

The W. L. Gilbert School Corporation
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 2019

The regular meeting of the W. L. Gilbert School Corporation was held on March 20, 2019 in the Gilbert School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Steven Sedlack at 7:01 p.m. Others members attending were Holly Cassaday, Richard Dutton, Michelle Hintz, Jennifer Marchand, Ellen Marino and Charles Seaback.

Absent: Theresa Padin, Douglas Pfenninger

Also attending were Dr. Anthony Serio, Superintendent and Susan Sojka, Principal

Pledge of Allegiance and Vision and Mission Statement were led by Holly Cassaday.

Public Forum:

Student Representatives: Conor Bailey and Lydia Bird reported on Winter Sports and their successful seasons. Wrestling Team became State Champions for first time in school history. Conor reported that Thomaston's Basketball Coach, Mr. Bunel, sent kudos to Gilbert for cheering for an autistic player on the Thomaston team who scored three points. It was a special moment for this player and the Coach commented that our basketball team contributed to positivity for The Gilbert School.

It was reported that the play "Annie" was a success and very well attended.

Call for Agenda Items:

A motion was made by Ellen Marino, seconded by Holly Cassaday to add an agenda item to 8D for a field trip request.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Jennifer Marchand, seconded by Holly Cassaday to approve minutes of Regular meeting on February 27, 2019.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

A motion was made by Charles Seaback, seconded by Holly Cassaday to approve minutes of Special meeting on March 5, 2019. Meeting was changed corrected to say Special meeting instead of Regular meeting. It was a Joint Finance Committee established with representatives from Gilbert and Winchester.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

Committees:

Committee Reports:

Finance- Charles Seaback reported that Finance Committee is watching substitute line item and contingency on building repairs with an unanticipated boiler repair. Cafeteria remains unbalanced.

Personnel - No Meeting to Report

Policy-Committee needs to meet due to requirements of credits delayed by State and to discuss prescribed credits.

Building & Grounds - No Meeting to Report

Celebration of Education - No report.

Approval of Resignation:

A motion was made by Holly Cassaday, seconded by Jennifer Marchand to approve with regret the resignation of Brian Ingmanson, Middle School Science Teacher.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

Second Reading of Policies:

A motion was made by Richard Dutton, seconded by Jennifer Marchand, to approve policy changes for Administering Medications.

Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0, Abstain 0

A motion was made by Holly Cassaday, seconded by Richard Dutton, to approve policy changes to Reasonable Physical Force/Corporal Punishment.

Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0, Abstain 0

A motion was made by Ellen Marino, seconded by Michelle Hintz, to approve policy changes to Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process.

Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0, Abstain 0

A motion was made by Holly Cassaday, seconded by Charles Seaback, to approve field trip request to American University.

Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0, Abstain 0

Principal's Report: Susan Sojka

Mrs. Sojka introduced Administrative intern Francesca Daniele.

Mrs. Sojka reported that students were getting prepared for Spring sports and testing. She spoke how amazing and successful the play "Annie" was. She reported on increasing concerns with stress in adolescents, an upcoming professional development and project graduation.

Head of School/Superintendent Report: Anthony Serio

Dr. Serio reported an estimated 6-8 St. Anthony students may be coming to Gilbert. He said Brazil contacts want middle school camp experiences, project based learning with possible travel and want to send students here who desire to attend American high schools and be immersed in American culture. He reported on visitors from High-Tech High coming to do training at Gilbert for techniques on project-based learning. Reported there has been no further action on contract between The W. L. Gilbert School Corporation and The W. L. Gilbert Trust Corporation.

Also, no further action on contract between The W. L. Gilbert School Corporation and the Winchester Board of Education. Dr. Serio and Susan Sojka are meeting with Winchester Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley and Doug Pfenninger.

Winchester Board of Education Report: Winchester's play "Alice in Wonderland" is April 5. Their Drama Club went to see Frozen.

School Corporation Chairman's Report: no report

Other: None

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Holly Cassaday, seconded by Jennifer Marchand to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0, Abstain 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Marino