

Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union
Draft Minutes
October 28, 2019

Present: Colleen Spence, Elizabeth Burrows, Kris Garnjost, Amy McMullen, Beth Carter, Bill Yates, Nancy Pedrick, Sean Whalen, Scott Richardson, Nicki Buck, Jacqui Antonivich, Angie Ladeau, Karen Woolsey, Ed Connors, Dave Baker by phone

Not Present: AnneMarie Redmond

Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM.

Changes/Additions: None

Public Comments: Ashley Rich mentioned parents have concerns seen across Windsor and multiple schools and feels should be in the open. I have multiple concerns and lack of administrative action and response. Mrs. Rich mentioned her daughter's emotional and physical wellbeing is in jeopardy. She has been put in situations detrimental to her emotional and physical health. She has been tormented and assaulted by peers. The reactions have been disconnected and parents' concerns are ignored. Mrs. Rich mentioned she tried to set up a meeting and was lied to. She stated her daughter is not supported by faculty or administration at the school and the culture is toxic. Mrs. Rich mentioned when she met with administrators her concerns were deflected and excused saying happening nationwide. Her daughter was told to be friends with those who are mean to her. Daughter is not telling teachers as nothing changing. Urging you to shift culture within Windsor School and district. Child's anxiety is exacerbated by coming to school. Mrs. Rich mentioned she was told would be change and was nothing. Mrs. Rich sending letter to superintendent, Agency of Education, and local representative.

Amy McMullen mentioned this is more of a Mount Ascutney School District issue and will be done in executive session.

Minutes: August 26

Amy McMullen asked for a motion to approve the previous minutes. Elizabeth Burrows moved; seconded by Bill Yates; motion passed with one abstention.

Discussion Items:

FY 21 Budget Draft: Ed Connors

The Budget has four assessments: Technology, Central Office, Special Education and Early Childhood Program.

General Fund consists of Technology, Central Office, and Special Education. Early Childhood is its own program with regular ed and special ed. Regular ed is funded by assessment and special ed is funded by EEE grant (\$104,257) but in addition is IDEA-B (\$11,412). Pre School is a federal grant

Special Education is now funded through the SU and is the highest assessment, with central office next, and then technology. Under special education have IDEA-B (\$439,334), plus the assessment.

Under Central Office is curriculum made up of Title I, II, IV and all have restrictions. If reach a certain threshold can transfer Title I and use money in broader way. This year that grant was \$400,406 for Title 1; Title II is \$155,753, and Title IV is \$39,190 totaling \$595,348. Award changes due to free/reduced lunch rate. Next year's numbers based on November numbers. Angie Ladeau mentioned every month school submits a report to the state and state sends report to the school on those on free.

IDEA is managed by Karen Woolsey.

Curriculum managed by Ed Connors and Angie Ladeau. The state is responsible for oversight and has gotten stricter. Grants require a lot of time to manage and oversee. Title is used for personnel and professional development as is IDEA. This money cannot supplement other monies as is for additional services. Half of Angie's position is paid through Title.

Technology Assessment: \$177,442 this year and next is \$170,389; down due to fact that software went into curriculum. Subscriptions going up; such as Track My Progress. Mount Ascutney School District has a writing curriculum and has gone up this year. Moby Max and Track My Progress ends this year and looking for progress monitoring process and one more comprehensive.

Central Office: up .59%

Special Education up 12.24%

Early Childhood Program: down by 16.63% and change in way program managed as no full time coordinator. Coordinator is a stipend position.

Weathersfield Assessment up \$80,000

Mount Ascutney School District Assessment up \$70,000

Hartland Assesment up \$46,000

Use most recent equalized pupil numbers and do not get until December.

Sean Whalen asked if heard that health care negotiations going to arbitration and are these numbers preliminary or affected by health care. Bill Yates mentioned depends on negotiations and do not know the timeline for health. Ed Connors mentioned using

12.9% as what got from VASBO. VSBIT had money left over from prior years and essentially Had a slush fund to use to keep rates lower.

Ed Connors mentioned when look at Technology assessment is down, and question is why Central Office up less than 1%. The reason is took \$55,000 from technology and did not add to Central Office and when add in the Central Office up 7.54%.

Dave Baker mentioned right now pay 80% of medical and if have to pay more will impact this budget and should still have time to reflect the change in local budgets.

Sean Whalen mentioned he was surprised that the special education assessment was not higher as in budget meeting heard higher number. Ed Connors mentioned in getting to the special education assessment we need to estimate what will get from the state and came up as received higher reimbursement from the state.

Beth Carter asked about Technology staff, is that all salary. Dave Baker mentioned have not increased staff.

Scott Richardson mentioned all has to do with medical, and contract language is important to administrators, and attempting voice for more of a legal consultant in negotiations. This had not come to bear and team understands are large consequences and not sure saving on legal aid is achieving what want. Dave Baker mentioned this can always be a conversation. Discussed at last negotiation meeting the pluses and minuses with legal consultation. There are large things to tackle in negotiations and costing a reasonable amount of money. Bill Yates feels will know if need to bump up legal services. Scott Richardson feels that suggesting will avoid an adversarial situation and does not feel is avoidable with nature of work ahead. The sides do not see eye-to-eye and need to come to an agreement and is not easy and not expected to be easy.

Special Education Budget: \$7,493,636 and we are not spending as much as other districts. We get expenditure budget from revenues and reimbursements. Service plan describes cost and extraordinary. Extraordinary is \$830,059. State placed students is \$107,341. Basing projections on reimbursement from 2018.

Excess cost went down on those with school choice. More kids going to alternative schools.

Scott Richardson asked if students from Weathersfield, Hartland, and West Windsor choosing Windsor more if on an IEP. Karen Woolsey mentioned IEP students do not predominantly choose Windsor.

Early Childhood: Revenue is just the assessment.

Teacher running regular ed side and getting a stipend for doing management side. EEE grant funds this side of early childhood. IDEA-B pays for speech services.

Overall increase for assessments was \$253,000.

Policies:

Interdistrict Choice: Second reading next month.

Kindergarten Age Requirements: Amy McMullen asked for a motion. Kris Garnjost moved; seconded by Colleen Spence; motion passed.

Grant Writing: Second reading next meeting. Elizabeth Burrows asked if grant of any size and should we include language about donations. Beth Carter suggested adding if anything purchased through donors remains the property of the school. Angie Ladeau asked about endowments. Dave Baker feels do not need to add to policy.

Appointments: Jennifer Tessier, Rebecca Schenk, Chris Perkins, Maggie McFeeley, Carole Hamner, Darshine Yazzie, Lael Daigle, Rachel Bogurt
Amy McMullen asked for a motion. Nancy Pedrick moved; seconded by Nicki Buck; Elizabeth Burrows mentioned is disappointed that the pool is so shallow. Motion passed.

Resignation: Ann Ziccardi

Amy McMullen asked for a motion to accept the resignation with regret. Bill Yates moved; seconded by Nicki Buck; motion passed.

Agenda: November

Policies

Budget

Executive Session - Personnel

Presentation regarding new food program

Adjournment:

Amy McMullen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kris Garnjost moved; seconded by Colleen Spence; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Tessier, Board Secretary