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Winnacunnet School Board Regular Meeting (Wednesday, June 17, 2020)

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Members present

Henry Marsh, Leslie Lafond, Heidi Taracena, Michael Rabideau
Tony Delano joined the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Superintendent Bill Lupini, Assistant Superintendent David Hobbs, Executive Director of Student Services Caroline Arakelian, Business Administrator Matt Ferreira and WHS Principal Bill McGowan.

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM

1. Call to Order

Procedural: A. **Roll Call**

Chair Henry Marsh opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. by reading the following statement:

As Chair of the Winnacunnet School Board, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:

We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting.1 All members of the Winnacunnet School Board, have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone # 646 876 9923, Webinar ID# 926 6534 9649 or by clicking on the following website address: (listed on the agenda) <https://zoom.us/j/92665349649>

b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting:

We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom or telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the website of the SAU 21 Office at www.sau21.org.

c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access:

If anybody has a problem, please call 603-926-8992 ext. 103 or email at revans@sau21.org

d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting:

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law

Tony Delano joined the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Procedural: B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Minutes

Action, Minutes: A. **May 20, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting**

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2020, Winnacunnet School Board Public Hearing and Regular Meeting.

Motion by Michael Rabideau, second by Leslie Lafond.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Henry Marsh, Leslie Lafond, Heidi Taracena, Michael Rabideau, Tony Delano

3. Reports

Reports: A. **Finance Report**

Matt Ferreira reviewed the Finance Report. We estimate nearly \$1 million to be available at the end of this fiscal year with some year-end activities expenses to reduce the amount slightly.

Board Chair Marsh asked for an explanation on how the amount returned to the town helps the taxpayers. It was learned that the amount returned to towns offsets the tax rate based on property valuations. The financials will close June 30th. The audit is to be done in August with preliminary numbers in September but not finalized until the following spring.

4. Continuing Business

Information: A. **Administrative Update on the Return to School Task Force**

Dr. Lupini reported on the Joint Board briefing on Monday evening, a Tuesday morning briefing was held for the employees followed by a joint briefing with SAU 90 for the community in the evening. The main message received is that families want their kids to go back to school. We plan on conducting a survey to gather more information from parents, students and staff with questions such as are they comfortable coming back to school? Will they use school transportation? Does a hybrid model work for them? What type of hybrid? Everyone will have the opportunity to answer the survey multiple times and also for each student they may have in the schools as the answers may differ depending on the age of their child(ren) and what school(s) they attend.

5. New Business

Information: A. **2020-2021 DRAFT Meeting Calendar**

The Board reviewed the meeting calendar for the upcoming year. No meetings are currently scheduled for July but a briefing for the Joint Board will be scheduled as needed.

Information: B. **2021-2022 Budget Development Timeline**

Matt Ferreira reviewed the budget development timeline and deliberative session dates. The plan is to present the budget to school board by October 16th and then to the Budget Committee by November 20th. The Deliberative Session is scheduled for February 4th. The Budget Committee schedules the public hearing date. Board member Delano questioned to budget process in regard to financial planning for 2021-2022 considering we are in the midst of the pandemic and the 2020-2021 hasn't yet started. Matt Ferreira confirmed that although the process itself is normally a challenge this year will be even more so in light of the pandemic and trying to be even more fiscally conservative due to the economic struggles the communities are experiencing.

Chairman Marsh discussed the August meeting being held "in house" and showing the community that the Board is coming together as the school is expected to do.

6. Personnel

Action: A. Summer Hiring

Motion to authorize the Superintendent to hire staff with contracts during June, July and August and to bring the names of the new hires to the August and/or September board meeting for ratification.

Motion by Leslie Lafond, second by Michael Rabideau.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Henry Marsh, Leslie Lafond, Heidi Taracena, Michael Rabideau, Tony Delano

7. Public Comment

Procedural: A. **Public Comment** - None were received.

8. Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 (a-e)

Action, Discussion, Procedural: A. **Roll Call for Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 (c).**

Motion to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) 6:56 p.m.

Motion by Michael Rabideau, second by Heidi Taracena.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Henry Marsh, Leslie Lafond, Heidi Taracena, Michael Rabideau, Tony Delano

Discussion: C. Tuition Students from South Hampton

South Hampton School Board Chair Jim Kime was present for this discussion.

Discussion: B. Personnel - Employee Matter

9. Resume Public Meeting

Action, Procedural: A. **Resume Public Meeting after Non-Public Session.**

Motion to close the non-public session and resume the public meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Motion by Leslie Lafond, second by Michael Rabideau.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Henry Marsh, Leslie Lafond, Heidi Taracena, Michael Rabideau, Tony Delano

Action: B. Tuition Students from South Hampton

The Winnacunnet School Board moved to express their intent to negotiate a tuition agreement with the South Hampton School Board that would permit South Hampton students to attend Winnacunnet High School on a tuition basis.

Motion by Michael Rabideau, second by Tony Delano.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Henry Marsh, Leslie Lafond, Heidi Taracena, Michael Rabideau, Tony Delano

10. Next Meeting Dates

Information: A. **Joint Board Policy Committee Meeting - Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.**

Information: B. **Winnacunnet School Board Meeting - Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**

11. Adjourn

Action, Procedural: A. **Adjourn the meeting**

Motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Motion by Leslie Lafond, second by Michael Rabideau.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Henry Marsh, Leslie Lafond, Heidi Taracena, Michael Rabideau, Tony Delano