

**Willington Board of Education
June 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes
Town Office Building, Lower Level Conference Room**

Audio Recording yes
Notes Taken yes

Members present at meeting:

Herb Arico
Michelle Doucette Cunningham
Ann Grosjean
Shawn Kowalyshyn
Erika Wiecenski

Also present: Superintendent of Schools David Harding

Members absent from meeting:

Steve Ortiz
Marybeth Wallett

1. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m. 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. Communications:

Mr. Harding made reference to several communications expressing concerns about the concept of tuitioning out students to Mansfield.

4. Superintendent Reports

Mr. Harding reviewed several of the year end activities at the schools and thanked the staff for making it a successful year. He also identified all of the new staff.

5. Committee Reports

The policy Committee met to discuss a social media policy and to discuss Mission-Goals-Objectives

EASTCONN held their annual meeting as well as their regular meeting

6. New Business

A. Approve minutes of May 10, 2016 BOE Meeting

MOTION: by Herb Arico to approve the May 10, 2016 BOE Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Shawn Kowalyshyn

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	--XX--	----	-----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	--XX--	----	-----
Ann Grosjean	--XX--	----	-----
Shawn Kowalyshyn	--XX--	----	-----
Erika Wieceński	----	----	--XX--

Motion Passed

B. Approve minutes of May 18, 2016 Special Meeting

MOTION: by Erika Wieceński to approve the May 18, 2016 BOE Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Shawn Kowalyshyn

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	--XX--	----	-----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	--XX--	----	-----
Ann Grosjean	----	----	--XX--
Shawn Kowalyshyn	--XX--	----	-----
Erika Wieceński	--XX--	----	-----

Motion Passed

C. Transfers

MOTION: by Michelle Doucette Cunningham to approve transfers of \$3,136.82 as presented.

Seconded by Herb Arico

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	--XX--	----	-----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	--XX--	----	-----
Ann Grosjean	--XX--	----	-----
Shawn Kowalyshyn	--XX--	----	-----
Erika Wieceński	--XX--	----	-----

Motion Passed

D. Set the date for the BOE retreat:

Decided to cancel July Regular B.O.E. meeting and substitute a Board retreat for July 12, 2016

E. **MOTION:** by Michelle Doucette Cunningham to reinstate the intervention position at Center School that was cut during budget season.

Seconded by Shawn Kowalyshyn

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	--XX--	----	-----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	--XX--	----	-----
Ann Grosjean	--XX--	----	-----
Shawn Kowalyshyn	--XX--	----	-----
Erika Wiecenski	--XX--	----	-----

Motion Passed

F. **MOTION:** by Erika Wiecenski to maintain current lunch and milk prices.

Seconded by Michelle Doucette Cunningham

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	--XX--	----	-----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	--XX--	----	-----
Ann Grosjean	--XX--	----	-----
Shawn Kowalyshyn	--XX--	----	-----
Erika Wiecenski	--XX--	----	-----

Motion Passed

7. Old Business

A. Website update

Mr. Harding gave an overview of the new school website and informed the Board that it should be fully functional to start the school year.

B. Update on cooperative arrangement with Mansfield Public Schools

Mr. Harding discussed the upcoming meeting in Mansfield on June 23rd and also gave a brief overview of the history of this discussion

8. Present to speak:

Resident Shawn Craver stated that he had looked at the distance that elementary students would have to ride the bus to Mansfield and it is a longer ride than the students attending EO Smith.

9. Board comments

Erika Wiecenski: wanted to thank all of the retiring teachers and also Mr. O'Rourke. She also thanked Mr. Harding and the administrative team for a very good year. She expressed particular thanks to Mrs. Ostien for all of the roles she has played over the years and also to Mr. Phillips for the Great East trip and the Gentlemen's Chorus winning a platinum award. She was also honored to represent the Board at the 8th grade graduation.

Shawn Kowalyshyn: Thanked the staff and Mr. Harding and wanted to welcome the new principal at Hall Memorial.

Herb Arico: Echoed the other comments and wanted to acknowledge that it was Flag Day.

Michelle Doucette Cunningham: Also echoed the others comments and wanted to commend Mr. Stevens for his "Math Pirate Day" at Center School. She thought it was great that the students can combine having fun and learning.

Ann Grosjean: Thanked the staff and especially pointed to Mr. Stevens great job at the kindergarten registration.

10. MOTION: by Erika Wiecenski to enter into executive session at 8:05 p.m. for the purpose of Superintendent Evaluation and to invite Superintendent Harding

Seconded by Herb Arico

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	--XX--	----	-----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	--XX--	----	-----
Ann Grosjean	--XX--	----	-----
Shawn Kowalyshyn	--XX--	----	-----
Erika Wiecenski	--XX--	----	-----

Motion Passed

Exited Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

MOTION: by Michelle Doucette Cunningham to extend the Superintendent's contract to June 30, 2019 and to increase his salary by 3%.

Seconded by Ann Grosjean

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	--XX--	----	-----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	--XX--	----	-----
Ann Grosjean	--XX--	----	-----
Shawn Kowalyshyn	--XX--	----	-----
Erika Wiczenski	--XX--	----	-----

Motion Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 p.m.