

Windsor Central Supervisory Union
Windsor Central Unified Union School District
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
January 9, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
[Virtual Zoom meeting recording](#)

Board Members Present:

Barnard:

Carin Park (virtual)

Bridgewater:

Lara Bowers

Killington:

Katie Reed (virtual)

Plymouth:

Elliot Rubin

Jay Moore (virtual)

Pittsfield:

Ray Rice (virtual)

Pomfret:

Bob Crean (virtual)

Lydia Locke (virtual)

Reading:

Adam Ameele

Woodstock:

Ben Ford

Keri Bristow

Matt Stout

Sam DiNatale

PJ Eames (virtual)

Superintendent: Sherry Sousa

Interim Director of Student Support Services: Shayna Kalnitsky

Director of Instructional Technology: Raphael Adamek

Director of Finance and Operations: Jim Fenn

Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment: Jennifer Stainton (virtual)

District Buildings & Grounds Manager: Joe Rigoli

Principals/ Administration: Mary Guggenberger (virtual), Maggie Mills (virtual), Melissa Zoerheide (virtual), Garon Smail (virtual), John Hansen (virtual)

Student Representatives: Owen Courcey (virtual), Aidan Keough-Vella (virtual)

Recording Secretary: Rayna Bishop (virtual)

1. **Call to Order:** Keri Bristow called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. **Amendments to the Agenda:** Keri calls for any amendments to the agenda. Motion by Ben Ford to table the New Build Tax Impact Reduction policy. Seconded by Matt Stout. All in favor. Keri stated that an Executive Session will be necessary for a contractual matter. Motion by Adam Ameele to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Matt Stout. All in favor.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Reports:** The full written reports can be found in the [board book](#).
5. **Time Scheduled Discussion:**
 - a. **PCB Presentation-** Sherry Sousa and Raph Adamek shared a presentation on PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) in schools. They covered key issues, AOE guidance, addressing potential issues, and the timeline for testing in our schools.
 - b. **Revisit Budget Warned Amount-** Jim Fenn and Ben Ford discussed and clarified the operating budget amount to be presented to voters.
 - c. **Approve Warning of Articles 2, 8, 9, &10-** Motion to approve presenting the articles in the annual meeting warning as written. (See below.) Moved: Sam DiNatale. Seconded: Adam Ameele. All in favor.

Article 2: Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend **Twenty-Five Million Eight Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Forty-Eight Dollars (\$25,836,048)**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$23,135 per equalized pupil. This projected spending is \$1,521,730 or 6.3% higher than spending for the current year.

Article 8: Shall the voters authorize the financing of the design, bidding, permitting, and document development for the proposed new middle/high school in an amount not to exceed **One Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,650,000)**, subject to reduction from the application of available state and federal grants-in-aid and reserves, to be financed over a period not to exceed five (5) years?

Article 9: Shall the voters authorize public school building improvements to convert the steam heating system to a forced hot water heating system at the Woodstock Union Middle High School in an amount not to exceed **One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000)**, subject to reduction from the application of available state and federal grants-in-aid and reserves, to be financed over a period not to exceed five (5) years?

Article 10: Shall the voters authorize public school building improvements to replace the roof and implement an energy conservation project at the Killington Elementary School in an amount not to exceed **One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000)**, subject to reduction from the application of available state and federal grants-in-aid and reserves, to be financed over a period not to exceed five (5) years?

6. **Committee Updates:**

- a. Finance: no report
- b. Policy:
 - i. Adoption: *Code C10- Prevention of Harassment, Hazing, and Bullying update* - Elliot Rubin reiterated the changes and the reasoning for using consistent language throughout the policy. Motion to adopt. Moved: Adam Ameele. Seconded: Sam DiNatale. All in favor.
- c. Buildings & Grounds: Joe Rigoli shared district B&G happenings.
- d. Negotiations, Hiring, & Retention: no report
- e. Working Groups:

New Build Committee – Ben Ford shared the continued efforts of the group. Almost \$3M has been received in donations to date.

7. **Consent Agenda-** Motion to approve consent agenda/minutes. Moved: Sam DiNatale. Seconded: Ben Ford. All in favor.
8. **Accept Resignation-** The resignation was accepted with regret. Moved: Adam Ameele. Seconded: Sam DiNatale. All in favor.
9. **Public comment:** None.
10. **Executive Session:** Motion to enter executive session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss a contractual matter. Moved: Adam Ameele. Seconded: Sam DiNatale. All in favor. Exited Executive Session, no action taken.
11. **Reflection:** Discussed the re-election of school board members and if anyone wasn't returning.
12. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Moved: Bob Crean. Seconded: Carin Park. All in favor.