

WINDHAM SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2005

REGULAR MEETING

Members of the Windham School Board met on March 16, 2005 in the Windham Town Council Chambers for a Regular Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Mike Duffy, Kate Brix, Donna Cobb, Jeff Vermette, Ann Rich, Toby Pennels, Mary Wassick and Superintendent Sandy Prince.

Update on the Windham High School Rock Climbing Wall

Windham High School Teacher Jeff Riddle explained to the School Committee the fundraising efforts that have been continuing since last spring. Enough money has been raised to start building the new climbing wall in June. Mr. Riddle is also looking at six possible grants to assist with the rest of the funding.

Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2006 School Department Budget

No members of the public were present to speak to the School Committee regarding the 2005 – 2006 School Department budget. The Board questioned why no members of the public were present as notices had been sent home with students, included in newsletters, and posted in each school. There were also announcements in local papers and on the School Department website.

Report of the Secretary

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, Seconded by Donna Cobb, the School Committee voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the following meetings: February 15, 2005 Special Meeting; February 16, 2005 Regular Meeting; March 2, 2005 Workshop Meeting; March 2, 2005 Special Meeting. Ann Rich and Mary Wassick abstained.

Suspension of Students Policy (File: JKD)

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, Seconded by Kate Brix, the School Committee voted 4-3 to approve the Second Reading of the Suspension of Students Policy (File: JKD). Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Rich, and Mrs. Wassick were opposed.

School Department Budget for 2005 – 2006

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, Seconded by Toby Pennels, the School Committee voted 7-0 to approve the School Department operational and debt budget for 2005 – 2006 in the amount of \$26,558,128.

Executive Session – School Committee Duties

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, Seconded by Kate Brix, the School Committee voted 7-0 to go into Executive Session to discuss the duties of the School Committee, pursuant to [1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A)] and not to return to Regular Session. 8:58 p.m.

Adjournment

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, Seconded by Toby Pennels, the School Committee voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting. 9:07 p.m.