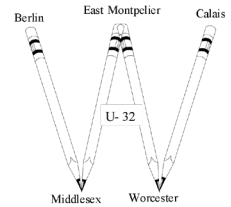


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Washington Central Unified Union School Board Meeting 1.8.25 6:15-9:15 PM Rumney Memorial School (Middlesex)

Present: Flor Diaz Smith, Elizabeth Brown, Zach Sullivan, Daniel Keeney, Ursula Stanley, Chris McVeigh, Mckalyn Leclerc, Patrick Whelley, Natasha Eckart, Michelle Ksepka, Lei DeGroot, Julia Hewitt, Amelia Contrada, Kealy Sloan

Administrators: Superintendent Steven Dellinger-Pate, Jen Miller-Arsenault, Julia Pritchard, Celia Guggemos, Alicia Lyford, Karoline May, Lisa LaPlante, Gillian Fuqua, Amy Molina

Others: April Davis, Allison Fayle, David Lawrence, ORCA Media, Adam Rosen, Ellen Knoedler, Allen Gilbert, Amber Larrabee, Chani Waterhouse, David Delcore, Jen Campbell, Jen P, Matthew Pelkey, Meg Allison, Nicole Mintken, Shelley Vermilya, Veronica Eldred, Sonya Rhodes

1. **Call to Order: Flor Diaz Smith called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.**
2. **Welcome:** Flor Diaz Smith welcomed those present and wished a happy new year. She asked for a moment of silence before the start of the meeting in honor of a recent tragedy affecting the WCUUSD community.
 - 2.1. **Adjustments to the Agenda (none)**
 - 2.2. **Reception of Guests**
 - 2.3. **Public Comments:** (none at this time)
3. **Presentation: Math Outcomes:** Karoline May, principal at Rumney School, presented a slide deck: Math, Rumney, 2024-25.
 - 3.1. **Community Feedback:** Flor Diaz Smith invited questions or feedback from those present.
4. **Board Operations**
 - 4.1. **U-32 Student Council Reflection:** Elise O'Brien, John Stafford, Callister Boyd, presented to the board. This is the Student Council's third year of existence in this form. They spoke to the board about the wishes from students to be involved in the budget planning process. They shared some of the services and opportunities that students deem important and would like to preserve, such as personalized learning opportunities, health services, special

education services. The students invited questions or comments from the audience. Some topics of discussion:

- clear/ direct communication with student council
- the use of social media such as FB, Instagram

- 4.2. Approve Announced Tuition (WCUUSD and CVCC): Zach Sullivan moved to announce the FY2025-26 district tuition rates as \$25,626 elementary, \$24,728 secondary. Seconded by Michelle Ksepka, this motion carried unanimously.**
- 4.3. Configuration Committee Next Steps & Board Appointments: Patrick Whelley moved to appoint Daniel Keeney, Julia Hewitt, Chris McVeigh, Kealy Sloan, Flor Diaz Smith, Becca Tatistcheff, Gillian Fuqua, and Steven Dellinger-Pate to the Configuration Committee. Seconded by Ursula Stanley, this motion carried unanimously.**
- 4.4. Budget Warning Language:** Michelle Ksepka suggested adding language to extend the term of the clerk and treasurer. The suggestion would be to add an Article 9 to ask this question. Patrick Whelley asked for clarification on the terms of the Middlesex seats. Superintendent Dellinger-Pate will clarify. This does not require board action; the purpose was for the board to review the language.
- 4.5. Annual Report Format:** Flor Diaz Smith shared that we will stay with the same format from the previous year. Some discussion followed around the practice of mailing post cards and offering access to the annual report online, mailing if requested, and picking up at various locales.
Julia Hewitt shared that she had heard from a constituent that the compensation for board chair does not reflect the amount of work and time they put into their position (it should be higher...). She wanted to share this sentiment publicly though she is not advocating for higher stipends for board members; she wanted to acknowledge this comment and honor the work that WCUUSD board chair does.
- 4.6. Superintendent Evaluation:** The VSBA will be hired this year to complete this process. Flor Diaz Smith had provided a written overview of the service that the VSBA provide for superintendent evaluation. **Ursula Stanley moved to authorize Flor Diaz Smith to sign the agreement to use VSBA in our superintendent evaluation process. Seconded by Michelle Ksepka, this motion carried unanimously.**

5. Personnel

- 5.1. Approve New Teachers, Resignations, Leave of Absence, and Changes in FTE: (None)**

6. Consent Agenda:

- 6.1. Approve Minutes of 12.18.24: Ursula Stanley moved to approve the minutes of December 18, 2024. Seconded by Patrick Whelley; this motion carried unanimously.**

7. Future Agenda Items

- 7.1. Board Evaluation**
- 7.2. Daniel Keeney: EV charger (Flor Diaz Smith stated that this is going to the Finance Committee first, and then will come to the board.)**

- 8. Board Reflection:** Ursula Stanley appreciated having student council representatives and hearing student voice in that aspect.

Natasha Eckart would like to include on each agenda an opportunity for students to present/speak to the board. She also invited board members to come to the student Pilot presentations.

- 9. Public Comment:** Allen Gilbert thanked Superintendent Dellinger-Pate for visiting Doty School (“Coffee and Conversation”); this allowed for great conversation with community members.

- 10. Adjourn: Patrick Whelley moved and Kealy Sloan seconded. The meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:01 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Grace, Board Recording Secretary