

# Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union Board Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 26, 2020

## Minutes

### **Present at the Meeting:**

Amy McMullen, Nicole Buck, Colleen Spence, Kris Garnjost, Sean Whalen, Scott Richardson, Elizabeth Burrows, Nancy Pedrick, Bill Yates, Mark Yuengling, Rebecca Roisman, Anne Redmond, Christine Bourne, Jenifer Aldrich, Colleen DeSchamp, Kate Ryan, Katie Ahern, Angie Ladeau, David Baker.

**Special Guest(s):** None

**Additional Attendees:** None

I. **Call to Order by:** Amy McMullen @ 6:32 pm.

II. **Changes/Additions to the Agenda**

Move Budget up in the Order

III. **Public Comments not Related to the Agenda**

None. Welcome to new MASD Board Member Rebecca Roisman

IV. **Minutes Approval from Previous Meeting**

A. September 30, 2020

Motion to approve: Sean Whalen

2nd by: Nicole Buck

Vote: 10-0, Nancy Pedrick - Abstain

V. **Anti-Racism Task Force Update**

Met as a group on 10/15 for an organizational meeting. Nicole Buck is now leading the group. General discussion on how the group will function and ideas. The group is on break as representatives from Righting Wrongs, LLC, are having their exam period. Next step is that Admin and teachers will have a listen and questions session like the task force did to see the areas that need the most support. Each community will have 3-4 representatives in the group for final decision making.

VI. **Strategic Planning Update**

The four board chairs met with Mike from BFK to discuss the delivery of the plan to the board. There was a Powerpoint presentation with lots of discussion around the logo design. The POG pillars have a longer lifespan than the strategic plan. There will be an additional meeting in November on 11/23 for specific discussion around the Strategic Plan (with minimal preliminary budget discussion), and then the regular board meeting will occur on 11/30.

## **VII. Review of Policies**

### **A. Social Media (Final Reading/Vote)**

Bill Yates reviewed some final touches with Larry since the last meeting. The groundwork laid by Weathersfield School made this process less cumbersome.

Motion to Accept: Sean Whalen

2nd: Bill Yates

Vote: 11-0, Scott Richardson - abstain

### **B. Drug and Alcohol Testing Transportation Employees (2nd Reading/Vote)**

All drivers are screened at the beginning of the year, and then there is random sampling done during the school year. Most employees will get screened 2x/year.

Motion to Accept: Nancy Pedrick

2nd: Nicole Buck

Vote: 12-0-0

## **VIII. Preliminary Budget Review**

Ed Connors received the service plan yesterday. Overall the Special Ed budget is around \$7,715,000. This represents a 2% increase. The method for creating the budget is to take total costs for Special Ed and subtract the reimbursement. The difference is then spread over the equalized pupil. The reimbursement is done with three categories: 1-regular expenditures, 2-high cost students (of which once we hit \$60K, they reimburse at 100%), and 3-state placed students (which the state reimburses at 100%).

Bill Yates, Sean Whalen, and Colleen Spence volunteered to be a part of the budget subgroup.

## **IX. New Business**

There was discussion about making sure that the board meetings in respective towns are not on the same night as town board meetings, to increase opportunity for community participation. Also, while all might not attend board members they would like to know the dates/times of other board meetings (they can be included in the calendar invite). Windsor and Weathersfield school boards and selectboards don't currently meet on the same night.

## **X. Setting Next Agenda**

11/23-Strategic Plan discussion (with limited budget talk as it ties to strategic plan)

11/30-Regular Monthly Board Meeting: Budget, Anti Racism Task Force, COVID Update, and timeline for board work reviewing policies. The board just went through a policy audit and found it would be beneficial to review all policies on a cyclical schedule, possibly 3 year cycle so they don't become outdated.

## **XI. Adjournment**

Motion: Nicole Buck

2nd: Mark Yuengling

Vote: 12-0-0