

Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union #52
Board Meeting
Monday, April 26, 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, Colleen DeSchamp, Ed Connors.

Public: Leah Stein, Lora Powers, Sandy Soho, Sherrie Greeley, Ryan Santangelo, Amanda Smith, Becky Chrisinger, Courtney Hillhouse, Davis McGraw, Heather Findlay, Julie Cahoon.

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

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

III. **Approval of Minutes**

- a) March 22, 2021
 - Motion: Elizabeth
 - 2nd: Rebecca
 - Vote: 12-0-0

IV. **Public Participation/Announcements**

V. **Superintendent's Report**

Shout out to the 3 board members who are part of the negotiation team, they are doing an incredible job. Hoping to get negotiations finalized so we can begin next school year with a contract in place.

Legislative updates:

- S100 universal meals bill is still in progress. In the meantime the great news is that USDA approved the waivers to cover reimbursement for all students receiving meals for the SY21-SY22.
- H81 passed into law w/o the Governor's signature. This allows for the scaling of healthcare premiums to make it more affordable for the paraprofessional who are in that bargaining group. Also superintendents were removed from the group, since they are part of the bargaining group so it would present a conflict of interest.
- S114 is the literacy bill that was passed in a scaled down version. The house committee will discuss this week work related to literacy.
- Weighting study for calculating EP, has moved to the implementation committee. There was an amendment attached to this that was passed that clarifies the prioritization of factors for consideration, that need be high on the list and geographic location less so.

The restructuring committee, made up of admin team, teachers, and support staff, created a mock schedule that was presented. Focusing on fewer transitions, lunch in the classrooms (grades 5-8 designing their own plan), partner teaming, integrated arts, smaller class size, and common prep time. They reviewed EQS standards to ensure meeting requirements. The schedule presented assumed that there would be some basic COVID restrictions still in place next year, like some level of masking and distancing.

VI. Items for Discussion

a) Anti-Racism Task Force

Discussed under policies on the agenda.

b) Financials

Financials were presented for the end of 3rd quarter 3/21/21. The Gen Ed fund central office portion is about a break even point, and the Special Ed Fund is showing a 5% deficit. ECP fund is showing a \$39K deficit. Specific in the Special Ed department for every \$1 spent the reimbursement is \$.56. For expenses over \$60K, it is a \$1 for \$1 reimbursement. The Special Education Service Plan for next year is up 2%. There were many questions and answers about specific line items of the financials presented. The board was appreciative of the detailed information provided.

c) Summer Programming

There was a slow response to the first round of letters sent to families. It is improving now. There are three afternoon options available to participants: 1-Hartland or Windsor Rec, 2-BTG, or 3-HCRS programming. Bussing is available from the home school to Windsor, and then return trip. They are hopeful to have at least 80 students, and if there is sufficient staffing then they would increase to 100.

d) Policies

1) Anti-Racism Policy (1st Reading)

There was much discussion around process and input sources. Clarification that the policy is what the board will adopt. And the procedures need to be attached with policy for review and adoption. Passionate discussion about phrase use of safe space vs brave space. This will be up for 2nd reading at the next meeting.

2) C4 English Learners (2nd reading)

Reviewed the bottom of the policy for the timing with which the Supt shall report back to the board. It was preferred by the board that this occur quarterly. This policy was moved to action items for adoption.

3) C29 Equity Policy (2nd reading)

The board opted for the closing paragraph to also be a quarterly status report from the Superintendent instead of bi-annually. There was discussion and changes made to bullet points under implementation to be more inclusive. Next reading will occur in May.

e) COVID Updates

New guidelines released 4/23. We are no longer completing daily health checks for staff or students, we have moved to an honor system. We haven't changed much else, just leaving spacing rules in place to finish out the year.

f) End-of-Year Information

Will discuss at individual board meetings.

VII. Items for Action

C4 English Learner Policy adoption

Motion: Kris Garnjost

2nd: Nicole Buck

Vote: 12-0-0

VIII. Setting the Next Agenda

Date: 5/24 @ 6:30 p.m.

Items: Re-Org of the board, Antiracism Policy and Task Force update, Equity Policy 3rd reading and adoption under action items, COVID updates, Recovery Plan Draft presented by Angie, and board setting goals.

X. Adjournment

Motion: Kris Garnjost

2nd: Nicole Buck

Vote: 12-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Moody