

Windham Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
March 18, 2025
6:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE
- IV. ROLL CALL

Ms. Grant P Ms. Knight P Ms. Minnick P Ms. Fisher P Mr. St. John P
Present: 5
Absent: 0

- V. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
- VI. REPORTS

Board of Education President - Melissa Knight

- Lifetime Achievement Award in Education - Kathy Gutherie
- NHS inductions
- Baseball track and softball seasons
- Nurse Practitioner will be here 3/21
- Annual variety show March 20th

Student Achievement - Mandy Minnick

- Destination Imagination
- Math 24
- Recognitions for Windham NHS and inductees.
- JR and SR high PBIS recognition
- Sarah Isler presented awards for Destination Imagination and Math 24.
- Student of the Month presentations, KT, JH, HS.

Maplewood Career Center Representative - Mandy Minnick

- **Next meeting March 20th. Perfect attendance for a Windham student attending Maplewood. 2nd quarter honor roll 5 srs and 6 juniors from Windham. Reviewed the automotive program location and classroom. Recently had staff take a 90minute training for mental health de-escalation. 36 students going on to state for Skills USA. \$11M school safety grant.**

Legislative Report- Megan Fisher

- **Many current introduced bills. Presented the Board with a listing.**

HS/JH Update - Zack Burns

- **Partnering with JA Inspire for 6-12 for career opportunities. Many students attended a field trip for a career fair at the Canton Football Hall of Fame to**

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explore career exploration. Additional career exploration opportunities through JA Inspire including potential grants for new businesses. Benchmarks complete for state testing, practice tests prepping for state testing.

Elementary/Special Education Update - Melissa Malone

- **Special Education state review for our action plans. Penny wars are ongoing in the building. Family fun/curriculum night had a good turnout of families. "Chomps," the Browns' mascot was at the district recently and was a big hit with the kids. State testing prep is also ongoing while not increasing anxiety of students.**

Superintendent - Michael Dobran

- **Katherine Thomas got the momentum award through ODEW. Only 10% of the districts receive this award. School safety grant will be applied for a system to alert the police and the district goes into lockdown immediately. Kindergarten registration starts April 1st officially and some signage purchased for enrollment. We have received compliments from professors at Hiram as well as from the State Support Team on the building operations and the student behavior as well as teacher quality.**
- First Read
- Policy 7530.01 V1 Cellular Telephone Allowance (Revised)
- Policy 7530.01 V2 Board-Owned Technology Resources Used for Communication (Revised)
- Policy 7530.02 Staff Use of Personal Communication Devices (Revised)
- Policy 7540.03 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (Revised)
- Policy 7540.04 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (Revised)
- Policy 7540.09 Artificial Intelligence ("AI") (New)
- Policy 8310 Public Records (Revised)
- Policy 9160 Public Attendance at School Events (Revised)

Treasurer- Andrew Pizzulo - **Monthly financial reports, threshold costs, budgets, OASBO annual conference April 8-11th. Update on current legislation.**

VII: PUBLIC COMMENT (1) Limit of 5 minutes per individual (2) No more than 30 minutes total for all of those that want to comment

NONE

VIII: TREASURER'S ITEMS:

A. Motion that the Board consolidate and approve the following items 1 - 5:

1. Approve the minutes of the February 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. See attachment T1.
2. Approve the January Financial Report. See attachment T2.

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3. Approve the February Financial Report. See attachment T3.
4. Approve the Amounts and Rates from the Portage County Auditor's office. See attachment T4.
5. Approve the contract with Charter Spectrum for the internet line from the HS/JH to KT. Three year contract with two, 12 month renewal periods. See attachment T5.

Motion: Ms Minnick

Second: Ms Grant

Ms. Grant Y Ms. Knight Y Ms. Minnick Y Ms. Fisher Y Mr. St. John Y

Comment:

- A. Motion that the Board approve the following resolution (See also attachment T6):

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A
MASTER ELECTRIC ENERGY SALES AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE DISTRICT AND POWER4SCHOOLS' ENDORSED
ELECTRIC SUPPLIER, ENGIE RESOURCES LLC.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Schools Council, Ohio School Boards Association, Ohio Association of School Business Officials, and the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (the "Associations") each carries out cooperative purchase programs and promotes cooperative arrangements and agreements among its member school districts and government agencies or private persons; and

WHEREAS, the Associations collectively do business under the trade name "Power4Schools" ("P4S") for the purpose of endorsing competitive retail electric service ("CRES") providers to supply retail electric energy services to the Associations' members; and

WHEREAS, the members of, and other participating public schools associated with, the Associations desire to purchase retail electric energy services from the CRES provider that has received the endorsement of P4S, ENGIE Resources LLC ("ENGIE"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of this School District (the "District"), as a member of one of the Associations, pursuant to this resolution desires to authorize the execution and delivery or extension by the District of a Master Electric Energy Sales Agreement and Sales Confirmation

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between the District and ENGIE (the "Power Sales Agreement"), pursuant to which the District, will purchase electricity generation for its school facilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION OF THE WINDHAM EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL
DISTRICT, PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO, as follows:

Section 1. The Board authorizes and directs the Treasurer to execute and deliver, in the name of the District and on its behalf, the Power Sales Agreement, substantially in the form now on file with this Board, with any changes that are not inconsistent with this resolution and that may be acceptable to the Treasurer whose acceptance shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such document by the Treasurer.

Section 2. Monies adequate to pay amounts due under the Power Sales Agreement for the current fiscal year are hereby appropriated for that purpose.

Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Motion: Ms Minnick

Second: Mr St John

Ms. Grant Y Ms. Knight Y Ms. Minnick Y Ms. Fisher Y Mr. St. John Y

Comment:

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:

A. Motion that the Board consolidate and approve the following items 1 - 7:

1. Approve the appointment of the following individuals for supplemental contracts per salary schedule in the type of position listed for the 2024-2025 school year pending proper certification and clear BCI/FBI check:

		<u>Year/Step</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dan Peterson	Softball Junior Varsity Coach	1 / 1	\$2,760.00
Chase Eye	Baseball Junior Varsity Coach	1 / 1	\$2,760.00
Larry Jones	Softball Assistant Coach	5 / 5	\$3,092.00
Mike Walters	Baseball Assistant Coach	2 / 2	\$2,843.00

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2. Accept the retirement of Kathy Lovejoy, Teacher, effective May 30, 2025.
3. Accept the retirement of Ron McCleary, Teacher, effective May 30, 2025.
4. Accept the resignation of Rose Gainard, Guidance Counselor, effective March 9, 2025.
5. Approve the appointment of the following individuals for supplemental contracts per salary schedule in the type of position listed for the 2025-2026 school year pending proper certification and clear BCI/FBI check:

		<u>Year/Step</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dougle Hankins	Athletic Director	1 / 1	\$7,311.00
6. Approve the appointment of Kristen Jusek as Elementary School Guidance Counselor and grant her a one-year limited contract effective August 25, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year at MA+ Step 3 \$53,289.00 pending proper certification and clear BCI/FBI checks.
7. Approve the following volunteer for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year pending proper certifications and clear BCI & FBI checks.

Bill Burns - Junior High Track
Michael Walters - Track

Motion: Ms Minnick

Second: Ms Grant

Ms. Grant Y Ms. Knight Y Ms. Minnick Y Ms. Fisher Y Mr. St. John Y

Comment:

- B. Motion that the Board consolidate and approve the following items 1 - 8:
1. Approve the donation of the following outdated electronic devices to the Portage County Adult Probation Department:

9 Chromebooks
5 Laptops (06329, 06331, 06337, 063174, 06640)
 2. Approve the following policies:
 - Policy 4120.08 Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities (Revised)

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- Policy 4121 Criminal History Record Check (Revised)
 - Policy 5131 Student Transfers (Revised)
 - Policy 5136 Personal Communication Devices (Revised)
 - Policy 5136.01 Electronic Equipment (Revised)
 - Policy 5200 Attendance (Revised)
 - Policy 5500 Student Conduct (Revised)
 - Policy 5780 Student/Parent Rights (Revised)
 - Policy 6220 Budget Preparation (Revised)
 - Policy 6320 Purchasing and Bidding (Revised)
 - Policy 6460 Vendor Relations (Revised)
3. Approve the change of Board Policy PO5112. The only adjustment is that students can enter kindergarten if they are 5 years old by September 30th Instead of August 1st effective with the 2025-2026 school year.
4. Approve Preschool Enrollment Process for the 2025-2026 School Year.
5. Approve the contract between Windham Schools and the Summit ESC. Windham schools will pay the Summit County for a school psychologist (135 days), a speech language pathologist (40 days), gifted coordinator (90 days), and math coach (25 days) for a total of \$150,985.
6. Approve the contract between Applewood Centers residential facility and the Windham schools effective January 2025.
7. Approve the mathematics curriculum adoption for kindergarten through grade 12 from McGraw Hill for three years in the amount of \$42,825.96.
8. Accept the following students under open enrollment for the 2024-2025 school Year:

Joseph Singer	Grade 7	Southington
Kadence Kearley	Grade 3	Southington
Westley Kearley	Grade 1	Southington
Skylar Kearley	Grade K	Southington
Zoey Dawson	Grade 5	Garfield

Motion: Ms Minnick

Second: Ms Grant

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- C. Motion that the Board consolidate and approve the following items 1 - 2:
1. Approve the following individual as a substitute teacher for the 2024-2025 school year pending proper certification and clear BCI/FBI check:

Debbie Blewitt

2. Approve the following individuals on the respective substitute lists as presented for the 2024-2025 school year pending proper certification and clear BCI/FBI checks:

Debbie Blewitt - Educational Aide

Abigail Polewchak - Educational Aide effective February 25, 2025

Motion: Mr St John

Second: Ms Grant

Ms. Grant Y Ms. Knight A Ms. Minnick Y Ms. Fisher Y Mr. St. John Y

Comment:

- D. Whereas, as a public board of education my hold an executive session only after a majority of the quorum of this board determines by a roll call vote to hold such a session and only at a regular or special meeting for the sole purpose of the consideration of any of the following matters:

(1) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing by division (G)(1) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

(2) To consider the purchase of property (both real and personal, tangible or intangible), or to consider the sale of property (either real or personal) by competitive bid if disclosure of the information would give a competitive advantage to the other side by division (G)(2) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

(3) Conferences with the public body's attorney concerning pending or imminent court action by division (G)(3) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code. Court action is "pending" if a suit has been commenced; court action is "imminent" if it is on the point of happening or impending.

(4) Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing collective bargaining strategy by division (G)(4) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

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(5) Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law, federal rules, or state statutes by division (G)(5) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

(6) Specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the information to be discussed in executive session might reveal information that could be used to commit, or avoid prosecution for, a violation of the law by division (G)(6) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Windham Exempted Village School District Board of Education, by a majority of the quorum present at this meeting, does hereby declare its intention to hold an executive session of item 1 as listed above.

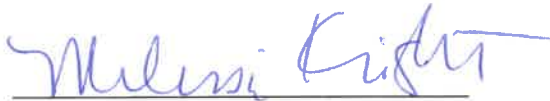
Motion: Ms Grant

Second: Mr St John

Ms. Grant Y Ms. Knight Y Ms. Minnick Y Ms. Fisher Y Mr. St. John Y

Comment: Enter into executive session at 7:28pm. Reconvene at 7:39pm.

X. Adjourn - 7:54 pm



Melissa Knight, Board President



Andrew Pizzulo, Treasurer