

Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union #52
School Board Meeting
Monday, March 22, 2021
Approved Minutes

Present at the Meeting:

Board: Amy McMullen, Nicole Buck, Kris Garnjost, Scott Richardson, Elizabeth Burrows, Bill Yates, Mark Yuengling, Rebecca Roisman, Annemarie Redmond, Jaimie Turner, Colleen Spence, Nancy Pedrick.

Admin: Katie Ahern, Angie Ladeau, David Baker, Christine Bourne, and Colleen DeSchamp.

Public: Julie Cahoon

- I. **Call to Order @ 6:32 p.m.** by Bill Yates
a) Welcome Jaimie Turner (Weathersfield School Board)

- II. **Changes/Additions to the Agenda:** None

- III. **Approval of Minutes**
a) February 22, 2021
Motion: Rebecca Roisman
2nd: Nancy Pedrick
Vote: 10-0-0

IV. **Public Participation/Announcements**

There were Windsor HS students who won and placed in the 4-Way Essay Contest held by the Rotary Club. Emmet Moeykens won first place, and Maja Thomas was second.

Windsor Girls basketball team has their semi-final game tonight at 6pm.

V. **Superintendent's Report**

There have been three negotiation sessions now and things are progressing along. There will be more to share next month.

Our Esser 1 Grant was approved for approximately \$276K. These funds will cover the subs that were hired in place of teachers that were teaching remotely, centralization of the purchasing office in the SU, and the bulk of summer programming.

Our Esser 2 funds look to be approximately \$1million, and can be used through FY23.

The Restructuring Task Force continues to meet and work on being able to create schedules that allow us to keep the positives that have come from COVID planning, like pod structures, less transitions, etc. There is another meeting Thursday this week. The end result will be the schedule for next year.

Summer programming is heavy in planning stages. Co-coordinators are up and running. They're hoping to contact families toward the end of next week to invite them to participate this summer. They'll likely be approximately 170 students eligible by Track my Progress (TMP), and hoping that around 100 will come. Based on the staff polling there is plenty of staff interested in working over the summer to accommodate this # of students and still maintain small class sizes.

Vaccinations continue, and over the last two weekends we have been able to get many staff vaccinated. The nurses have been instrumental in connecting those that want one to getting an appt. Anyone and everyone is urged to please get vaccinated.

VI. **Items for Discussion**

a) Town Meeting/Vote updates

Weathersfield budget passed.

Mt Ascutney School District budget passed.

Hartland will have their informational meeting on 4/24 with town at 9:00 a.m. and school at 11:00 a.m. They are mailing every voter a ballot. They will vote by Australian ballot on May 4th.

b) Policies

1) C4 Limited English Proficiency Students (Review)
First Reading, corrected typo to C4 policy.

2) C29 District Equity (New Policy to WSESU)
First reading. Changed name to "Equity Policy" removing word district.
Added in the last paragraph in the blank, "bi-annually."

c) WSESU Calendar – 2021/22

Motion to approve: Kris Garnjost

2nd: Rebecca Roisman

Vote: 12-0-0

d) COVID Updates

- > More remote students are returning to in-person.
- > Vaccines are going well. Many staff have already had them or at least have an appointment scheduled for one.
- > Wellness data was presented and did see a slight decrease in mod-high stress levels. And hoping it will continue to decrease as more staff are vaccinated and we can get outside more.
- > The ADs will meet tomorrow about spring sports.
- > The Governor announced that graduations will go back to normal. However there has been no formal guidance issued from AOE about restrictions.

e) Antiracism Task Force

- > The board received the draft policy. This will be reviewed next month for consideration of adoption.
- > The task force was asking for authorization to seek Request for Proposals (RFP's) to hire an expert to do the next step of the process which is the community outreach. They are seeking up to \$10K, and hope to have a company hired by April 6, 2021. Likely this expenditure could be paid out of Esser funds.

Motion to Authorize: Nancy Pedrick
2nd: Kris Garnjost
Vote: 12-0-0

f) Legislative Updates

There are many bills being considered. The following are a few that were mentioned: SU's to do an inventory of building upkeep, childcare bill, literacy outcomes that will be supported by Esser Funds over a 3 year period, community schools-3rd reading, universal breakfast and lunch, and weighting study for calculation of EP.

g) Food Program Funding

Waivers have been granted through at least the summer for free universal meals. This topic will be tabled for now as the food program currently remains in the black since meals are free for all at this time. This will be reviewed again in June when it is clearer what lies ahead. There is general agreement that the calculations need to be based on students "on-site" with access to the program.

VII. **Items for Action**

- a) Policy Adoption
- b) C29 District Equity

Policies will have a 2nd reading at the meeting next month, with consideration for adoption.

VIII. **Setting the Next Agenda**

Date: 4/26/21 at 6:30 p.m.

Items: Antiracism Task Force, Financials, 2nd readings of policies (no new ones), Negotiations, Summer Program, COVID updates, End of year festivities.

IX. **Executive Session** (VSA.T11 Section 313)

To discuss evaluation of Superintendent.

Motion to Enter, 8:20 p.m.: Nicole Buck
2nd: Mark Yuengling
Vote: 11-0-0

Motion to Exit, 8:49 p.m.: Elizabeth Burrows
2nd: Colleen Spence
Vote: 11-0-0

X. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.: Kris Garnjost
2nd: Nicole Buck
Vote: 11-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Moody