# Winton Woods Board Of Education Minutes Special Session – March 12, 2018

The Winton Woods Board of Education met in special session on Monday, March 12, 2018 in the Board Room, 1215 West Kemper Road, Cincinnati, Ohio. President Miranda called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

## ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

On the roll call the following members were present: Mrs. Paula Kuhn, Mrs. Katrina Rugless, Mr. Jeff Berte, Dr. Viola Johnson, Mrs. Jessica Miranda. Also present were: Mr. Anthony Smith, Superintendent and Mr. Randy Seymour, Treasurer.

#### **BOARD ITEMS**

- New Building Projects Update for Forest Park Chamber of Commerce
- Resolution Opposing House Bill 512

#### **RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 512**

**03-29-18** On a motion by Mrs. Miranda, seconded by Mrs. Rugless to approve the Resolution "Opposing House Bill 512" as presented. (Attached)

Vote: Mrs. Kuhn, Aye; Mrs. Rugless, Aye; Mr. Berte, Aye; Dr. Johnson, Aye; Mrs. Miranda, Aye.

President Miranda declared the motion carried.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

• Brief Financial Update

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Student Achievement Committee
- Community Engagement Committee
- Political Jurisdiction Liaisons

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

ATTEST:

There being no further business, President Miranda declared the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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Randy L. Seymour Treasurer	Jessica Miranda, President	

**APPROVED** 

#### WINTON WOODS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 512

WHEREAS, the Ohio House of Representatives is currently considering legislation that would consolidate the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation into a new state agency called the Department of Learning and Achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal transfers nearly all the duties and authority of the State Board of Education and the superintendent of public instruction to the new state agency; and

WHEREAS, this proposal was drafted without the input of students, parents, educators, administrators, schools, school districts, superintendents and board members, all of whom would be negatively affected by the bill; and

WHEREAS, this legislation creates an environment in which the unique needs of students, educators, parents and school districts will be lost within an expanded bureaucracy, and the role and authority of the elected members of the State Board of Education would be undermined by stripping the board of nearly all its duties; and

WHEREAS, supporters of the bill cite a lack of communication among state education agencies as the key source of Ohio's education problems, but effective collaboration and cooperation is already occurring, and each school district strives to effectively prepare its students for college or a career; and

WHEREAS, important decisions on topics like school funding, graduation requirements, report cards and state assessments would be made by politically appointed, unelected staff with little to no accountability and under a process with almost no public input; and

WHEREAS, public education is at its best when the interests of the people are served through publicly elected boards, and the State Board of Education is no exception; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Winton Woods City School Board of Education does express its opposition to this legislation, HB 512; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Winton Woods City School District Board of Education hereby adopts this resolution and directs the treasurer to reflect this action in the meeting minutes and that copies be distributed to the governor, members of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate.

# ADOPTED this 10th day of March, 2018.

Jessica Miranda, President Jeff Berte, Vice President Paula Kuhn, Member Viola Johnson, Member Katrina Rugless, Member

## **CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the action approved by the Board of Education at a special public meeting on March 12, 2018.

Randy L. Seymou

Treasurer