

WILLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Work Session
Minutes
December 5, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Members Present (all present remotely through Zoom)

Michelle Doucette Cunningham - Chair
Ann Grosjean- Vice-Chair
Herb Arico - Secretary
Tracey Anderson
Donna Cook
Briana Ross
Laura Rodriguez

Also Present

Phil Stevens, Superintendent of Schools, CES Principal Lisa Cushing, HMS Principal Mary Kay Tshonas, Pupil Services Director Marcia McGinley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Erin Conley, members of the public.

1. Call to order

Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Welcome, introductions, and meeting process

Chair Cunningham welcomed participants and described the process of this meeting as a workshop format.

3. Willington Public Schools Data Outcomes and Action Steps

Superintendent Stevens presented information on the *Willington Public Schools Data Outcomes and Action Steps*. He reviewed the variety of assessments utilized by the district and reminded the Board that SBAC and iReady scores are only one piece of characterizing a student's level of success. Superintendent Stevens highlighted the national and local trends associated with SBAC and other nationally recognized tests, noting that scores across the state and nation had decreased significantly.

Superintendent Stevens introduced the concept of a cohort analysis pertaining to SBAC and iReady scores. Dr. Conley shared the SBAC math outcomes and Principal Cushing presented the language arts data. Superintendent Stevens shared the Connecticut State Department of Education's methodology for monitoring student progress through growth targets and accountability index. Principal Tshonas and Principal Cushing reviewed various district accountability index scores for their schools.

Director McGinley shared the Next Generation Science Standards Assessment results. She noted that last year's 8th-grade students were the first group of students to have taken the test twice, once in 5th grade and again in 8th grade.

Dr. Conley reviewed the iReady assessment data for math and reading. She presented the overall scores and shared grade level progress and stretch growth.

Superintendent Stevens reviewed the district action steps to improve student success outcomes. He reminded the Board of the importance of providing professional development opportunities to ensure the staff has the information needed to fulfill their implementation of the curriculum.

Board members and community members asked questions at various points throughout the meeting. Questions and comments included topics such as student retention, clarification of growth targets, the score progression on iReady, math intervention, summer programming, and the state's growth model.

4. Adjournment

Chair Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Laura Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Resolved for record Jan 10, 2023
At 1:15 pm RM