

**Windham Board of Education
Special Board Meeting
August 19, 2025
7:00 AM**

- I. CALL TO ORDER 7:09 am
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE
- IV. ROLL CALL

Ms. Grant Y Ms. Knight Y Ms. Minnick A Ms. Fisher Y Mr. St. John Y
Present: 4
Absent: 1

- V. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
- VI. REPORTS

- Board of Education President – Melissa Knight
- Student Achievement - Mandy Minnick
- Maplewood Career Center Representative – Mandy Minnick
- Legislative Report- Megan Fisher
- KT/SPED Update-Melissa Malone
- JH/HS Update-Zack Burns
- Superintendent - Michael Dobran – **Opening Day August 29th, scheduled trainings for the year for staff. Cell phone policy update. Kindergarten enrollment and overall enrollment review. Website updates. New staff update.**
- Treasurer- Andrew Pizzulo – **Introduction of new treasurer. Financial report review. Discussion of new forecast laws.**

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

VIII: TREASURER'S ITEMS:

- A. Motion that the Board consolidate and approve the following items 1 - 2:
 - 1. Approve the minutes of the July 23, 2025 Special Board Meeting.
 - 2. Approve the July Financial Reports.

Motion: Ms Grant
Second: Ms Fisher
Comment:

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7. Approve the following staff members to be paid \$29.00 per hour for preschool Screenings.

Sheri Gross
Ariana Zoccole
Allyson Ostetrico

10. Approve the additional \$200 coaching stipend for [Cody Apthorpe](#) for off-season conditioning.

Motion: Mr St John
Second: Ms Grant
Comment:

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- B. Motion that the Board consolidate and approve the following items 1 - 3:

1. Motion to Approve the hiring of Debbie Blewitt as a part time general aide - bus (8 hours per week) and grant her a one-year probationary contract for the 2025-2026 school year effective August 28, 2025 at a cost of \$18.66 per hour pending clear BCI/FBI check.
2. Approve the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2025-2026 school year pending proper certification and clear BCI/FBI check:

Dave Apthorpe
Shannon Benson
Debbie Blewitt
Kathleen Grau
Braden Hensley
Sam Knight
Neil Martino
Ron McCleary
Lisa Moore
Rachel Neer
Sarah Neer
Meghan Takacs
Daniel Weiss

3. Approve the following individuals on the respective substitute lists as presented for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year pending proper certification and

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X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Whereas, as a public board of education may 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.

(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.