

**Willington Board of Education
May 10, 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
Steve Ortiz
Marybeth Wallett

Members absent:
Erika Wiecenski

Also present: Superintendent of Schools David Harding

1. Call to Order at 7:00 by Michelle Doucette Cunningham

2. Communications were reviewed

3. 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

4. Superintendent Reports

Presented proposal by Custom Computer to provide IT support 5 days per week plus an additional 2 days per week of full time staff. The support will include PowerSchool. Reviewed the results of the Budget Referendum. Discussed options to retirement reception.

MOTION: by Ann Grosjean to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Willington Education Support Staff to include 4 paraprofessionals in the union and to approve the contract with Custom Computer for IT support.
Seconded by Marybeth Wallett

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	-X----	----	-----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	--X---	----	-----
Ann Grosjean	--X---	----	-----
Shawn Kowalyshyn	--X---	----	-----
Steve Ortiz	---X--	----	-----
Marybeth Wallett	---X--	----	-----

Motion Passed

5. Committee Reports

Herb Arico Reported on Eastconn.
Finance committee met and approved bills

6. New Business

A. Approve minutes of April 12, 2016 BOE Meeting

MOTION: by Herb Arico to approve the April 12, 2016 BOE Meeting Minutes.
Seconded by Ann Grosjean

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	-X----	----	-----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	--X---	----	-----
Ann Grosjean	--X---	----	-----
Shawn Kowalyshyn	--X---	----	-----
Steve Ortiz	-----	----	---X-
Marybeth Wallett	---X--	----	-----

Motion Passed

B. Transfers

MOTION: by Steve Ortiz to approve transfers as presented.
Seconded by Marybeth Wallett

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	---X--	----	-----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	---X--	----	-----
Ann Grosjean	---X--	----	-----
Shawn Kowalyshyn	---X--	----	-----
Steve Ortiz	---X--	----	-----
Marybeth Wallett	---X--	----	-----

Motion Passed

C. Approve Healthy food certification.

MOTION: by Steve Ortiz to approve Healthy food certification
Seconded by Ann Grosjean

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	---x--	-----	-----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	---x--	-----	-----
Ann Grosjean	---x--	-----	-----
Shawn Kowalyshyn	---x--	-----	-----
Steve Ortiz	---x--	-----	-----
Marybeth Wallett	---x--	-----	-----

Motion Passed

D. Discussion on recruitment of substitute teachers

7. **Old Business**

- A. Updates on HMS principal search
- B. Updates on new website
- C. Discuss Cooperative arrangement with Mansfield Public Schools

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

Michelle Shine asked about the Region 19 Budget.

9. Board comments

Herb Arico – Encouraged about progress on new website; made reference to the State budget and the potential impact.

Ann Grosjean – Pleased about purchasing the keyboards.

Shawn Kowalyshyn - There are a lot of good things happening in the schools and it is an exciting time.

Steve Ortiz – Echoed Shawn’s comments and encouraged people to come to the Region 19 informational meeting on June 9th.

Marybeth Wallett – Thanked the superintendent for looking at all of the options with regards to the budget.

Michelle Doucette Cunningham – Attended the Region 19 meeting and thinks it is important for people to weigh in on the EO building project.

11. Executive Session for Superintendent Evaluation

MOTION: by Michelle Doucette Cunningham to enter into executive session at 8:40 p.m. for the purpose of Superintendent Evaluation and to invite Superintendent Harding
Seconded by Steve Ortiz

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain
Herb Arico	--X--	----	-----
Michelle Doucette Cunningham	--X--	----	-----
Ann Grosjean	--X--	----	-----
Shawn Kowalyshyn	---X--	----	-----
Steve Ortiz	--X--	----	-----
Marybeth Wallett	---X--	----	-----

Motion Passed

Executive Session ended 9:05 p.m.

10. Adjournment 9:10 p.m.