

**WINDSOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008**

DATE: March 11, 2008
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: C. R. Weeks Elementary School
KIND OF MEETING: Regular

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Blincoe, Stephen Feehan, Gary Hmurcik (Arrived at 7:00 p.m.)
Gina Kress, Barbara Mirch, Peter Nowacki, and Jeffrey Renner

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

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President Nowacki called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Motion to Enter Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Negotiations, Litigation, and Special Education Reports

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, second by Stephen Feehan, for the Board to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Negotiations, Litigation, and Special Education Reports and invite Jason Andrews and Bradley Bruce

Yes	6
No	0
Abstentions	0
Motion Carried	6-0-0

Mr. Hmurcik entered the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

B. Motion to Leave Executive Session and Return to Regular Session

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, to return to Open Session.

Yes	7
No	0
Abstentions	0
Motion Carried	7-0-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:20 p.m.

III. SALUTE TO FLAG

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IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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- Mrs. Carolyn Price, 68 White Birch Lake Road, Windsor, NY
 - Mrs. Price congratulated the Odyssey of the Mind team from the Palmer School for their win. She also complimented the District for so many students participating in Music in Our Schools at the Oakdale Mall.
 - Mrs. Price asked the Board to consider allowing the voters of the District to change how the members are elected to the Board by going to “at large” voting. She feels “at large” voting would encourage more people to run and the best people elected to any open seats.
 - Mrs. Price stated careful consideration should be given allowing voters to vote on this very important issue.

- Mr. Harrison White, 205A Garrett Road, Windsor, NY
 - Mr. White stated he has no complaints, no one working or attending school in the District.
 - Mr. White asked to Board to consider “at large” as a way to elect the best people and enlarge the pool of candidates.

- Mr. Harry Carlson, 497 Dunbar Road, Windsor, NY
 - Mr. Carlson stated his reasons for supporting “at large” voting. He suggested the Board consider this issue carefully and put it to a public vote.
 - Mr. Carlson gave an example where our current system of electing Board members can actually eliminate a candidate that the public actually votes as the most qualified, but who would be eliminated because it’s not the top vote getters.

- Mr. John Donaldson, 30 Rainbow Ridge, Windsor, NY
 - Mr. Donaldson stated that he supported “at large” voting.
 - Mr. Donaldson feels the people of the community should make this decision and would make the proper one if given the proper information.

V. “GOOD NEWS” – Superintendent

GOOD NEWS

- A. Library Websites
 - Mrs. O’Donnell, High School Librarian, Mrs. Brandt, Middle School Librarian, and Ms. Waskie, Librarian at the Weeks and Bell Elementary Schools gave a presentation showcasing their websites.
 - The new librarians have instituted a strong instructional program, along with making the libraries a warm and inviting place for students and staff. They have updated the collections and have been key with technology upgrades. They have had a huge impact on our students and dramatic impact on the usage of our libraries.

- B. Budget Development
 - Mr. Andrews reviewed the revenue side of the proposed 2008-2009 budget.

VI. GOOD NEWS

GOOD NEWS

- A. Middle School Faculty Basketball Game Raises \$900 for 8th Grade Trips
 - Middle School Faculty versus High School Faculty
 - This event had high student participation. Students could earn money towards their class trip by working at this event.
- B. Chenango Forks School Visit
 - This visit was to learn about our 9th Grade Academy Program. This program supports a smooth transition from 8th to 9th grade.
- C. Varsity Wrestling Sectional Champions
 - David Kohlbach – 4th State, Colton Perry – 3rd State, Noah Sibley – 6th State, Ryan Hayes – did not place
- D. Varsity Indoor Track Sectional Champions
 - Justin Spalik - 55m hurdles, Lindsey Dubas - high jump and David Bates – wild card
- E. NYSPHSAA Winter Scholar/Athlete Teams
 - Members must have an average of 90 or greater.
 - The following teams qualified for this award:
 - Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball
 - Boys and Girls Varsity Indoor Track
 - Boys Varsity Wrestling
- F. Karen Brey Named “Educator of the Week”
 - Ms. Brey teaches English at the High School
- G. Odyssey of the Mind
 - First time the Weeks School participated and they finished 5th.
 - Second time the Palmer School participated and they won first place. They will be attending the State competition on March 29th.
 - Next year we hope to have four teams.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. Approval of Minutes – February 28, 2008 – Regular Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes – February 28, 2008 – Executive Session
- C. Request to Declare School Property Worthless

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

Yes	7
No	0
Abstentions	0
Motion Carried	7-0-0

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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- A. AASA Conference
 - Mr. Andrews reported that 4,000 administrators, most of which were Superintendents, attending this meeting.
 - This was a great opportunity to hear renowned speakers, attend various workshops, and obtain ideas for our own Superintendent Conference Days.
 - Mr. Andrews thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend this conference and their support.
- B. Colonel Wheelock Visit
 - Terrific Visit! This experience for our students and staff could not be purchased.
 - The message Col. Wheelock gave was to work hard and you can realize your dreams. Col. Wheelock said he was an ordinary kid who now has an extra ordinary occupation and still is an ordinary guy.
- C. Building Project Update
 - We were hoping to have State approval by the end of February. This has not happened. However, we are hopeful it will come soon. We are still in line to have the bulk of the work completed this summer if we receive our State approval sometime in March.
- D. “Windsor Under Water”
 - A really nice synopsis of the flood published by the Town of Windsor.
- E. Thank You!
 - Mr. Andrews presented thank you notes to the Board from Sheri Abdullah’s kindergarten class for their SMART Board.
- F. After School Enrichment Program
 - Mr. Andrews shared with the Board the pamphlet advertising the After School Elementary Enrichment Program.
- G. “Bringing the Big Ideas of a Professional Learning Community”
 - This conference, featuring the DuFours, will be held in Albany, NY on April 8th & 9th. Ten of our staff members, including Mr. Andrews, administrators and teachers will be attending. This conference supports our goals in becoming a Professional Learning Community.

No 0
 Abstentions 0
 Motion Carried 7-0-0

IX. NEW BUSINESS

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A. Personnel Actions

Personnel Actions

- (1) Resignation/Retirement of Michele Blythe as Part-Time Remedial Math Teacher

**Resignation/Retirement
Michele Blythe as
Part-Time Math**

Teacher

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, Michele Blythe, Part-Time Remedial Math Teacher, has served long and faithfully in the Windsor

Central School District, since September, 1969, and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Blythe has expressed her intention to retire effective July 1, 2008,

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Mrs. Blythe's retirement be and is hereby accepted, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends to Mrs. Blythe, on behalf of the parents, children, and community, its heartfelt best wishes for a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

Yes	7
No	0
Abstentions	0
Motion Carried	7-0-0

- (2) Resignation/Retirement of Gary Hinsdale as Guidance Counselor

**Resignation/Retirement
Gary Hinsdale as
Guidance Counselor**

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, Gary Hinsdale, Guidance Counselor, has served long and faithfully in the Windsor Central School District, since September, 1983, and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Hinsdale has expressed his intention to retire effective July 1, 2008,

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Mr. Hinsdale's retirement be and is hereby accepted, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends to Mr. Hinsdale, on behalf of the parents, children, and community, its heartfelt best wishes for a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

Yes	7
No	0
Abstentions	0
Motion Carried	7-0-0

- (3) Probationary Appointment of Krystal Dillenbeck As Teacher Aide

**Probationary Appt. of
Krystal Dillenbeck as
Teacher Aide**

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Krystal Dillenbeck be

granted a probationary appointment as a Teacher Aide effective March 12, 2008.

Yes 7
No 0
Abstentions 0
Motion Carried 7-0-0

- (4) Probationary Appointment of Laura Decosse as Part-time Teacher Aide

Probationary Appt. of Laura Decosse as Part-time Teacher Aide

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Laura Decosse be granted a probationary appointment as a part-time (3.75 hours/day) Teacher Aide, effective March 12, 2008.

Yes 7
No 0
Abstentions 0
Motion Carried 7-0-0

- (5) Approve Names to be Added to Substitute Teachers' List

Substitute Teachers' List

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following names be added to the Substitute Teachers' List:

- o Scott Hertzog – Degreed
- o Heather Whetsell – Non-degreed

These approvals are made pending clearance for employment by the State Education Department.

Yes 7
No 0
Abstentions 0
Motion Carried 7-0-0

- B. Nomination of Broome-Tioga BOCES Board Members

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Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Windsor Central School District Board of Education nominates the following individuals to fill the office of BOCES Board of Education member:

Peter Nowacki
Donald Vredenburgh

Yes 7
No 0

Abstentions 0
Motion Carried 7-0-0

- C. Approve Contract with Chenango Forks Central School for Health & Welfare Services

**Approve Contract
with Chenango Forks
Health/Welfare Services**

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that a contract with the Chenango Forks Central School District for Health and Welfare Services be approved for the 2007-2008 school year.

Yes 7
No 0
Abstentions 0
Motion Carried 7-0-0

- D. Approve Superintendents Attendance at Conference in Albany, NY – April 8-9, 2008

**Approve SOS Attendance
at Conference in Albany
April 8-9, 2008**

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent's attendance at a conference on Professional Learning Communities, in Albany, NY on April 8-9, 2008, be approved.

Yes 7
No 0
Abstentions 0
Motion Carried 7-0-0

- E. Approve Process for Election of Board of Education Members

**Approve Process for
Election of Board of
Education Members**

Discussion held by the Board regarding this vote.

Motion by Barbara Mirch, seconded by Jeffrey Renner, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Process for Election of Board of Education Members be put to a public vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Barbara Blincoe No
Stephen Feehan Yes
Gary Hmurcik No
Gina Kress No
Barbara Mirch Yes
Peter Nowacki No
Jeffrey Renner Yes

Yes 3

No 4
Abstentions 0
Motion Failed 3-4-0

- F. Review Board of Education Policy #5415 – *Budget Transfer*

**Review BOE Policy
#5415 – *Budget Transfers***

Discussion held. No action taken.

- G. Review Board of Education Policy #7503 – *Student Organizations*

**Review BOE Policy
#7503 – *Student
Organizations***

Discussion held. No action taken.

- H. Review Board of Education Policy #7615 – *Prohibiting Corporal Punishment*

**Review BOE Policy
#7615 – *Prohibiting
Corporal Punishment***

Discussion held. No action taken.

X. OTHER

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- A. Probationary Appointment of Alex Vaughn as Junior Lifeguard

**Probationary Appt. of
Alex Vaughn as Junior
Lifeguard**

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Alex Vaughn be granted a probationary appointment as a Junior Lifeguard effective March 12, 2008.

Yes 7
No 0
Abstentions 0
Motion Carried 7-0-0

- B. Probationary Appointment of Erica Scrambling as Junior Lifeguard

**Probationary Appt. of
Erica Scrambling as
Junior Lifeguard**

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Erica Scrambling be granted a probationary appointment as a Junior Lifeguard effective March 12, 2008.

Yes 7
No 0
Abstentions 0
Motion Carried 7-0-0

- C. Approve Names to be Added to Substitute Teachers' List

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Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the

Superintendent of Schools, that the following names be added to the Substitute Teachers' List:

- Eric Goldberg – Certified
- Wesley Parks – Degreed

These approvals are made pending clearance for employment by the State Education Department.

Yes	7
No	0
Abstentions	0
Motion Carried	7-0-0

- D. Appointment of James Macuch as Adult Education Instructor
Defensive Driving

**Appt. James Macuch as
Adult Ed. Instructor for
Defensive Driving**

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik,
that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the
Superintendent of Schools, that James Macuch be appointed
as a spring 2008 Adult Education Instructor – Defensive Driving.

Yes	7
No	0
Abstentions	0
Motion Carried	7-0-0

XI. INFORMATION

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- A. Press Article, “Keeping Tabs on Your Kids”
- B. Press Article, “Academic Recognition May Be Golden
Ticket to Better Grades”
- C. Student Success/Student Failure – 2nd Quarter 2007-2008

XII. NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

NEXT MEETING

- ⇒ March 18, 2008 – Special Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – High School Library
- ⇒ March 25, 2008 – Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Weeks Elementary

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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- Mrs. Carolyn Price, 68 White Birch Lake Road, Windsor, NY
 - Mrs. Price stated that when this discussion was held in November 2007, four members opposed this change based on the reason that if an incumbent chose to run again he shouldn't have to spend money, etc. She was surprised that reasoning was not brought up again.
- Mr. Harry Carlson, 497 Dunbar Road, Windsor, NY
 - Mr. Carlson stated Col. Wheelock's success was influenced by the Windsor School District and his environment
 - Mr. Carlson feels everything we can do to make voter choice easier and simpler and less complex is a step in the right direction.

- Mr. Carlson stated an interesting experience he had recently. As a member of the committee to Extend Broad Band Availability in Broome County, he was invited to look at our technology equipment at the High School. He was very impressed with our technical devices. Students were really adept with equipment and the staff seemed to be very qualified. The staff took time to explain what they were doing. It was a very good experience.
- Mrs. Sue Rambo, 1274 Old Route 17, Windsor, NY
Mrs. Rambo asked number required to accept a petition.
- Mr. Harrison White, 205A Garrett Road, Windsor, NY
 - Mr. Harrison stated the Board gave the issue a thorough deliberation.
 - Increasing the number of people involved was not the main issue. Election process should be clean, open and available as possible.
 - He hopes issue will be visited at a future date.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the meeting be adjourned.

Yes	7
No	0
Abstentions	0
Motion Carried	7-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Monnie M. Congdon
School District Clerk

