

Winnacunnet Cooperative School District

School Board Meeting Minutes

Winnacunnet High School – Lecture Hall

**The Regular School Board meeting will immediately follow the Public Hearing for the
Acceptance of Gifts to the Winnacunnet School District**

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

6:30 p.m.

- Board Members: Henry Marsh: Chair (N. Hampton), Leslie Lafond, Vice-Chair, Catherine Antonio - (At Large), David Gandt (Hampton Falls), and Fran Henderson (Seabrook).
- Administration: Dr. Robert Sullivan; Superintendent, Matt Ferreira; Business Administrator, and Bill McGowan; Principal.
- Absent: Dr. Ronna Cadarette; Assistant Superintendent, and Isabel Johnston; Student Council Representative.

Call to Order

At 6:35 p.m., Henry Marsh called the Winnacunnet School Board meeting to **order**, and led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

3. Winnacunnet Pride

Principal McGowan informed that Derik Greenfield; Visionary Speaker, Consultant, and Thought Leader will be our guest speaker next Thursday, January 25th. Students will attend during the day and faculty in the afternoon. The National Honor Society has inducted 30 new students, the upcoming play is called “Young Frankenstein”, and winter sports are on-going.

The Class of 2022, students, parents and guardians will be attending their course selection night on Thursday, January 25, 2018, and on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, a naturalization ceremony will be conducted at 10:00 a.m.

The Board paused for a moment of silence for David Kohlhase; Senior at Portsmouth High School who passed away, and expressed acknowledgement with thoughts and prayers for his fellow colleague Max Malila, who is in critical condition after a tubing accident.

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items - There were no comments.

5. Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

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Motion: Fran Henderson motioned to approve the December 20, 2017 Public and Public Hearing as written. Second: David Gandt. Motion passed 3-0-2. (Abstained: Leslie Lafond and Catherine Antonio.)

B) Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sullivan reviewed his written report with special emphasis on competency-based education, and the Unofficial SAU #21 enrollment to be 2,491 students.

Dr. Sullivan reviewed the Assistant Superintendent report and expressed Kudo's to Dr. Cadarette for organizing a well-orchestrated schedule for Commissioner Frank Edelblut who recently visited our SAU 21 Districts. The program was student oriented using a special Passbook to be stamped by students during each activity that was presented.

C) Principal's Report

Principal McGowan reviewed that student enrollment is steady with 1,079 students,

6. Continuing Business

A) Board Liaisons

Leslie Lafond informed of attending a meeting with the Curriculum Team who discussed competency based education, and that the University of New Hampshire will be looking at grades, and competencies during the admissions process.

A Power School presentation is scheduled for the February school board meeting.

B) Superintendent's Search – Update

Matt Ferreira informed that the Joint Board moved forward with accepting the Operations Committee nomination of Dr. William Lupini, as SAU #21 Superintendent, and that the paperwork, and background check remains to be completed.

C) NEASC 5-Year Progress Report

Principal McGowan reviewed the NEASC Five Year Progress Report, and that he is working together with staff to complete 33 evaluation recommendations or to put a plan in place.

A Community Advisory Board is accumulating a list of businesses who could help with our Extended Learning Opportunity Program.

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The Board expressed their appreciation to all who have been involved with moving forward with the NEASC

7. New Business

A) Acceptance of Gifts

The Board expressed appreciation to the Basketball Boosters for their donation of \$280 to the Winnacunnet Cooperative School District on behalf of the Winnacunnet Warriors Boy Basketball Team to purchase banners for the Exeter Game and Senior Night.

Motion: David Gandt motioned to accept \$750 to the Winnacunnet Cooperative School District on behalf of the Winnacunnet Warriors Boys Basketball Team to purchase Warrior gear for the student-athletes at the year-end Basketball Banquet, and with the recommendation that the apparel is procured through the athletic department approved vendors. Second: Leslie Lafond. Motion passed 5-0-0.

The Board expressed appreciation to the Basketball Boosters for this supportive donation.

Motion: Fran Henderson motioned to approve a donation of \$500 to the Winnacunnet Cooperative School on behalf of the Interact Club, to support the Sweetheart Brunch. Second: Leslie Lafond. Motion passed 5-0-0.

The Board expressed appreciation to the Hampton Rotary Club for their generous donation. The Sweetheart Brunch is scheduled for February 10, 2018.

Motion: Leslie Lafond motioned to accept a gift of \$500 to the Winnacunnet Cooperative School on behalf of the Winnacunnet Chamber Singers. Second: Fran Henderson. Motion passed 5-0-0.

The Board expressed their appreciation to the Hampton Rotary Club for their support for the Chamber Singers.

Motion: David Gandt motioned to accept \$5,000 from NextEra Energy Foundation to Winnacunnet Cooperative School District to support the Winnacunnet STEM department and will be used to enhance and expand the Winnacunnet Science, Mathematics, and Technology programs. Second: Fran Henderson. Motion passed 5-0-0.

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The Board expressed appreciation to NextEra Energy Foundation for their generous gift for our STEM department.

Motion: David Gandt motioned to accept \$2,500 to the Winnacunnet Cooperative School District to support our undefeated Football Team Champion and will be used to purchase sweatshirts, and with the recommendation that the apparel is procured through the athletic department approved vendors. Second: Leslie Lafond. Motion passed 5-0-0.

The Board expressed appreciation to the Football Boosters for supporting the Winnacunnet Football Team.

Principal McGowan informed that there would be a Public Hearing at the next meeting for the donation of the Winnacunnet undefeated Football Team Champions – Championship Rings.

8. Budget Review

Matt Ferreira reviewed the FY 2017-18 Expenditure Report. He reported that a Choreographer (Spring position) increase will be brought forward during the February meeting.

The Operation Budget is \$2,624,137.

Motion to reopen: Henry Marsh motioned to reopen Article 2: Seacoast Educational Support Personnel Association. Second David Gandt. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion: Fran Henderson motioned to approve Article 2: Seacoast Educational Support Personnel Association as written. Second: Leslie Lafond. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion to Re-open: Henry Marsh motioned to re-open the vote on Article 3, to accept the Art Department Renovations. Second: David Gandt. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion: Henry Marsh motioned to approve Article 3: Art Department Renovations as written. Second: David Gandt. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion to Re-open: Fran Henderson motioned to re-open Article 4 - Security Upgrades. Fran Henderson. Second: Leslie Lafond. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion: Fran Henderson motioned to approve Article 4 – Security Upgrades as written. Second: Lesley Lafond. Motion passed 5-0.

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Matt Ferreira informed of an anticipated security upgrade state-funded reimbursable grant in the amount of \$264,000 for this security update. The Governor has signed off with conditional approval. The real cost would be \$66,000.

Motion to Re-open: Fran Henderson motioned to re-open Article 5: Special Education Expendable Trust. Second: Henry Marsh. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion: Fran Henderson motioned to approve Article 5: Special Education Expendable Trust as written. Second: Catherine Antonio. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion to Re-open: Fran Henderson motioned to re-open Article 6: Health Care Expendable Trust Fund as written. Second: David Gandt. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion: David Gandt motioned to approve Article 6: Health Care Expendable Trust Fund as written. Second: Leslie Lafond. Motion passed 5-0.

9. Other

A) Personnel – Leave Request

B) Deliberative Session Date – February 7, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. Winnacunnet Auditorium. Proposed 2018-2019 Budget, warrant articles, potential amendments, and feedback will be discussed.

The Board agreed to meet on February 7, 2018 at 6:30 to conduct a school board meeting, and then will recess to attend the Deliberative Session. The Board will reconvene the school board meeting immediately after the Deliberative Session.

10. Public Comment – There were no comments.

Motion: David Gandt moved to enter Non-Public Session under RSA 19-A:3 II (c) at 7:28 p.m. Second: Fran Henderson. Roll Call vote: Henry Marsh says yes, Leslie Lafond says yes, Catherine Antonio says yes, David Gandt says yes, and Fran Henderson says yes. Motion passed 5-0-0

Submitted by Maureen Hastings, Recording Secretary (Approved February 21, 2018)