

W. L. Gilbert School Corporation Ad Hoc Negotiations Team
and
Winchester Board of Education Ad Hoc Negotiations Team
May 31, 2019
Joint Minutes

1. **Roll Call** – Meeting called to order at 11:09 AM in the Blue Room at Town Hall, 338 Main Street, Winsted, CT.

Present: Charles Seaback, Holly Cassaday and Steven Sedlack, School Corp Members and Dr. Anthony Serio, Superintendent of the School representing the Gilbert Team

Present: Doug Pfenninger, Cheryl Heffernan, Dr. Richard Dutton Winchester Board of Education Members and Melony Brady-Shanley, Superintendent of Schools representing the WBOE Team.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 23-2019 meeting was made by C. Seaback, seconded by Dr. Dutton and accepted unanimously.

3. **Discussion regarding negotiations of the successor contract between the W.L. Gilbert School Corp. and the Winchester Board of Education.**

The Gilbert Team requested time to caucus to consider the agreement reached by the superintendents to close the gap in the proposed 2019-2020 education budget proposal. The teams caucused from 11:12 and the meeting resumed at 11:38.

The teams agreed with the decision on budget reached by the superintendents.

The Winchester team then submitted a proposal which was a red-lined copy of the 5/23/19 draft proposal submitted by the Gilbert team. The salient points of the proposal were reviewed by C. Heffernan.

The Gilbert team requested a caucus to consider the proposals and the teams caucused from 11:54 to 12:25.

When talks resumed the consensus was that there were substantive issues on which the teams were far apart and could not agree. Talks are discontinued indefinitely.

It was agreed that the two superintendents and two board chairs would meet and sign a one-page, one-year agreement establishing the tuition that The W. L. Gilbert School will be paid for the 2019-2020 year.

4. **Adjournment** – a motion to adjourn (C. Seaback/Dr. Dutton) was made at 12:40 PM and was unanimously accepted.

Respectfully submitted for the teams,

Steven Sedlack
Recorder