

**Willington Board of Education  
September 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes  
Town Office Building, Lower Level Conference Room**

**(Unofficial until Board approval)**

**Audio of the meeting is available at [www.willingtonpublicschools.org](http://www.willingtonpublicschools.org)**

Audio Recording    yes  
Notes Taken        yes

Members present at meeting:

Erika Wiecenski  
Herb Arico (arrived at 8:00 pm)  
Michelle Doucette Cunningham  
Ann Grosjean  
Shawn Kowalyshyn  
Melissa McKinnon  
Marybeth Wallett

Also present: Superintendent of Schools David Harding

**1. Call to Order** at 7:00 pm by Erika Wiecenski

**2. Present to Speak**

Ground Rules: Any member of the public may speak. The Board reserves the right to terminate comments for reasons of time or content. Comments may be on any subject, except that critical remarks about identified employees of the school system are not permitted, in the interest of following proper personnel procedure. Such comments may be communicated privately, to a school administrator, to the Superintendent, or to the Chair of the Board of Education.

Refer to Present to Speak sign in form

**3. Presentation:**

2016-17 School Year Start up:  
Center School Principal, Phil Stevens  
Hall Memorial School Principal, Ken Craig

**4. Communications:** Superintendent Retirement letter, CAFE letter acknowledging Herb Arico, Letter from Christina Mailhos requesting participation in the superintendent selection process.

**5. Superintendent Reports - none**

**6. Committee Reports- none**

**7. New Business**

A. Approve minutes of August 9, 2016 BOE Meeting

**MOTION:** by Erika Wiecenski to approve the August 9, 2016 BOE Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Ann Grosjean

**VOTE:**

**YES**

Erika Wiecenski  
Michelle Doucette Cunningham  
Ann Grosjean  
Shawn Kowalyshyn  
Melissa Mckinnon

**NO**

Marybeth Wallett

**Motion** Passed

B. Approve minutes of Special meeting August 16, 2016

**MOTION:** by Michelle Doucette Cunningham to approve the August 16, 2016 BOE Special Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Shawn Kowalyshyn

**VOTE:**

**YES**

Michelle Doucette Cunningham  
Ann Grosjean  
Shawn Kowalyshyn  
Melissa McKinnon  
Marybeth Wallett

**ABSTAIN**

Erika Wiecenski

**Motion** Passed

C1. Transfers

**MOTION:** by Erika Wiecenski to approve transfers as presented.

Seconded by Michelle Doucette Cunningham

**VOTE:**

**YES**

Erika Wiecenski  
Michelle Doucette Cunningham  
Ann Grosjean  
Shawn Kowalyshyn  
Melissa McKinnon  
Marybeth Wallett

**Motion** Passed

C2. Transfers

**MOTION:** by Erika Wiecenski to approve transfers as presented.

Seconded by Ann Grosjean

**VOTE:**

**YES**

Erika Wiecenski  
Michelle Doucette Cunningham  
Ann Grosjean  
Shawn Kowalyshyn  
Melissa Mckinnon  
Marybeth Wallett

**Motion** Passed

D. Superintendent Retirement

**MOTION:** by Erika Wiecenski to approve October 7, 2016 as last day for Superintendent's employment.

Seconded by Michelle Doucette Cunningham

**VOTE:** Yes No Abstain

**YES**

Erika Wiecenski  
Michelle Doucette Cunningham  
Ann Grosjean  
Shawn Kowalyshyn  
Melissa McKinnon

**NO**

Marybeth Wallett

**Motion** Passed

E. Superintendent Search

**MOTION:** by Michelle Doucette Cunningham to hire an interim superintendent to finish the school year

Seconded by Erika Wiecenski

**VOTE:**

**YES**

Erika Wiecenski  
Herb Arico  
Michelle Doucette Cunningham  
Ann Grosjean  
Shawn Kowalyshyn  
Melissa McKinnon  
Marybeth Wallett

**Motion** Passed

8. **Old Business**

A. Cooperative arrangement with Mansfield Public Schools

**MOTION:** by Michelle Doucette Cunningham to discontinue talks with Mansfield regarding tuitioning out students.

Seconded by Melissa McKinnon

**VOTE:**

**YES**

Erika Wiecenski  
Herb Arico  
Michelle Doucette Cunningham  
Ann Grosjean  
Shawn Kowalyshyn  
Melissa McKinnon

**NO**

Marybeth Wallett

**Motion** Passed

9. Present to speak: *Refer to Present to speak form*

10. Board comments

Herb Arico – Thanked Mr. Harding for his service to the BOE and the town.

Ann Grosjean – Great start to the school year, thanked Mr. Harding for his time in Willington.

Shawn Kowalyshyn - Great start to the school year, Congratulated Herb on CAFE recognition, thanked Mr. Harding for his time in Willington.

Melissa McKinnon – Echoed the sentiments of the other board members.

Marybeth Wallett - Welcomed Mr. Craig as the new Principal of Hall Memorial.

Michelle Doucette Cunningham – Congrats on a great start to the school year, nice curb appeal, welcomed the new staff and thanked Mr. Harding for his service.

Erika Wiecenski – Echoed sentiments of other members, great start for Mr. Craig, Welcomed Mellissa to the BOE and thanked Mr. Harding for his service.

11. Adjournment 8:18 pm