

Windsor Central Supervisory Union  
Windsor Central Unified Union School District  
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting  
March 7, 2022, 6:30 p.m.  
[Virtual Zoom meeting recording](#)

**Board Members Present:**

*Barnard:*

Bryce Sammel (virtual)

*Bridgewater:*

Matthew Hough (virtual)

*Killington:*

Jim Haff (virtual)

Gwen Hagenbarth (virtual)

*Plymouth:*

Elliot Rubin (virtual)

*Pittsfield:*

Ray Rice (virtual)

*Pomfret:*

Bob Crean (virtual)

Bill Overbay (virtual)

*Reading:*

Anna Sessa (virtual)

Adam Ameele (virtual)

*Woodstock:*

Keri Bristow (virtual)

Ben Ford (virtual)

Sam DiNatale (virtual)

Todd Ulman (virtual)

Matt Stout (virtual)

PJ Eames (virtual)

*Superintendent:* Sherry Sousa (virtual)

*Director of Student Support Services:* Gina Rocque (virtual)

*Director of Instructional Technology:* Raphael Adamek (virtual)

*Director of Finance and Operations:* Jim Fenn (virtual)

*District Curriculum Coordinator:* Jennifer Stainton (virtual)

*District Buildings & Grounds Manager:* Joe Rigoli (virtual)

*Director of Human Resources:* Linda Loprete (virtual)

*District Covid Coordinator:* Katie Burke

*Principals/ Administration:* John Hansen (virtual), Mary Guggenberger (virtual)

*Student Representatives:* Genevieve Morel (virtual), Owen Courcey (virtual), Aiden Keough-Vella (virtual)

*Presenters:* James Leiter (virtual), Brian Bontrager (virtual), EJay Bishop (virtual)

*Recording Secretary:* Rayna Bishop (virtual)

*Media:* Tom Ayers, Curt Peterson

1. **Call to Order:** Superintendent Sherry Sousa called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Welcome New Board Members:** Supt. Sousa welcomed new and returning board members.
3. **Elections and Appointments:**
  - a. Officers:
    - i. Supt. Sousa called for nominations for Chair. Keri Bristow nominated Bryce Sammel. Seconded by Todd Ulman. No other nominations. All in favor.
    - ii. Bryce Sammel called for nominations for Vice Chair. Jim Haff nominated Keri Bristow. Seconded by Todd Ulman. No other nominations. All in favor.
    - iii. Bryce Sammel called for nominations for Clerk. Jim Haff nominated Ben Ford. Seconded by Keri Bristow. No other nominations. All in favor.
  - b. Committees:
    - i. Standing committees and charges shared.
    - ii. No changes to committees or charges.

iii. Bryce Sammel to reach out to members for committee appointments.

4. **Operational Decisions:**

- a. Motion to approve the FY23 meeting schedule, posting places, and newspapers of record. Moved: Jim Haff. Seconded: Todd Ulman. All in favor.
- b. Motion to approve the FY23 committee meeting schedule. Moved: Jim Haff. Seconded: Matthew Hough. All in favor.
- c. Motion to appoint Adam Ameele as SU/SD voting delegate for statewide health insurance. Moved: Keri Bristow. Seconded: Jim Haff. All in favor.

5. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn the annual reorganizational meeting. Moved: Ben Ford. Seconded: Jim Haff. All in favor.

1. Bryce Sammel called the monthly meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.
2. Amendments to the Agenda: none.
3. Public Comment: none
4. Reports: The full written reports can be found in the board book. Reports were provided by the Superintendent; Director of Instructional Technology; Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; Director of Student Support Services; Director of Finance and Operations; and the student representatives.
5. Time Scheduled Discussion:
  - a. International Benchmarking: Jennifer Stinton delivered a presentation on Strategic Plan 2.8, identifying and implementing an assessment that allows for international benchmarking of students. The presentation can be viewed [here](#).
  - b. eFinance Approval: James Fenn, WCSU Director of Finance and Operations, recommends the WCSU/WCUUSD board take positive action to move the district HR and finance software to eFinancePlus. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Finance Director. Moved: Jim Haff. Seconded: Anna Sessa. All in favor.
6. Executive Session: Motion to find that premature public knowledge would place the board at a significant disadvantage. Moved: Jim Haff. Seconded: Keri Bristow. All in favor. Motion to enter executive session. Moved: Jim Haff. Seconded: Keri Bristow. All in favor. The board went into executive session at 8:10 p.m. The board returned to public session at 8:25 p.m.
7. Union Arena Request: Jim Haff motions to approve the disbursement of funds from the Union Arena Endowment in the amount of \$100,000, broken out as up to \$20,000 for electrical, \$50,000 for roofing, and \$30,000 for heating, with exact amounts to be presented for funding. Seconded by Bob Crean. All in favor. Jim Haff requests that more information be presented to Bryce, Keri, and Sherry regarding the UA's solar panel funding request.
8. Committee Updates:
  - a. Finance- Ben Ford discussed the informational hearing presentation.
  - b. Policy- no update
  - c. Buildings & Grounds- Jim Haff delivered an update on the work being done.
  - d. Negotiations- no update.
  - e. C&E Working Group- Keri Bristow delivered an update.
9. Resignations/Retirements: The board accepted with regret the retirement of School Psychologist Sue Hagerman, and the resignation of KES teacher Mercy Grinold.
10. Consent Agenda- Motion to approve the consent agenda. Moved: Ben Ford. Seconded: Keri Bristow. All in favor.
11. Public comment: Discussion was heard on masking versus not masking in our schools.
12. Reflection.
13. Motion to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Moved: Jim Haff. Seconded: Ben Ford. All in favor.