

WINDHAM SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2006

SPECIAL MEETING

Members of the Windham School Board met on August 9, 2006 in the Windham Town Council Chambers for a Special Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Kate Brix, Donna Cobb, Mary Wassick, Jeff Pierce, Jeff Vermette, Toby Pennels, Mike Duffy, and Superintendent Sandy Prince.

APPOINTMENTS

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, Seconded by Donna Cobb, the School Committee voted 7-0 to approve the appointment of Kate Thomas, for one year, as a Special Education Teacher at Manchester School, for the 2006 – 2007 school year, at a salary of \$35,982 (Masters, Step 4).

On a motion by Mary Wassick, Seconded by Jeff Pierce, the School Committee voted 7-0 to approve the appointment of Julie Packard as a Special Education Teacher at Windham High School for the 2006 – 2007 school year, at a salary of \$48,389 (Masters, Step 13).

On a motion by Mike Duffy, Seconded by Donna Cobb, the School Committee voted 7-0 to approve the appointment of Marisa Washburn, as a Primary School Special Education Teacher, for the 2006 – 2007 school year, at a salary of \$41,495 (Masters, Step 8).

On a motion by Mary Wassick, Seconded by Mike Duffy, the School Committee voted 7-0 to approve the appointment of Kathleen Morey for one year as a Special Education Life Skills Teacher, for the 2006 – 2007 school year, at a salary of \$38,600 (Bachelors, Step 8).

On a motion by Mike Duffy, Seconded by Mary Wassick, the School Committee voted 7-0 to approve the appointment of Daniel Wirtz, for one year, as a 2/5ths Science Teacher at Windham High School, for the 2006 – 2007 school year, at a pro-rated salary of \$12,132 (Bachelors, Step 2).

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, Seconded by Mary Wassick, the School Committee voted 7-0 to approve the appointment of Janet Cobb as a Family Consumer Science Teacher at Windham High School for the 2006 – 2007 school year, at a salary of \$41,495 (Masters, Step 8).

On a motion by Mike Duffy, Seconded by Donna Cobb, the School Committee voted 7-0 to approve the appointment of Douglas Daigle as a Social Worker at Windham High School for the 2006 – 2007 school year, at a salary of \$50,263 (Masters, Step 20).

On a motion by Mary Wassick, Seconded by Mike Duffy, the School Committee voted 7-0 to approve the appointment of Deborah Thomas as a Middle School Guidance Counselor for the 2006 – 2007 school year, at a salary of \$48,389 (Masters, Step 13).

Fuel Supply Conversion

Assistant Superintendent Donn Davis and Brian Kenney, Director of Facilities & Properties, presented the Board with a history of the dual fuel supply at Windham High School and the current prices for oil

and natural gas. They explained the advantages of having a dual fuel supply system and what would be involved to convert from oil to natural gas.

Following the presentation, Jeff Vermette moved, Mary Wassick Seconded, to convert the Windham School Department heating fuel supply from # 2 fuel oil under the current contract agreement with Irving Oil Corporation, to natural gas, to be supplied by Maine Natural Gas, in a proposed contract agreement, contingent upon a comparative price advantage of more than \$10,000. This conversion is also contingent upon the Maine Health & Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Maine Municipal Bond Bank and their energy consortium Maine PowerOptions, and Irving Oil Corporation providing us with a written release from the current contract agreement. The Maine Natural Gas pricing will be a natural gas commodity price of no more than \$12.16 per dth and a contracted transportation price of no more than \$1.80 per dth, and a loss factor of no more than 14 cents.

The Board asked Mr. Davis and Mr. Kenney questions regarding the conversion process, the current and proposed contracts, and who would be responsible for the conversion. After discussion, Mrs. Wassick moved to amend the original motion by adding, "if necessary" after "...from the current contract." Mr. Pierce Seconded the motion to amend.

Mr. Vermette moved to amend the motion by taking out "...of more than \$10,000." and "...price of no more than \$12.16 per dth..." Mrs. Wassick Seconded the amendment motion. After further discussion, Mr. Vermette withdrew his motion to amend. Mrs. Wassick did not withdraw her Second.

Mr. Vermette asked for a friendly amendment to remove "...and a loss factor of no more than 14 cents." and to add "and the completion of the infrastructure as outlined in Exhibit A, at no costs to us."

The amended motion now reads:

To convert the Windham School Department heating fuel supply from # 2 fuel oil under the current contract agreement with Irving Oil Corporation, to natural gas, to be supplied by Maine Natural Gas, in a proposed contract agreement, contingent upon a comparative price advantage. This conversion is also contingent upon the Maine Health & Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Maine Municipal Bond Bank and their energy consortium Maine PowerOptions, and Irving Oil Corporation providing us with a written release from the current contract agreement, if necessary. The Maine Natural Gas pricing will be a natural gas commodity transportation price of no more than \$1.80 per dth, and the completion of the infrastructure as outlined in Exhibit A, at no costs to us.

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the original motion and 7-0 to approve the amended motion.

Adjournment

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, Seconded by Mary Wassick, the School Committee voted 7-0 to adjourn the meeting. 8:15 p.m.