

Windsor Central Supervisory Union
Windsor Central Unified Union School District
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
March 13, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
[Virtual Zoom meeting recording](#)

Board Members Present:

Barnard:

Bryce Sammel
Carin Park (virtual)

Bridgewater:

Lara Bowers
Ryan Townsend

Killington:

Katie Reed

Plymouth:

Elliot Rubin
Josh Linton

Pittsfield:

Ray Rice (virtual)

Pomfret:

Bob Crean (virtual)
Lydia Locke (virtual)

Reading:

Anna Sessa
Adam Ameele (virtual)

Woodstock:

Keri Bristow
Ben Ford
Sam DiNatale (virtual)
Marianne Ralph
Matt Stout
John Williams

Superintendent: Sherry Sousa

Director of Student Support Services: Shayna Kalnitsky (virtual)

Director of Instructional Technology: Raphael Adamek

Director of Finance and Operations: Jim Fenn (virtual)

District Curriculum Coordinator: Jennifer Stainton (virtual)

District Buildings & Grounds Manager: Joe Rigoli

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

Student Representatives: Owen Courcey, Aiden Keough-Vella

Presenters:

Recording Secretary: Rayna Bishop

REORGANIZATION:

1. **Call to Order:** Quorum noted. Superintendent Sherry Sousa called the meeting to order at 6:31 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. Ben Ford nominated Keri Bristow. Seconded by Bryce Sammel. No other nominations. All in favor.
 - ii. Keri called for nominations for Vice Chair. Bryce nominated Ben Ford. Seconded by Anna Sessa. No other nominations. All in favor.
 - iii. Keri called for nominations for Clerk. Sam DiNatale nominated Matt Stout. Seconded by Bruce. No other nominations. All in favor.

Board introduced themselves around the table.

b. Committees and Working Groups:

- i. Charges shared and discussed.
- ii. Negotiations Committee changed to a Working Group.

iii. Keri to reach out to members for committee appointments.

4. Operational Decisions:

- a. VSBA recommended Code of Ethic: discussed. Motion by Ben Ford to adopt the Code of Ethics. Seconded by Anna Sessa. All in favor.
 - b. Motion to approve the FY24 meeting schedule, posting places, and newspapers of record. Moved: Bryce Sammel. Seconded: Katie Reed. All in favor.
 - c. Motion to approve the FY24 committee meeting schedule. Moved: Bryce Sammel. Seconded: Anna Sessa. All in favor.
 - d. Motion to appoint Adam Ameele as SU/SD voting delegate for statewide health insurance. Moved: Anna Sessa. Seconded: Bryce Sammel. All in favor.
5. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn the annual reorganizational meeting at 6:53 p.m. Moved: Anna Sessa. Seconded: Bryce Sammel. All in favor.
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MONTHLY MEETING:

1. Keri Bristow called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m.
2. Amendments to the Agenda: Carin Park asked to add information about the new vice principal position at WES. This will be discussed in the Superintendent's report. During the Students' report, Keri will ask the board about appointing students as non-voting board members.
3. Public Comment was heard.
4. Time Scheduled Discussion:
 - a. Presentation on the implementation of the WCSU Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity policy by Sherry Sousa; TPVS educator Allison Greene and her students: Liam Crowl, Chloe Costello, Lucy Fox, and Andrew Murphy; WUHSMS students Ella Stainton, Farren Stainton, Owen Courcey, Aidan Keough-Vella, and Leah Kuhnert; Jennifer Stainton; and Audrey Richardson.
 - b. International Excursion Approval: The exchange student program had been placed on hold during Covid, and is being revived. Motion to approve excursion application by Ben Ford. Seconded by Anna Sessa. All in favor.
5. 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; and the student representatives. Discussion about having students officially appointed to the board (without voting rights and excluded from executive sessions). Motion to appoint student representatives to serve one year terms (March to March, coinciding with school board elections) by Anna Sessa. Seconded by Ben Ford. All in favor.
6. Committee Updates:
 - a. Finance- Ben Ford delivered update.
 - b. Policy- Elliot Ruben delivered update. Second reading of the School Crisis Prevention & Response. Motion to adopt at the next meeting by Bryce Sammel. Seconded by Anna Sessa. All in favor.
 - c. Buildings & Grounds- Joe Rigoli delivered an update.
 - d. Negotiations- Bryce Sammel delivered an update.
 - e. MSHS Build- Ben Ford delivered an update.
7. Consent Agenda- Motion to approve the consent agenda. Moved: Bryce Sammel. Seconded: Anna Sessa. All in favor.
8. Public comment was heard.
9. Executive session: Motion to enter executive session at 8:27 p.m. to discuss a student matter under 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(7). Moved: Anna Sessa, seconded: Bryce Sammel. All in favor. Garon Smail and Sherry Sousa invited into session. The board exited the session at 9:37 p.m. No action taken. Fact finding recommended.
10. Reflection.
11. Motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Moved: Anna Sessa. Seconded: Ben Ford. All in favor.