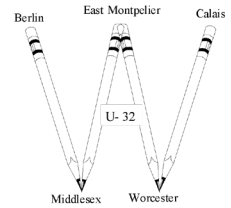


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**Washington Central Unified Union
School Board Meeting
2.4.26
6:15-9:15 PM
(In-Person & Virtual)
Doty Memorial School
24 Calais Rd.
Worcester, VT**

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

Administrators: Superintendent Dellinger-Pate, Susanne Gann, Jen Miller-Arsenault, Gillian Fuqua, Amy Molina, Heidi Dimick

Others: David Lawrence, Kathryn Stauffer, Noah Weinstein, Kathleen Bookchin, Lila Richardson, ORCA Media, Linda Gray

1. Call to Order: Flor Diaz Smith called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m.

2. Welcome

2.1. Adjustments to The Agenda

2.2. Reception of Guests

2.3. Public Comments: Time strictly enforced, see note: Flor Diaz Smith invited public comment. Noah Weinstein spoke about the choices that Worcester residents are forced to make on February 10. He wished for all to have accurate information as they are faced with this choice. He stated that he trusts the teachers who indicate that combining schools is what is best for students; he plans to vote in favor of the proposed configuration. Kathleen Bookchin asked for some clarification around the information that had been shared, specifically regarding staffing patterns at the elementary schools and student population at each school.

3. Proposed Executive Session Personnel: Superintendent Evaluation: At 6:59, Diane Nichols Fleming moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel: Superintendent Evaluation, and to include Sandra Cameron and Steven Dellinger-Pate. Seconded by Chris McVeigh, this motion carried unanimously. At 8:06, the board came

out of Executive Session in a motion made by Diane Nichols-Fleming and seconded by Mckalyn Leclerc (carried unanimously.) No action was taken following Executive Session.

4. Personnel

4.1. Approve New Teachers, Resignations, Leave of Absence, and Changes in FTE: Ursula Stanley moved to accept the resignation of Lauren Kiessling – WCUUSD School Psychologist - effective March 6, 2026. Seconded by Daniel Keeney, this motion carried unanimously.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1. Approve Minutes of 1.21.26: Zach Sullivan moved to approve the minutes of January 21, 2026. Seconded by Daniel Keeney, this motion carried unanimously.

6. Future Agenda Items

6.1. U-32 Schedule: Superintendent Dellinger-Pate stated that we are meeting with the Association this week to discuss the schedule, and he will update the board after it is finalized. Patrick Whelley asked what student feedback would look like. Superintendent Dellinger-Pate stated that we would likely enlist the Student Council in the discussion. Natasha Eckart clarified that this is not to change seven bands per day. Superintendent Dellinger-Pate stated that he will review the progression of the schedule evolution over the years when he updates the board

6.2. Ed Quality

6.2.1. Multiple Pathways/ College and Career (not tonight)

6.3. Board Reflections: Ursula Stanley commended the students who came tonight to the forum earlier and spoke in front of a group of people in advocacy. Flor Diaz Smith reiterated that and was impressed with their flexible thinking and their ability to say thank you to the past and to look forward to the future.

7. Public Comments: Time limit strictly enforced, see note: None at this time

8. Proposed Executive Session: Residency Requests: At 8:12, Diane Nichols-Fleming moved to go into Executive Session to consider two residency requests and to include Superintendent Dellinger-Pate. Seconded by Patrick Whelley, this motion carried unanimously. At 8:16, Ursula Stanley moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Daniel Keeney, this motion carried unanimously. Diane Nichols-Fleming moved to accept the recommendation of the administration in support of both residency requests. Seconded by Amelia Contrada, this motion carried unanimously.

9. Adjourn: At 8:19, Chris McVeigh moved, Mckalyn Leclerc seconded, to adjourn. This carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Grace, Board Recording Secretary