

**Winnacunnet School Board Meeting
Winnacunnet High School – Lecture Hall
Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m.**

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Board Members Henry Marsh; Chair (N. Hampton), Leslie Lafond; Vice Chair (Hampton), David Gandt (Hampton Falls), and Fran Henderson (Seabrook).

Heidi Taracena (At-Large) joined the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Administration Dr. William Lupini; Superintendent, Dr. David Hobbs; Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Caroline Arakelian; Executive Director of Student Services, Matt Ferreira; Business Administrator, Bill McGowan; Principal, and Jack Taylor; Student Representative.

At 6:51 p.m., Henry Marsh called the meeting to **order**

A. School Board Vacancy – The Board interviewed candidates for the Winnacunnet Cooperative High School Board At-Large vacant position. This position was previously held by Catherine Antonio.

1. Interviews – Each candidate will be asked identical questions.

- Heidi Taracena
- Michael Rabideau
- Patricia O’Keefe

B. Appointment / Swearing In

The Board expressed appreciation to Michael Rabideau and Patricia O’Keefe for their interest in serving their community as a school board member.

Motion: David Gandt moved to appoint Heidi Taracena to the School Board At-Large position for the Winnacunnet Cooperative High School. Second: Leslie Lafond.
Motion passed 4-0.

Shirley Doheny; Hampton Town Clerk presented the oath of office to Heidi Taracena as School Board Member At-Large for the Winnacunnet Cooperative High School.

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2. Pledge of Alliance - Jack Taylor led the Pledge of Alliance.

3. Winnacunnet Pride – Jack Taylor informed that a Winnacunnet High School student Patrick Cotter noticed a young boy walking from Hampton to his home in Seabrook and kindly drove the boy home. Kudo’s to Patrick Cotter for seeing a need and helping out.

4. Public Comment

5. Consent Agenda

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Motion: Leslie Lafond moved to approve the August 22, 2019 Public Hearing minutes as written, Public meeting minutes as written and Non-Public Meeting Minutes as written. Second: Fran Henderson. Motion passed 4-0-1. (Heidi Taracena abstained).

B. Superintendent Lupini provided a written report and commented:

- SESPA negotiations have begun and reminded the audience that SESPA Educational Associates are a valuable part of what we do. Also, this year was the first time SESPA Associates participated in opening day of school where professional learning opportunities were provided for them.
- SAZ (Seabrook Adventure Zone) is a partnership between SYS (Seacoast Youth Services) and Seabrook Middle School and is celebrating their 20th anniversary. Congratulations for the great things that they do for students.

C. Assistant Superintendent Hobbs reviewed his written report and informed that the math and world language current data will be reviewed, and improvements / updates will be made during this current school year.

D. Executive Director of Student Services Caroline Arakelian reviewed her written report and discussed recent Medicare changes where SAU21 will directly bill for medically necessary service reimbursements through the Medicaid to Schools program.

A short discussion involved concern about Medicare reductions within the special education funds this school year. More information will be forthcoming.

E. Principal McGowan reviewed his written report and provided a draft version of the High School 2018-2019 accomplishments for the Boards perusal.

F. Facilities report - Matt Ferreira reviewed the September 2019 Facilities Report .

6. Continuing Business

A) Board Liaisons – Update

Fran Henderson reported that new carpeting has been installed in the library, and that auditorium seat replacement may be a topic during the upcoming budget sessions.

7. New Business

A) Acceptance of Gift.

Motion: Leslie Lafond moved to approve on behalf of Winnacunnet High School a donation of \$1,500 to provide record boards for cross-country, winter track and

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spring track to be displayed in the gymnasium hallway. Second: Fran Henderson.
Motion passed 5-0.

The Board expressed appreciation to the Winnacunnet Winter Track, Spring Track and Cross-Country Booster Clubs for their donation.

- B) 2019-2020 Board Goals – A brief discussion was held in regard to gathering ideas from teaching staff and students, encouraging and supporting competency-based education and communication with parents / how to communicate with parents when determining the Board goals.
- C) Policy – First Read - ACE, DFA, EB, EBB, GBAA, GBEF, GCG, GCO, IHAM, IHAMA, IHBA, IKB, ILD, JFABD, JICD, JLCF, JLI, KED, KEE The Board agreed to review the policies.

8. Budget Review

Matt Ferreira reviewed the FY 2019-20 YTD expenditure report. The Board agreed to hold 2020-2021 budget development sessions on October 21st 6:00 -9:00 p.m., October 30th 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., November 6th 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. and November 14th 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

9. Other

10. Public Comment

11. Next Meeting Dates:

- A) Operations Committee – Tuesday, October 15, 2019-5:30 p.m.
- B) Winnacunnet SB Regular Meeting – Wednesday, October 16, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.
- C) SAU 21 Joint Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 22, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

Motion: David Gandt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Second: Fran Henderson. Motion passed 5-0.

Submitted by Maureen Hastings, Recording Secretary

(Approved by the Board 10-16-2019)