting the sharing of letters just from people of Willington. She also reminded everyone she offered to read the email and go through all the charts and tables but she did not find that as useful. It would simply be better if everyone had the email in front of them.

Chair Cunningham thought D. Cook raised an interesting point that she did not verify the information in the email received. She wondered where they draw the line? They have to make a precedent now because once they do it for one they have to do it for all. They should set a policy for this. She said it is important to have a full conversation about this as they discussed having a separate meeting to do so. They just needed to complete the budget process first. She wants to include administration, teachers, parents and the community in this meeting.

Superintendent Stevens suggested to the board that if they are considering limiting any communications they should ask the attorney if that's legal. He then read exactly what his questions were that he sent to the attorney. There is a process for FOI that has to be followed. He just wanted to caution the board legally that if they are allowing someone to put their letter into the Boards minutes and not someone else you might be infringing on someone's right. He would definitely suggest contacting the attorney with that exact question.

T. Anderson agreed with Chair Cunningham that this is a policy issue. There needs to be a policy in place. Also the other communication that came in from CABE had other recommendations and maybe they should follow those too along with the attorney's.

B. Ross stated as Chair Cunningham had; she loved how the Christensen's went and did research and then was willing to share it with everyone. She really appreciated it and thought it was great of them. She then clarified with D. Cook exactly what she was looking to have happen. After recapping B. Ross was wondering if it's the Board's job to be the conduit to the Christensen's data and information they collected to the public. She wondered how the Board could help get the public this information. Could they have the person give their email and then anyone interested could contact them requesting their documents? If they read through the minutes it could say that this person shared information and here is their email. A quick way to pass it instead of it solely being the Board's job. And of course they would ask for permission from the "author" before giving out their information.

D. Cook was concerned with putting strangers in touch with others in town. They already give their name and address. Giving out emails and such she felt was worse.

Chair Cunningham made a proposal that this should be sent to the policy committee. They can draft up a policy and come back and share it with the Board.

D. Cook stated she wanted to wait to finalize the December 14, 2021 minutes.

Superintendent Stevens shared that everything is on their website and is accessible to anyone. He appreciated the work the Christensen's did as well. They emailed him too but the information they shared is already on the website as is the presentation the administrators gave in October. He stated if this is about data he has it and would gladly share it with anyone. If it's about any communication then a policy is the correct way to handle it.

Chair Cunningham reminded D. Cook that they had many meeting minutes to approve and asked was it worth holding up finalizing the December minutes for a few more months?

D. Cook stated she is finding the minutes are lacking in detail. She told Chair Cunningham to do as she saw fit.

Chair Cunningham disagreed as the last meeting minutes were 20 pages long. There is a zoom video of the meetings that anyone can go back and watch anytime. Everything is public and transparent.

Chair Cunningham made a motion they send this issue to the policy committee

Ann Grosjean seconded the motion.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstain
H. Arico			x
M. Cunningham	x		
D.Cook			x
T. Anderson	x		
A.Grosjean	x		
B. Ross	x		
L. Rodriquez	x		

5 Yes, 2 Abstain Motion passes

Donna Cook motions to take a five minute recess

Laura Rodriquez seconded the motion

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstain
H. Arico	x		
M. Cunningham	x		
D.Cook	x		
T. Anderson	x		
A.Grosjean	x		
B. Ross		x	
L. Rodriquez	x		

6 Yes, 1 No Motion passes

Recess at 9:12 p.m.

Chair Cunningham made a motion to come out of recess at 9:18 p.m.

- a. Approve meeting minutes
 - i. December 14, 2021
 - ii. January 11, 2022
 - iii. Special meeting (budget workshop #1) January 25, 2022
 - iv. Special meeting (budget workshop #2) February 1, 2022
 - v. Curriculum Committee meeting January 24, 2022

Attachment #2
Attachment #3
Attachment #4
Attachment #5
Attachment #6

Chair Cunningham made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from December 14, 2021 and January 11, 2022. Also to approve the special meeting minutes from January 25, 2022 and February 1, 2022 and the curriculum committee meeting from January 24, 2022.

H. Arico seconded the motion

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstain
H. Arico	x		
M. Cunningham	x		
D.Cook			x
T. Anderson	x		
A.Grosjean	x		
B. Ross			x
L. Rodriguez	x		

5 Yes, 2 Abstain Motion passes

b. Governor’s Executive Orders: School Mask Mandate

Superintendent Stevens shared the following information; The Governor’s executive powers expire February 15. On Tuesday February 8, the legislature held a public hearing on possibly extending 11 of the Governor’s Executive Orders, including the school and early-childcare mask mandate. The House is scheduled to address this issue on February 10, with the Senate convening next Monday, February 14, for the same purpose.

Superintendent Stevens reported about mask use on buses. Pursuant to federal statute and regulations, the CDC issued an Order that states “a person must wear a mask while traveling on any bus. The Order remains in effect unless modified or rescinded or until the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services rescinds the determination that a public health emergency exists, so individuals traveling on school buses must continue to wear masks.

Superintendent Stevens reported that Rob Miller, the Director of Health at Eastern Highlands Health District, expects DPH guidance for local officials soon, but that it wasn’t available yet.

Chair Cunningham suggested the Board vote at the meeting now in case the mandate is taken away. This way they won’t have to hold an emergency meeting next week.

Chair Cunningham made a motion to maintain the mask mandates in the schools until March 11, 2022.

Tracey Anderson seconded the motion

L. Rodriguez supports this motion as they don't have all the information and are waiting to hear back from the health district.

A. Grosjean stated the rates are still pretty high and they need to wait to see the rate decrease. They also need to wait and see what the health officials say. She was relieved to hear the buses are still under mask orders.

D. Cook stated that if the state doesn't require masks then they shouldn't either. She wondered how many students and teachers already had Covid and had immunity, and many of them had their shots and boosters. She is very concerned about the learning loss with everyone's faces covered. She then asked Superintendent Stevens if he knew the total numbers of students/staff? She felt that 88 students with Covid in the last month was a high number since Willington is such a small district.

Superintendent Stevens explained he does not have those numbers. He could figure them out by looking at data but some individuals are getting Covid for a second time, since there are other variants. The whole 90 day immunity is not as reliable as people can have different variants of Covid. He agreed 16% is a high percentage of positive Covid cases within a month.

B. Ross stated that this topic is very important and has a lot of new information coming in. She asked Superintendent Stevens when he was meeting with other Superintendents?

Superintendent Stevens shared they were meeting Thursday, February 10. They have done the best they could by following all the recommendations. He also thinks most of the superintendents are going to say the Board decides.

B. Ross explained that for her that's a resource that she would want some information from when making a decision.

Superintendent Stevens discussed how certain towns have a mask mandate created by their Mayor. That mandate trumps what the Governor says. For example, Mansfield has a mask mandate so the schools will still be wearing masks regardless of how the community feels. There are a lot of moving parts in different towns when making decisions.

Chair Cunningham wanted to remind everyone of the comment made earlier that the schools do have preschoolers in the building that cannot be vaccinated yet.

T. Anderson asked Superintendent Stevens if there was any input from the faculty and staff. How are they feeling about this issue?

Superintendent Stevens stated a survey was sent out recently but he had not seen the results yet. He understood from word of mouth that there are still concerns. The issue will be that some people believe there should be and some people believe there should not be. Do you make your

decision based on those opinions? A discussion has been brought up about personal liability in this for the board of education members. There have been questions about lawsuits and the board's decision making. The board does have the legal authority to create a mask mandate as a policy as long as the Board is pointing to reasons why. The board of education's job is to keep the students safe.

D. Cook inquired if the mask mandate was lifted it would not preclude a student from wearing a mask should they feel they want to?

Superintendent Stevens stated D. Cook was correct that a student could still wear their mask if they choose.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstain
H. Arico		x	
M. Cunningham	x		
D.Cook		x	
T. Anderson	x		
A.Grosjean	x		
B. Ross	x		
L. Rodriquez	x		

5 Yes, 2 No Motion passes

11. **Present to Speak**

Sarah Reis, Pinecrest Road, Willington, CT wanted to echo what Mrs. Baker and Briana Ross mentioned in the meeting about it being important to talk to teachers, staff, students and the health department before making a decision about the masks. She feels this will be a no win situation for the Board when making this decision. And for that she is sorry.

Ralph Tulis, 47 Village Hill Road, Willington, CT shared that he had been a part of the planning and zoning committee for many years and they had numerous discussions about what should be or shouldn't be in the meeting minutes. He offered some suggestions; there is obviously the statutory requirement for what is in the minutes and anything beyond that is a policy decision. With planning and zoning they had correspondence and during the meeting their zoning agent would run through the list of correspondence they received since the last meeting. It included who it was and what the topic was. There was some discussion about it but as far as what was in the minutes it was just stated who it was from and the topic. He sees some unnecessary stuff in the BOE minutes; you don't want to include a text or letter but you do want to include board comments at the end of the meeting. This is not required but what you choose. He also expressed his disappointment that the ed specs were not on the agenda for tonight's meeting. He shared he is on the school building committee and is speaking for himself not the committee. He would like the ed specs developed as quickly as possible because one of the key pieces of information they need

when deciding the directions of this project is the spatial requirements interior and exterior. The sooner the board can get together with the owner's project manager the better.

Melissa Abercrombie, 238 Tolland Turnpike, Willington, CT shared she was new to Willington and the schools. She was concerned as she thought she heard in the meeting that asbestos was found in the hallway at the Elementary School. She was glad it was not found in a classroom but would like more information regarding this and any testing that is done that validates the schools are a safe place for the students.

Arthur Christenson, 14 Birch Meadow Lane, Willington, CT wanted to give his thoughts regarding including his wife's email in the minutes. If something is brought up in a board of education meeting, now three meetings in a row, he thinks as a member of the community he would like to have access to see what the board is talking about. He would feel this way even if it was not a family member. He also wanted to address the school mask mandate. He wanted to remind everyone that not many children are dying from Covid. So he feels there is not much danger in the schools.

Meghan Szabo, Fisher Hill Road, Willington, CT shared she learned that the Covid transmission was community based not in-school, which means the masks work. There are children that are not eligible or if eligible their parents are against the vaccine. She explained how they have been able to stay in school and have been safe, so why change that now? With new variants it's not worth the risk. She thanked the board for keeping the mandate until March 8 but requested to keep it going until the end of the school year. Then reevaluate for the 2022-2023 school year.

Julie Marshall, Fisher Hill Road, Willington, CT wanted to make it very clear that the number of children dying from Covid is not a small number. If they took away the mask mandate and even one child dies in Willington that is a huge number.

Peter Latincsics, 97 Trask Road, Willington, CT wanted to follow up on his earlier comments during present to speak. He was saddened to see the board decide to not include the emails that were discussed for the community to view. He was very frustrated and discouraged with the process and the discussion of this becoming a policy and he asked for the Superintendent and Chair to resign. He strongly believed the only policies they have in Willington is public transparency and public participation and it needs to get back to being that way.

Kiley Fults, 321 Tolland Turnpike, Willington, CT wanted to thank the board for everything that they are doing. She understands it's not easy. She stated she appreciated all of them.

13. **Board Comment**

H. Arico wanted to thank the citizens for participating in the present to speak. He also wanted to thank the superintendent for putting the budget together. Hopefully the board of finance supports it. Also Erin gave a wonderful presentation and he appreciated it.

L. Rodriguez thanked all the folks for coming out and participating in the meeting. She stated H. Arico hit every point she was going to and thanked him.

A. Grosjean wanted to thank their two paraprofessionals that have moved on to other experiences and she wished them luck. She also welcomed Danielle to the special education department. She also said she was glad they were waiting to make a decision on the masks until they have all the possible data to use to make a decision.

B. Ross wanted to thank their recording secretary for their flexibility and perseverance, especially as they are working out some of these issues. She knows it's a challenging job. She thanked Superintendent Stevens for putting together all of the information regarding the budget. She also wanted to extend a thank you to; Mary Kay, Lisa, Marcia, Erin and Donna in the business office because it takes a group of people to put something like that together. So thank you everybody and she looks forward to it being passed as well.

D. Cook thanked everyone that came and spoke tonight.

T. Anderson stated that she felt everything had been said.

14. Adjournment

Herb Arico made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Laura Rodriquez seconded the motion.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstain
H. Arico	x		
M. Cunningham	x		
D.Cook	x		
T. Anderson	x		
A.Grosjean	x		
B. Ross	x		
L. Rodriquez	x		

Motion passes

Next regular meeting March 8, 2022

Nicole Fusco
Recording Secretary