

Windsor Central Unified Union School District
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
November 1, 2021, 6:30 p.m., WCSU Conference Room
[Virtual Zoom meeting recording](#)

Board Members Present:

Barnard:

Bryce Sammel (physical)
Kelly Welch (virtual)

Bridgewater:

Matthew Hough (physical)
Sarah Adams (virtual)

Killington:

Gwen Hagenbarth (virtual)
Jim Haff (physical)

Plymouth:

Jay Moore (virtual)
Josh Linton (virtual)

Pomfret:

Bob Crean (virtual)
Bill Overbay (virtual)

Reading:

Anna Sessa (virtual)
Adam Ameele (virtual)

Woodstock:

Keri Bristow (physical)
Ben Ford (physical)
Sam DiNatale (virtual)

Superintendent: Sherry Sousa (physical)

Director of Student Support Services: Gina Rocque (virtual)

Director of Instructional Technology: Raphael Adamek (virtual)

Director of Finance and Operations: Jim Fenn (physical)

District Curriculum Coordinator: Jennifer Stainton (virtual)

District Buildings & Grounds Manager: Joe Rigoli (physical)

Director of Human Resources: Linda Loprete (virtual)

Principals/ Administration: Mary Guggenberger, Garon Smail, Maggie Mills, John Hansen, Aaron Cinquemani

District COVID Coordinator: Katie Burke

Student Representatives: Genevieve Morel, Owen Courcey, Aiden Keough-Vella

Pittsfield School Board:

Recording Secretary: Rayna Bishop (virtual)

1. Bryce Sammel called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Quorum noted.
2. Amendments to the Agenda: none. Motion to approve the agenda. Moved: Jim Haff. Seconded: Ben Ford. All in favor.
Bryce spoke about the achievement of the Union Arena to become the first net zero arena in the nation.
3. Public Comment: none
4. Reports: Superintendent Sousa opened with highlights from her report, including the status of COVID-19 in our schools and the Winter Sports recommendation.
Director of IT Raph Adamek reviewed his report.
Dir. Of Instr. Support Gina Rocque delivered her report.
CIA Director Jennifer Stainton discussed her report.
Dir. Of Finance Jim Fenn discussed the district current fiscal situation and some FY23 budget development proposals.
Student reps Genevieve Morel, Owen Courcey, and Aiden Keough-Vella discussed student happenings and concerns.
5. Time Scheduled Appointments:
 - a. Accept Retirements: Bob Crean spoke about Rob Hanson, and Keri Bristow spoke about Jan Winslow. Motion to accept retirements. Moved: Keri Bristow. Seconded: Bill Overbay. All in favor.

- b. [Fall Data Presentation](#): Raphael Adamek delivered a presentation on Fall Star Reading and Math.
 - c. [Elementary Principals Update on Visioning](#): Aaron Cinquemani and Maggie Mills delivered an update to the board on work done on developing a specific school vision.
 - d. Announced Tuition Rate: A first discussion about establishing FY23 tuition rates for elementary and HS/MS. Current rates are \$16,000 for elementary and \$18,500 for HS/MS. The district has approximately 25 tuition students and the HS/MS has approximately 83 tuition students.
 - e. VT Public High School Choice: Motion to remain at a 6 student limit for incoming choice students. Moved: Jim Haff. Seconded: Matthew Hough. All in favor. Motion to set no limit on outgoing choice students. Moved: Jim Haff. Seconded: Matthew Hough. All in favor.
 - f. B&G Committee Recommendation: Jim Haff moved that the construction proposal from Johnson Controls, Inc., a qualified energy services company, submitted in response to the RFP of the District to implement energy and resource conservation measures at seven district-owned facilities pursuant to an energy performance contract in the form as presented to this Board at this meeting for an agreed price of \$3,177,301, (the “Contract”) be accepted, and that the Superintendent be hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Contract and all necessary and appropriate related documents subject to such amendments to those documents as she deems warranted upon advice of legal counsel. Seconded: Keri Bristow. All in favor. Jim Haff then moved that the board approve the resolution to enter into a fifteen-year lease purchase agreement with Signature Public Funding Corp in the amount of \$3,177,301 and authorize the Director of Finance & Operations to negotiate and sign all documents as required to complete this process. Seconded: Matthew Hough. All in favor.
 - g. Initial FY23 Expense Budget Discussion: Ben Ford and Jim Fenn delivered information to consider for the FY23 budget.
6. Committees:
- a. Policy Committee:
 - i. Transportation Policy- Sarah Adams reviewed the policy. Motion to adopt by Jim Haff. Seconded by Matthew Hough. Discussion and request for clarification ensued. Motion failed with request for clarification of what constitutes “exceptional circumstances”, and what authority the Superintendent is being granted if board approval is required. Nay: Ben Ford, Gwen Hagenbarth, Adam Ameele, Anna Sessa, Keri Bristow, Matthew Hough, Jim Haff. Yay: Bob Crean, Bill Overbay, Kelly Welch, Sarah Adams.
 - ii. Committee Update
 - b. Buildings & Grounds Committee Update
 - c. Finance Committee Update
 - d. Negotiations, Hiring, & Retention Committee Update
 - e. Other Working Groups if needed
7. Consent Agenda: Motion by Jim Haff to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Keri Bristow. All in favor.
8. Public comment: none
9. Motion to find public knowledge detrimental and require an executive session. Moved: Matthew Hough. Seconded: Jim Haff. All in favor. Motion to enter executive session at 8:58 p.m. to discuss contracts. Moved: Jim Haff. Seconded: Keri Bristow. All in favor.
10. Reflection
11. Motion to adjourn at 9:48 p.m. Moved: Jim Haff. Seconded: Keri Bristow. All in favor.