

The W.L. Gilbert School Corporation

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Members present: Scott Beecher, Holly Cassaday, Shane Centrella, Jared Fritch, Ellen Marino, Theresa Padin, Astrid Robitaille

Members absent: Renata Waldron, Johnathan Morhardt

Admin present: Greg Shugrue, Head of Schools; Debra Lewis, Principal

Others: Diane Cooke, Business Manager

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Holly Cassaday

Pledge/Mission/Vision: Astrid Robitaille

Public Forum: None

Student Representative:

- Baseball trip to Cooperstown
- Exams begin for Seniors 5/31
- Prom 5/18
- 8th Grade Promotion 6/10

Student Awards

CABE Leadership Awards Recipients

- Wilnerys Ortiz-Reyes- 8th Grade
- Cameron Picard- 8th Grade
- Danica Poirier- 12th Grade
- Thatcher Rupert-12th Grade

LCSA Superintendent Awards Recipients

- Wilnerys Ortiz-Reyes- 8th Grade
- Robert Tanis-8th Grade
- Madison Arthur- 12th Grade
- Zackary Richardson- 12th Grade

CAS High School Arts Awards Recipients

- Mariah Walter- 12th Grade, Art
- Colton Zawisza- 12th Grade, Music

CAS Middle School Scholar Leader Awards Recipients

- Francesca Monaco-8th Grade
- Cole Scacca- 8th Grade

CIAC Scholar Athlete Award Recipients

- Ivy Davis- 12th Grade
- Zackary Richardson- 12th Grade

Student Representative Recognition

- Danica Poirier-12th Grade
- James Slauta-9th Grade

Salutatorian- Ivy Davis

Valedictorian- Angelina Morales

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Ellen Marino, seconded by Jared Fritch to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on 4/24/24.

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Committee Reports:

Finance: Ellen Marino reported on the 5/15/24 meeting. Nothing unexpected to report

Policy: Ellen Marino reported on the 5/9/24 meeting. First, Second and Approval of Policies down agenda. Next meeting in September, will complete the review of the 5000 series and focus on 6000 series, Bylaws of the Board

Building & Grounds: Scott Beecher reported on 5/15/24 meeting. Roof project 75% complete (weather delays). Review 5 year plan

Personnel: Holly Cassaday reported on 5/7/24 meeting. Discussion of HOS Contract and Non-Certified staff salary increases to be discussed in Executive Session.

Security Update

Greg met with new Town manager to discuss MOU and need for ASO. Conversations will continue. Unlikely to have ASO hired/trained/ready to start first day of school, but should be on board by end of calendar year.

Security Grant received, will focus on new front entry doors and updated radios for communication.

First Reading of Policies

1. 5124-Reporting to Parents/Guardians
2. 6146.11- Grade Weighting/Class Ranking

Second Reading of Policies

1. 5131.6- Alcohol Use, Drugs & Tobacco
2. 5145.124-Breathalyzer Testing
3. 5145.5- Exploitation/Sexual Harassment
4. 5145.53-Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth

Approval of Policies:

A motion was made by Theresa Padin, seconded by Astrid Robitaille to approve policy 6146- Graduation Requirements (Personal Finance) as presented.

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Principals Report:

- 86% of seniors report they are attending 2-4 year colleges, the armed forces and the workforce
- AP exams- 116 exams, 9 subjects
- SBAC testing complete
- WGSS- 5/17/24
- Sixth Graders will tour 5/16
- Kris Kelsey hosting Open Gym on Wednesday nights, attendance approx. 40 students
- NEASC progressing. Currently have drafts for all 5 standards. Visit is 10/29-10/30
- Master Schedule for next year almost complete
- Project Graduation on track

Head of School Report:

- Enrollment- 440 students (24/25 projections 465)
- Daily Average Attendance over 90%

Board of Education Report:

- Interim Superintendent position posted 5/15
- Solar Project in the works

School Corporation Chairman's Report

- 5/23/24 Scholarship Night
- 6/7/24 Graduation

A motion was made by Scott Beecher, seconded by Jared Fritch to enter Executive Session, inviting Greg Shugrue to join, at 7:25 p.m.

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Executive Session exited 7:29 p.m.

A motion was made by Holly Cassaday, seconded by Theresa Padin to accept the Head of School Contract as presented.

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A motion was made by Holly Cassaday, seconded by Theresa Padin to accept the Non-Certified Staff salary increases as presented.

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A motion was made by Theresa Padin, seconded by Shane Centrella to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm.

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