

**Windham Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
January 13, 2026
6:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- President Melissa Knight called the January Regular Meeting of the Windham Exempted Village School District Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Mr. St. John was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

- Ms. Knight asked for a Moment of Silence.

IV. ROLL CALL

- Sarah Dye - Present
- Megan Fisher - Present
- Melissa Knight - Present
- Mandy Minnick - Present
- Ted St. John - Present

V. REPORTS

- Board of Education President - Melissa Knight
 - Welcomed Sarah Dye to the Board as successor to Elaine Grant who resigned effective December 31, 2025.
 - Reported that this year's Athletic Hall of Fame inductees were introduced to the school community at the home basketball game on January 9.
 - Commented about the Little Dribblers' tournaments.
- Student Achievement - Mandy Minnick
 - No Report
- Maplewood Career Center - Mandy Minnick
 - Informed the Board that the annual Maplewood Career Center commencement ceremony will be held on May 26 at Kent State University.
 - Advised that new architectural plans for building renovations to provide space for additional programs are being developed.
 - Congratulated all 32 Maplewood 2025 cosmetology program graduates

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who successfully passed their State licensing examinations.

- Legislative - Megan Fisher
 - No Report as the General Assembly has been out of session.
- Superintendent - Michael Dobran
 - Updated the Board that four elementary teachers are planning to retire at the end of the school year.
 - Provided disciplinary reports to the Board of Education and noted the general behavior of students is positive.
 - Informed the Board that the District applied for and received two grants from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for floor scrubbers, replacing equipment that has outlasted its useful life.
 - Reported that he attended a labor relations meeting with employee union representatives and addressed various concerns.
 - Advised the Board that the Portage County schools athletic league may reestablish but that Windham would not plan to rejoin due to its enrollment.
 - Recognized Board members as January is Board member appreciation month.
- Treasurer - Todd Puster
 - Noted that school business officials continue to assess recently passed property tax legislation and its ramifications both for taxpayers and local governments, including school districts.
 - Advised that the financial picture of the District is little changed from the prior month. He noted that he will provide more detailed information during the Financial Forecast update at the February regular meeting.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- No member of the public rose to comment.

VII. TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS (Resolution 2026-15)

- Ms. Fisher moved that the Board consolidate and approve the following recommendations of the Treasurer; Ms. Dye seconded the motion.
 - The December 2025 Financial Reports
 - The Minutes from the December 16, 2025, Regular Meeting

Vote Record

Ayes: Dye, Fisher, Knight, Minnick, St. John

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

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VIII. SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS - PERSONNEL (Resolution 2026-16)

- Ms. Fisher moved that the Board consolidate and approve the following personnel recommendations; Ms. Minnick seconded the motion.
 - Approve the appointment of the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2025-2026 school year pending proper certification and clear BCI/FBI checks:
 - Kelly Hoffman
 - Brandon McPherson
 - Colton Maiorca
 - Approve the appointment of the following individuals as nonteaching substitutes teachers for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year pending proper certification and clear BCI/FBI checks:
 - Brandon McPherson - Education Aide and Districtwide
 - 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 checks:
 - Kim Kiser, Junior High Cheer Coach (Year 31, Step 21) \$1,919.00 (50%)

Vote Record

Ayes: Dye, Fisher, Knight, Minnick, St. John

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS - GENERAL (Resolution 2026-17)

- Ms. Fisher moved that the Board consolidate and approve the following recommendations; Ms. Knight seconded the motion.
 - Approve the following donations to the food pantry:
 - Scott & Suze Weeks, \$100
 - Sandra Osdyke, \$40
 - Terri & Ryan Gunnoe, \$100
 - Ruth Ann Isler, \$50
 - Approve the Memoranda of Understanding with both Kent State University and Youngstown State University for College Credit Plus.
 - Approved the Resolution approving the merger of the Stark County Council and the Stark-Portage Area Regional Computer Consortium.

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Ayes: Fisher, Knight, Minnick, St. John

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Resolution 2026-18)

- Ms. Minnick moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of considering the employment and compensation of personnel; Ms. Dye seconded the motion.

Vote Record

Ayes: Dye, Fisher, Knight, Minnick, St. John

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Time Record

Entered: 6:19 p.m.

Returned: 6:49 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT (Resolution 2026-19)

- Ms. Minnick moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. St. John seconded the motion.

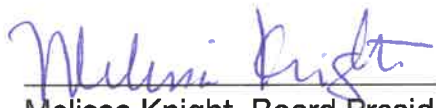
Vote Record

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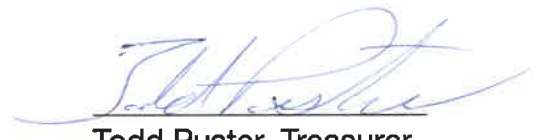
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

- The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Melissa Knight, Board President



Todd Puster, Treasurer