

# Goodwin College Magnet Schools, Inc.

Meeting

4 p.m., Feb. 10, 2016

Goodwin College Boardroom

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## Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Jackie Jacoby, Megan Mehr, Merilee DeJohn, Todd Andrews.

**Members absent:** Jerry Emlet, Mark Scheinberg, Nilda Perichi.

**Staff Present** - Lynn Guerriero, Gretchen Goode

1. **Call to Order**
  - The meeting was called to order by Jackie Jacoby at 4:06 p.m.
2. **Public Comment**
  - There was no public comment
3. **Consent Agenda**
  - Merilee DeJohn motioned to approve the minutes of the Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting. Todd Andrews seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously (4-0).
4. **Business Requiring Action**
  - There was no business requiring action.
5. **Special Reports:**
  - Magnet School Construction:
    - Todd Andrews gave a brief summary of the status of construction on the Early Childhood Magnet School / Willowbrook School renovation and expansion. Svigals & Partners have been selected as the architects. Several designs have been submitted. Completion slated for August of 2017.
    - Andrews also touched on the status of Advanced Manufacturing Program at Connecticut River Academy. The State has approved the new curriculum to begin in the fall. Construction will take 1 year to design and 1 year to build, in the meantime classes can be taught at CTRA, in the Pent Road Facility and by using the new Manufacturing Trailer.
  - Tuition & Enrollment:
    - Lynn Guerriero reported on local tuition that has not yet been paid to the Goodwin College magnet schools by school districts. In previous years the State

has paid pre-K tuition. State now wants Goodwin College Early Childhood to bill parents. A survey of families revealed that 67% of Early Childhood program students are from families that are at or below 75% of the State Median Income Guidelines. State will appropriate funds to pay for these students. We will work within budget to provide the programing for all students using the funds the State pays.

- Guerriero discussed current and future enrollment of the magnet programs. We currently are in compliance with SHEFF requirements. Goodwin projects future growth for all magnet school programs.
- Early College Partnership:
  - Jackie Jacoby explained how the Early College Partnership program works. Students can earn up to 24 college credits while in high school. Windsor Locks has signed an MOU agreement to join the program.
  - Community Engagement – Area schools have been invited to visit Goodwin College on March 23 to see what programs are available to them, ie.: Early Childhood, Advanced Manufacturing, Early College Partnership. Schools planning to attend: Bloomfield, East Hartford, Manchester, Vernon, Windsor Locks, Windsor, Hartford.

**6. Board Comments:**

- Todd Andrews provided the Board with an explanation of PILOT taxes and a proposal by the State to exclude magnet schools. Goodwin should assist the Town in their efforts to maintain funding for magnet schools in the PILOT program.

**7. Adjournment:**

- Todd Andrews motioned to adjourn. Merilee DeJohn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).
- Meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

**Next meeting is Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.**