

**Winton Woods Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting – August 12, 2024**

The Winton Woods Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, August 12, 2024 at the Winton Woods Community Building, Room 105, 8 Enfield Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. President Bryant called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

On the roll call the following members were present: Mrs. Angela Knighten, Mr. Brandon Smith, Mr. Bill Speelman, Dr. Viola Johnson, Ms. Debra Bryant. Also present were Mr. Steve Denny, Superintendent and Mr. Randy Seymour, Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

08-94-24 On a motion by Mr. Speelman, seconded by Dr. Johnson to move into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. for the following purpose: “To Confer with Legal Counsel Regarding Pending or Imminent Court Action”.

Vote: Mrs. Knighten, Aye; Mr. Smith, Aye; Mr. Speelman, Aye; Dr. Johnson, Aye;
Ms. Bryant, Aye

President Bryant declared the motion carried.

At 7:54 p.m. President Bryant declared the Executive Session concluded for the following purpose: “To Confer with Legal Counsel Regarding Pending or Imminent Court Action”. On the roll call the following members were present: Mrs. Angela Knighten, Mr. Brandon Smith, Mr. Bill Speelman, Dr. Viola Johnson, Ms. Debra Bryant.

President Bryant stated that the agenda would be amended to now consider agenda item 3.10 Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

08-95-24 On a motion by Ms. Knighten, seconded by Mr. Spellman to move into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. for the following purpose: “To Discuss Compensation of a Public Employee”.

Vote: Mrs. Knighten, Aye; Mr. Smith, Aye; Mr. Speelman, Aye; Dr. Johnson, Aye;
Ms. Bryant, Aye

President Bryant declared the motion carried.

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At 8:12 p.m. President Bryant declared the Executive Session concluded for the following purpose: “To Discuss Compensation of a Public Employee”. On the roll call the following members were present: Mrs. Angela Knighten, Mr. Brandon Smith, Mr. Bill Speelman, Dr. Viola Johnson, Ms. Debra Bryant.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Board Meeting Location for Future Meetings
It was decided that the Board Meetings would move to the Early Childhood Central Campus, 825 Waycross Road, Cincinnati, Ohio when the building renovations are completed.
- Regular Board of Education Meeting Scheduled for November 25, 2024 is during Thanksgiving Break. After a brief discussion it was decided that the meeting date would not change.
- Graduation Date for 2024-2025 - Tuesday, May 13, 2025
The Board will approve a revised calendar at the August 26, 2024 regular meeting.
- Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Event - Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 3:00 PM
- Warrior Rally & Clap-In on August 19 - First Day of School
- 2024 Summer School Report
Superintendent Denny briefly reviewed the report which will be presented at the August 26, 2024 regular meeting.
- Voter Registration Drive for High School Students
There was a brief discussion concerning volunteers conducting voter registration drives on school property. It was decided to reach out to legal counsel for guidance.
- Update on Former Forest Fair Development

BOARD ITEMS

Motion to Amend the Agenda

08-96-24 On a motion by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Smith to amend the agenda to approve a resolution “Authorizing Superintendent or Designee to Accept Resignations”.

Vote: Mrs. Knighten, Aye; Mr. Smith, Aye; Mr. Speelman, Aye; Dr. Johnson, Aye;
Ms. Bryant, Aye

President Bryant declared the motion carried.

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Resolution Authorizing Superintendent or Designee to Accept Resignations

08-97-24 On a motion by Mrs. Knighten seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the resolution “Authorizing Superintendent or Designee to Accept Resignations” as presented. (Attached)

Vote: Mrs. Knighten, Aye; Mr. Smith, Aye; Mr. Speelman, Aye; Dr. Johnson, Aye;
Ms. Bryant, Aye

President Bryant declared the motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT ITEM

Resolution Verifying Assistant Principal Position

08-98-24 On a motion by Mrs. Knighten seconded by Mr. Speelman to approve the resolution “Verifying Assistant Principal Position” as presented. (Attached)

Vote: Mrs. Knighten, Aye; Mr. Smith, Aye; Mr. Speelman, Aye; Dr. Johnson, Aye;
Ms. Bryant, Aye

President Bryant declared the motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

- Update on Ohio School Boards Capital Conference is November 10-12, 2024.
- Voucher Joinder Resolution
This resolution will be brought to the Board at the Regular Meeting on August, 26, 2024 for approval. The resolution authorizes the Winton Woods City School District to be a member of the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of the school funding coalition. The annual dues are \$2.00 per pupil. Dues shall be allocated by the Coalition as follows: 1) \$.50 per pupil shall be initially allocated to the payment of Coalition operating expenses, and, 2) \$1.50 per pupil shall be allocated to the support of the Coalition’s efforts in opposition to the school voucher program.
- Required Fraud Training
The Auditor of State has developed training material detailing Ohio’s fraud-reporting system and the means of reporting fraud, waste, and abuse. Current employees and elected officials are required to complete the training by November 15, 2024. It was decided that the Board will complete the required Fraud Training at the September, 9, 2024 Regular Meeting – Work Session.

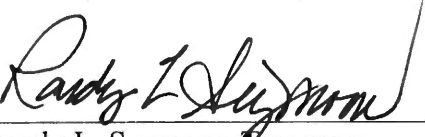
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ADJOURNMENT

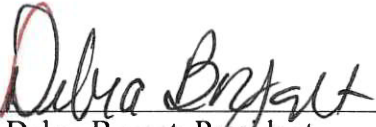
There being no further business, President Bryant declared the meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Randy L. Seymour, Treasurer



Ms. Debra Bryant, President

BOARD RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERINTENDENT
OR DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS

Motion by Mrs. Knighten, seconded by Mr. Smith, as follows:

To authorize the Superintendent or their designee, on behalf of the Winton Woods City Schools Board of Education, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when the Board is not in session, subject to ratification by the Board, provided however, that upon ratification by the Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's or their designee's acceptance.

The authorization provided by the resolution shall commence on August 12, 2024.

Signed,

08/12/2024
Date

Nalva Bryson
Board President

**RESOLUTION VERIFYING
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL POSITION**

The Board of Education of the Winton Woods City School District, Hamilton County, Ohio met in regular session on the 12th day of August, 2024 with the following members present:

Mrs. Angela Knighten
Mr. Brandon Smith
Mr. Bill Speelman
Dr. Viola Johnson,
Ms. Debra Bryant

The Treasurer advised the Board that the notice requirements of R.C. 121.22 and implementing rules adopted by the Board were complied with for the meeting.

Mrs. Knighten moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board has been advised by Superintendent Steve Denny that Romell Salone is of good moral character and currently possesses 1 Year Alternative Administrative Principal license OH3161643 valid in Cincinnati Public Schools for grades 5-12 issued by the Ohio State Board of Education on May 21, 2024, which expires on June 30, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Board has been advised that Romell Salone was previously successfully employed with Cincinnati Public Schools during the 2023-2024 school year under the same Alternative Administrative Principal license issued August 15, 2023, which expired June 30, 2024;

WHEREAS, Superintendent Denny recommended Romell Salone for the position of Assistant Principal of Winton Woods Primary School serving students in grades 1-2 for the 2024-2025 school year; and

WHEREAS, The Board voted unanimously to employ Romell Salone as Assistant Principal of Winton Woods Primary School serving students in grades 1-2 provided he secures appropriate licensure from the State Board of Education valid in the Winton Woods City School District for the 2024-2025 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winton Woods City School District Board of Education, County of Hamilton, State of Ohio that:

Section 1: Pursuant to 3319.225 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Winton Woods City Schools Board of Education requests that the State Board of Education issue an Alternative Administrative Principal License for grades K-4 valid in the Winton Woods City School District to Romell Salaone in order for him to serve in the administrative position of Assistant Principal for grades 1 and 2 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Section 2: It is found that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board:

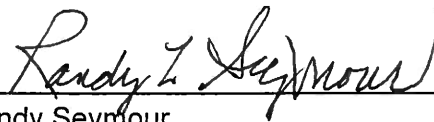
Mr. Speelman seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, the vote resulted as follows:

Vote: Mrs. Knighten, Aye; Mr. Smith, Aye; Mr. Speelman, Aye; Dr. Johnson, Aye;
Ms. Bryant, Aye

President Bryant declared the motion carried.

I hereby certify the foregoing is a true, accurate and correct excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education of the Winton Woods City School District held on August 12, 2024, showing adoption of the Personnel Schedules attached and explained in part above.



Randy Seymour
Treasurer, Board of Education
Winton Woods City Schools
Hamilton County, Ohio