

Windham Board of Education
Organizational/Budget Hearing Meeting
January 14, 2025
6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

IV. At the December 2024 Regular Meeting, Mandy Minnick was appointed President Pro-Tem for the Organizational Meeting.

V. Motion to elect Melissa Knight as President of the Windham Exempted Village Board of Education.

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

VI. Motion to elect Ted St. John as Vice-President of the Windham Exempted Village Board of Education.

Motion: Ms Minnick

Second: Ms Grant

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

VIII. Motion to consolidate and approve the following organizational items as listed:

- Approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 17, 2024.
- Adopt a resolution to continue to compensate Board Members at the maximum amount authorized by Ohio Revised Code with no limitations on the number of meetings per year. Board members will also be compensated for attendance at professional development meetings at a rate of \$60 per day for meetings less than 3 hours and at a rate of \$125 per day for meetings of three hours or more.
- Establish a \$7,500.00 service fund amount for expenses incurred by the Windham Board of Education.
- Establish legal counsel for 2025: Pepple and Waggoner being primary legal consultant for the Board of Education and the firms of and Harpst Becker LLC as secondary consultants along with Portage County Prosecutor's Office.
- Authorize the Treasurer to secure advances from the County Auditor when funds are available & payable to the District.
- Authorize the Treasurer to invest inactive funds at the most productive interest rate whenever inactive funds are available.
- Authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriation resolution as invoices are received & when merchandise has been received in good condition & payment duly authorized and to report monthly to the Board those bills that were paid.

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- Authorize the Superintendent to employ such personnel as needed for emergency situations; such employment to be presented for approval by the Board at the next regular meeting.
- Authorize the Superintendent or her designated employee(s) to serve as the purchasing agent for the school district.
- Appoint the Superintendent as the primary representative to the Portage Area Schools Consortium and the Treasurer as the alternate.
- Appoint the Superintendent as the representative to the Tax Incentive Review Council.
- Appoint Leigh Ann Hankins as the Board designee for Ohio Public Records Training and open meetings laws.

Motion: Ms. Minnick

Second: Mr. St John

Comment:

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

IX. Motion to adopt the proposed Annual Tax Budget for 2025 (FY2026).

Motion: Ms. Grant

Second: Mr. Minnick

Comment:

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

X. Motion to set the time and place for the 2025 regular meetings of the Windham Board of Education as the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria in Windham Jr./Sr. High School.

Motion: Ms Grant

Second: Mr St John

Comment:

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

XI. Motion to set the time and place for the FY2025 fiscal year-end meeting of the Windham Board of Education on **Wednesday June 25th at 7:00am** in the board conference room in Windham Jr./Sr. High School.

Motion: Ms Minnick

Second: Mr St John

Comment:

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

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- XII. Motion to appoint Megan Fisher as the Legislative Liaison for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.

Motion: Ms Grant
Second: Mr St John
Comment:

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

- XIII. Motion to appoint Mandy Minnick as the Student Achievement Liaison for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.

Motion: Ms Grant
Second: Mr Minnick
Comment:

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

- XIV. Motion to appoint Mandy Minnick as the Maplewood Representative for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

Motion: Ms. Grant
Second: Mr. St John
Comment: Mrs. Laura Stanley commented on her interests and qualifications around the Maplewood Representative position.

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

- XV. Motion that the Board approve the annual membership with OSBA, School Management News and Virtual Transportation Supervisor.

Motion: Ms. Grant
Second: Ms. Minnick
Comment:

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

- XVI. Motion that the Board participate as a member of the Ohio Schools Council.

Motion: Ms. Grant
Second: Mr. St John
Comment:

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

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XVII: Appoint Superintendent Committees for 2025, previous year appointments listed:

Policy Committee - All Board Members

Buildings and Grounds Committee - All Board Members

Athletic Council - All Board Members

Levy Committee - All Board Members

Transportation Committee - All Board Members

Goal Setting and Implementation Committee - All Board Members

Personnel Committee - All Board Members

Finance Committee - All Board Members

OAPSE Negotiations - Participant: Melissa Knight, Observer: Ted St. John

WTA Negotiations - Participant: Melissa Knight, Observer: Ted St. John

Motion: Ms. Grant

Second: Ms. Minnick

Comment:

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

XVIII. Review of the IDEA-B funds for fiscal year 2025.

XIX. Adjourn 6:30 PM


Melissa Knight, Board President


Andrew Pizzulo, Treasurer