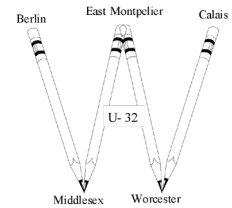


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Washington Central Unified Union School District School Board Meeting Virtual 3.11.24 6:00-7:15 PM

Board Members Present: Flor Diaz Smith, Ursula Stanley, Mckalyn Leclerc, Chris McVeigh, Joshua Sevits, Zach Sullivan, Diane Nichols-Fleming, Kealy Sloan, Daniel Keeney, Amelia Contrada, Natasha Eckart, Michelle Ksepka,

Others Present: Superintendent Meagan Roy, Principal Steven Dellinger-Pate, David Delcore, ORCA Media, Ellen Knoedler, Jody Emerson

1. **Call to Order:** Superintendent Roy called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. **Board Reorganization (Action)**

2.1. Election of Officers: Ursula Stanley nominated Flor Diaz Smith for Board Chair. Seconded by Joshua Sevits. Superintendent Roy invited any other nominations. None was heard. Joshua Sevits stated that Flor Diaz Smith's work with VSBA, with the legislation, and her work with and support of the school administration is exemplary and he thanked her for her dedication. **This motion carried unanimously.** Flor Diaz Smith suggested waiting until the end of the meeting to hear public comments. Chris McVeigh suggested that we allow the public to make comments now, as we are facing a failed school budget vote and it would be prudent to hear their comments before we embark. Flor Diaz Smith invited public comment; none was heard. Chris McVeigh stated that certain officers are members of the Steering Committee. He stated that last year there was an overweighting of Middlesex representation on the Steering Committee; he would like to address this. Flor Diaz Smith suggested waiting until we get to committee appointments. Chris McVeigh stated that he would like to be sure there is balance. **Kealy Sloan nominated Ursula Stanley for Vice Chair. Seconded by Joshua Sevits. This motion carried unanimously. Chris McVeigh nominated Diane Nichols-Fleming for Clerk.** Diane Nichols-Fleming stated that Joshua Sevits had served as Clerk this past year. Joshua Sevits stated that he would be happy to serve again but that he understands the Middlesex representation as Chris McVeigh had noted. **Mckalyn LeClerc seconded this motion. Ursula Stanley nominated Joshua Sevits for Clerk. Seconded by**

Kealy Sloan. Both Diane Nichols-Fleming and Joshua Sevits accepted the nomination. Flor Diaz Smith invited board members to directly chat her in the virtual meeting to cast their votes for the Board Clerk. **The vote went to Diane Nichols-Fleming for Board Clerk. Ursula Stanley moved to keep the current board meeting schedule, first and third Wednesday of the month, the first being educational and rotating among the elementary schools; the second being the business meeting, held at U-32. Seconded by Michelle Ksepka, this motion carried unanimously.** Flor Diaz Smith noted that we would continue to have the option for the hybrid or virtual option for meeting attendance. Superintendent Roy will cross-reference the established board meetings to see if they fall on holidays, and if so, the board will plan accordingly.

2.2. Committee Appointments: Steering Committee: (2nd Wednesday of the month 9 - 10 a.m. virtual meeting) Flor Diaz Smith noted that we will be looking for representation from Calais and from Worcester. **Natasha Eckart nominated Daniel Keeney from Calais and Mckalyn Leclerc from Worcester for the Steering Committee, in addition to the Board Chair and Vice Chair. Seconded by Michelle Ksepka, this motion carried unanimously.** The Steering Committee already has a meeting on the calendar for this Wednesday. Superintendent Roy will find out from Mckalyn Leclerc when she is available so that the committee can discuss a meeting date going forward that works for all members. **Policy Committee: Ursula Stanley nominated Chris McVeigh, Natasha Eckart, and Amelia Contrada to the Policy Committee. Seconded by Zach Sullivan, this motion carried unanimously.**

Negotiations Committee: Ursula Stanley nominated Chris McVeigh, Joshua Sevits, Diane Nichols-Fleming to the Negotiations Committee. Seconded by Mckalyn Leclerc, this motion carried unanimously.

Ed Quality Committee: Chris McVeigh moved to nominate Ursula Stanley, Diane Nichols-Fleming, Mckalyn Leclerc, Daniel Keeney, Zach Sullivan, and Flor Diaz Smith to the Ed Quality Committee. Seconded by Amelia Contrada, this motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee: Amelia Contrada moved to nominate the following to the Finance Committee: Zach Sullivan, Michelle Ksepka, Ursula Stanley, Chris McVeigh, Diane Nichols-Fleming, Mckalyn LeClerc, Flor Diaz Smith, and Daniel Keeney. Seconded by Michelle Ksepka, this motion carried unanimously. This committee will continue to meet monthly on Tuesday morning as well as Wednesday before the board meeting. Flor Diaz Smith noted that we would continue to have a different committee composition for the Configuration Study Committee.

2.3. Appoint Career Center Representative: Ursula Stanley nominated Joshua Sevits as representative of the Career Center. Seconded by Chris McVeigh, this motion carried unanimously.

Truancy Officers: Ursula Stanley moved the following:

- **Truant Definition: Absent from school without permission**

Truancy Officers: Berlin: Celia Guggemos, Calais: Cat Fair; Worcester: Gillian Fuqua; Middlesex: Karoline May; East Montpelier: Alicia Lyford; U-32: JB Hilferty. Seconded by Daniel Keeney, this motion carried unanimously.

The board agreed as a whole to use Roberts Rules for board meetings. **Daniel Keeney moved to adopt the Board Norms, subject to consensus to change as needed. Seconded by Chris McVeigh, this motion carried unanimously.**

Board communication practices: Flor Diaz Smith reviewed the board communication practices and asked board members if they had any questions or concerns about this statement of understanding about board communication practice.

Board retreat: Melissa Tuller will send a doodle poll to determine a date for the board retreat (typically in August.)

Daniel Keeney moved that the board continue to post agendas at each school, at each town office, and on the school website. Seconded by Ursula Stanley, this motion carried unanimously. Ursula Stanley moved to post the board minutes on the school website. Seconded by Mckalyn Leclerc, this motion carried unanimously. Kealy Sloan moved to designate Times Argus as our newspaper of record. Seconded by Zach Sullivan, this motion carried unanimously. Michelle Ksepka nominated Flor Diaz Smith as the voting delegate for statewide health insurance. Seconded by Zach Sullivan, this motion carried unanimously. Flor Diaz Smith asked board members to sign the Code of Ethics and return it to her at the board meeting on Wednesday (she will bring extra copies on Wednesday). Michelle Ksepka introduced herself; she lives in Calais, and both of her children have gone through U-32. She worked at Washington Central for 20+ years and now that she does not work in the district, she can serve on the board. Flor Diaz Smith welcomed her. She shared the VSBA new board registration and resources link. Superintendent Roy suggested planning a 90-minute virtual new board training offering on Thursday, March 16, 6-7:30 p.m. June 5, board meeting/ retreat with WCUUSD staff - (4-8 p.m.) location to be determined. Daniel Keeney asked about the Transportation Committee - he is a member but to date, he has not had a working role on that. Some discussion followed around the idea that the Finance Committee in its Reconfiguration work will take on the work that would have in the past gone to the Transportation Committee. Flor Diaz Smith again invited any public comment. None heard.

3. Adjourn: The board adjourned by consensus at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Grace, Board Recording Secretary