

THE W. L. GILBERT SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, June 19th, 2024
THE GILBERT SCHOOL
6:30 PM
Library
MINUTES

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Call to Order at 6:30PM

The W. L. Gilbert School Corporation: Scott Beecher, Jared Fritch, Holly Cassaday, Ellen Marino, Renata Waldron, Theresa Padin, Astrid Robitaille (via phone @ 6:40PM), Diane Cook (Business Affairs Manager)

- A. Pledge of Allegiance: All
- B. Vision and Mission Statement: Ellen Marino

2. PUBLIC FORUM

None

3. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting: May 15th, 2024

Theresa Padin makes a motion to approve the minutes of May 15th, 2024. Ellen Marino seconded the motion, and the motion is unanimously approved.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Finance
 - Monthly Finance Report: Ellen Marino provides a brief update; no surprises and in good shape.
Next Meeting: August 21st, 2024
- B. Policy
 - Report on Meeting: May 9th, 2024, provided by Ellen Marino. Many policies covered; verbiage needed updating.
- C. Building & Grounds
 - Did not meet this month.
Next Meeting: August 21st, 2024
- D. Personnel
 - Did not meet this month.
Next Meeting: August 13th, 2024

6. BUDGET

- Discussion of Referendum and possible action
\$70,000 to be cut from education line.

Motion by Renee Waldron to cut \$35,000 from Gilbert School's budget, seconded by Astrid Robitaille. Yeas: Renee Waldron/Nays: all others. Motion fails.

7. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

- Resignations
 - Brad Toomey
 - Mason DuBois
 - Steve Hodges
- Appointments
 - Scott MacDonald

8. OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP

- Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Jared Fritch, Board Member & Varsity Girls Soccer Head Coach, discusses proposed trip with his team to Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts to watch three former Gilbert players compete. Two former Gilbert students play soccer for Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and one from Deane College, who will compete.

Motion to approve made by Theresa Padin, seconded by Ellen Marino and unanimously approved. Abstain: Jared Fritch.

9. SECURITY UPDATE

Tabled

10. SECOND READING OF POLICIES

- #5124 – Reporting to Parents/Guardians
- #6146.11 – Grade Weighting/Class Ranking
Approval next meeting – August 21st, 2024

11. APPROVAL OF POLICIES

- #5131.6 – Alcohol Use, Drugs, Tobacco
Motion to approve by Ellen Marino, seconded by Scott Beecher and unanimously approved.
- #5145.124 – Breathalyzer Testing
Motion to approve by Ellen Marino, seconded by Jared Fritch and unanimously approved.
- #5145.5 – Exploitation/Sexual Harassment
Motion to approve by Ellen Marino, seconded by Theresa Padin and unanimously approved.
- #5145.53 – Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth
Motion to approve by Ellen Marino, seconded by Theresa Padin and unanimously approved.

12. HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT (Holly Cassaday for Greg Shugrue)

- Enrollment: 438 students enrolled at the end of school year
- Attendance Data: 91.7% daily average for the month of May
- Social Worker/Mental Health Report: Tabled
- Food Service Report: Tabled
- Update on Increasing Educator Diversity Plan

- Special Education MOU: Will need to be re-signed, eventually, as a formality with WPS. Presented again on August 21st meeting.

13. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

- Renee Waldron reports: Superintendent search is underway; CABE will conduct search. End-of-year family BBQ was a success; approximately 607 meals served. Continued “boiler work” at Pearson. Freeman Burr will be interim Superintendent until a new one is selected.

14. SCHOOL CORPORATION CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

- Chair Holly Cassaday reports that she has been invited to sit on the Superintendent search committee. Reminder – July 2nd Budget Referendum Vote #2!

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Head Of School – Year in Review. Tabled.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Theresa Padin at 7:03PM, seconded by Ellen Marino and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Jones Dombrowski