

**Windham Board of Education  
Regular Board Meeting  
January 19, 2021  
6:30 p.m.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER 6:41 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE
- IV. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
- V. CORRESPONDENCE
- VI. REPORTS

**Board of Education President - Mandy Berardinelli** - Over 60 Windham students and their siblings were helped with the Christmas Giving Tree which is organized by the Windham Staff. Thank you to all who help and contribute. Reminder that the Food Pantry will be giving out food every Tuesday from 3-5. It's great to see the students back in school as everyone if following safety protocols set forth by the governor and health department.

**Maplewood Career Center Representative - Mandy Berardinelli** - Will send January's Meeting Minutes.

**Legislative Report- Elaine Grant** - Nothing to Report

**Business Advisory Council - Mandy Berardinelli** - Nothing to report

**Superintendent - Aireane Curtis** - Presented the Board members with individual thank you cards from the staff and each a Windham blankets in recognition of the Board's service as part of Board Recognition Month in January.

**Treasurer- Adam Hines** - W-2's have been processed and mailed. These are available online to all of our employees through the EAC. We received the rest of our BWC check in December for \$110,723.62. The other \$40,000 was received in November. The district also received  $\frac{3}{4}$  of our Impact Aid funds. These funds are provided by the federal government in lieu of lost property tax revenue due to the Arsenal land that is used by the federal government. We received the remainder later this Spring. We will be completing the application this month for the funds that will be received next school year. The district is finishing up our remaining funds for the Broadband Connectivity Grant which was specifically used for connecting students to the Internet by providing WiFi hotspots for their online learning. PlugSmart visited and surveyed our district facilities and noted possible areas to reduce energy costs to apply for a Dept. of Energy grant. The key areas of focus was the boiler at the JH/HS, LED lighting upgrade at KT Elementary, roof replacement at KT, and lighting and heating at the bus garage. They are figuring out the potential savings of each. The Dept. of Energy grant awards matching dollars up to \$215,000 for energy saving projects. The district could spend up to \$430,000 having half of that funded by federal grant funds. Anything over and above that amount would be up to the district to fund.

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**#8-2021**

A. Maurina Collins motioned and Elaine Grant seconded that the Board consolidate and approve the following items 1 - 5:

1. Approve the minutes of the December 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and the January 5, 2021 Organizational Meeting.
2. Approve December 2020 financial reports. All documents are enclosed and are also available for inspection.
3. Approve the Then and Now purchase order list as presented.
4. Adopt the proposed Annual Tax Budget for 2021.
5. Approve Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources

Ayes: Mandy Berardinelli, Maurina Collins, Ted St. John, Elaine Grant, Darryl McGuire

Nays:

Abstain:

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS:**

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:

**#9-2021**

A. Maurina Collins motioned and Elaine Grant seconded to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS pursuant to ORC 3319, the issuance of a substitute teaching license requires an applicant to meet certain education requirements, which minimally include a post-secondary degree.

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2020, Governor DeWine signed into law Ohio House Bill 409 ("H.B. 409"). Section 3 of H.B. 409 provides local boards of education with the authority to establish their own educational requirements to employ substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. HB 409 specifically provides that a board of education "may in accordance with the district's [...] own set of educational requirements, employ an individual who does not hold a post-secondary degree as a substitute teacher, for the 2020-2021 school year only, provided that all other applicable requirements and procedures contained in the Revised Code and the Administrative Code with respect to that individual's qualifications to be a substitute teacher in the district [...] are satisfied."

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WHEREAS, consistent with Section 3(B) of H.B. 409, the Board desires to establish its own set of educational requirements to employ substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Windham Exempted Village School District, Portage County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any policy, administrative guideline, or job description to the contrary, the Board of Education modifies its educational requirement for the employment of substitute teachers, for the 2020-2021 school year only, such that the educational requirement for employment for substitute teachers is as follows:

The individual is a graduate of a high school or has a statement of high school equivalence in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

To be employed as a substitute teacher, an individual must satisfy all other applicable requirements and procedures contained in the Revised Code and the Administrative Code with respect to that individual's qualifications to be a substitute teacher.

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in these formal actions were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including R.C. 121.22 and Section 12 of H.B. 197 and any amendments thereto.

Ayes: Mandy Berardinelli, Maurina Collins, Ted St. John, Elaine Grant, Darryl McGuire

Nays:

Abstain:

**#10-2021**

B. Maurina Collins Motioned and Ted St. John seconded that the Board consolidate and approve the following items 1 - 5 :

1. Approve the following individual on the respective substitute list as presented for the 2020-2021 school year pending proper certification and clear BCI/FBI check:

Custodians-\$10.00 - Cafeteria-\$10.00 - Secretary-\$10.00 - Bus Aide-\$10.00 - Educational Aide-\$10.00 - Mechanic-\$14.50 - Bus Driver -\$14.50

Kelsey Pontillo - District-wide Substitute

2. Approve the following certificated substitutes for the 2020-2021 school year at a cost of \$90.00 per day, pending proper certification and clear BCI/FBI checks:

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Brianna Mark  
Natisha Johnson

3. Approve the following volunteers for the 2020-2021 school year:

Allen Blake - Basketball

4. Approve unpaid leave of absence for Amy Hoover effective January 8, 2021 through March 1, 2021.

5. Approve the appointment of the following individuals for supplemental contracts per salary schedule in the type of position listed for the 2020-2021 school year pending proper certification.

Eric Park      JH Boys Assistant Basketball Coach      0/0      1,804.00

Ayes: Mandy Berardinelli, Maurina Collins, Ted St. John, Elaine Grant, Darryl McGuire

Nays:

Abstain:

**#11-2021**

- C. Elaine Grant motioned and Ted St. John seconded that the Board consolidate and approve the following items 1 - 4:

1. Accept the following donations to the food pantry:

Antoniette & Wayne Sober - \$4,500

Scott & Suze Weeks - \$50

Cory Luzar - \$35

James & Kathleen Funtulis - \$80

Hubbard Food Store, LLC - \$75

Hard Labor Consulting, LLC - \$1,000

2. Approve the following student for open enrollment for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year:

Aiden McMillin      Grade 9      Newton Falls

3. Approve College Credit Plus for the following students for the 2020-2021 school year:

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Kaleb Beckwith  
Myla Christopher  
Shawn Heaton  
Camdyn Hoskin  
Bertram Jones  
Mikiylen Jones

Elizabeth Lovett  
Hannah Murton  
Allen Noble-Williams  
Zoey St. John  
Dylan Hessling  
Kaylee Nickol

4. Approve the Kent State University CCP agreement for the 2021-2022 school year.

Ayes: Mandy Berardinelli, Maurina Collins, Ted St. John, Elaine Grant, Darryl McGuire

Nays

Abstain:

**#12-2021**

- D. Maurina Collins motioned and Ted St. John seconded to approve the following item:


1. Approve the resolution to proceed requesting the Portage County Auditor to determine the millage rate of a Permanent Improvement Levy to be placed on the May 4, 2021 election ballot, as presented.

Ayes: Mandy Berardinelli, Maurina Collins, Ted St. John, Elaine Grant, Darryl McGuire

Nays:

Abstain:

VIII. Adjourn                      \_\_\_7:02\_\_\_ p.m.



Mandy Berardinelli, Board President



Adam Hines, Treasurer