

**Board of Education Regular Meeting**

June 18, 2018 7:30 PM

Weston Middle School Library

**Attendance Taken at 7:30 PM:**

Present Board Members:

Gina Albert

Jacqueline Blechinger

Daniel McNeill

Samantha Nestor

Anthony Pesco

Ellen Uzenoff

Absent Board Members:

Sara Spaulding

**I. CALL TO ORDER, VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**II.A. Discussion of Salary and Contract Term for 2018-2019 Unaffiliated Central Office Administrators:**

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction,

Director of Human Resources and Internal Counsel,

Director of Finance and Operations,

Director of Digital Learning and Technology, and

Director of Facilities and Security

**III. RESUME PUBLIC SESSION**

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**V. RECOGNITION**

**V.A. Recognition and Presentation of Weston High School 2018 Girls Tennis Team, Class S State Champions and Coaching Staff and Weston High School 2018 Boys Tennis Team, Class M State Champions and Coaching Staff**

**V.B. Recognition of Mr. Matthew Medve, Indoor Track Coach of the Year by the Connecticut High School Coaches Association**

**V.C. Recognition of Mr. Mark Berkowitz, National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association State Award of Merit**

**V.D. Recognition of Weston Intermediate School 2017-2018 National Math Olympiad Participants**

**V.E. Recognition of Weston Intermediate School 2017-2018 Odyssey of the Mind Participants**

**V.F. Recognition of Weston Middle School 2018 Connecticut Association of Schools Scholar Leaders**

**V.G. Recognition of the Weston Middle School 2018 Robotics Teams**

**V.H. Recognition of Weston High School's 2017-2018 Mock Trial Team in receiving State Awards**

**V.I. Recognition of the Winners of the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles-Travelers Teen Save Driving Video Conference**

**V.J. Recognition of the 2018 Civic Life Youth Film Challenge**

**V.K. Recognition of the 2018 High School HALO Award Winners**

**V.L. Recognition of the 2017-2018 Connecticut Music Educators Association All-State Festival Participants**

**V.M. Recognition of National Association for Music Education 2017-2018 All-National Honors Jazz Ensemble Participant, Jane Paknia**

**V.N. Recognition of the Presidents of 2017-2018 Weston High School, Weston Middle School, Weston Intermediate School and Hurlbutt Elementary School Parent Teacher Organizations**

**Motion Passed:** Move that the Weston Board of Education recognize the outstanding academic, artistic, athletic and philanthropic accomplishments of our students, staff and parents during the 2017-2018 school year, as specifically recognized tonight at the June 18, 2018 meeting of the Weston Board of Education; passed with a motion by Ellen Uzenoff and a second by Jacqueline Blechinger.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

**V.O. Recognition of Weston Public Schools 2017-2018 Parent Teacher Organization's Funded Initiatives**

**Motion Passed:** Move that the Weston Board of Education recognize the Weston Public Schools 2017-2018 Parent Teacher Organization's Funded Initiatives; passed with a motion by Anthony Pesco and a second by Samantha Nestor.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

## **VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion Passed:** Move that the Weston Board of Education approve the minutes from May 21 Executive and Regular Sessions, and June 12 Executive Session; passed with a motion by Ellen Uzenoff and a second by Samantha Nestor.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Discussion:  
No public comment.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **VIII.A. Retirements**

#### **VIII.A.1. Recognition of Retirement:**

**Anne Graham, Jean Weisheit, Linda Feldstein, Linda Hicks and Marilyn Moks**

**Motion Passed:** Move that the Weston Board of Education recognizes the retirement of Anne Graham, Jean Weisheit, Linda Feldstein, Linda Hicks and Marilyn Moks; passed with a motion by Samantha Nestor and a second by Daniel McNeill.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

#### **VIII.B. Resignations**

##### **VIII.B.1. Recognition of Resignation of Nicole Pierce**

**Motion Passed:** Move that the Weston Board of Education acknowledge the resignation of Nicole Pierce; passed with a motion by Daniel McNeill and a second by Jacqueline Blechinger.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

#### **VIII.C. Discussion and Vote on Salary and Contract Term for 2018-2019 Unaffiliated Central Office Administrators**

##### **VIII.C.1. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Contract**

**Motion Passed:** Move that that Weston Board of Education: (1) approve the contract term of Dr. Kenneth Craw (the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction) for a new period of three years, July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021; (2) establish base salary of \$197,880, representing a 2.25% to Dr. Craw's current base salary; and (3) authorize the Chairperson to negotiate and execute a revised contract with the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction incorporating these changes; passed with a motion by Ellen Uzenoff and a second by Samantha Nestor.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

##### **VIII.C.2. Director of Human Resources and Internal Counsel Contract**

**Motion Passed:** Move that that Weston Board of Education: (1) approve the contract term of Mr. Lewis Brey (the Director of Human Resources and Internal Counsel) for a new period of three years, July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021; (2) establish base salary of \$174,155, representing a 2.25% to Mr. Brey's current base salary; and (3) authorize the Chairperson to negotiate and execute a revised contract with the Director of Human Resources and Internal Counsel; passed with a motion by Samantha Nestor and a second by Anthony Pesco.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

##### **VIII.C.3. Director of Finance and Operations Contract**

**Motion Passed:** Move that that Weston Board of Education: (1) approve the contract term of Mr. Richard Rudl (the Director of Finance and Operations) for a new period of three years, July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021; (2) establish base salary of \$181,291, representing a 2.25% to Mr. Rudl's current base salary; and (3) authorize the Chairperson to negotiate and execute a revised contract with the Director of Finance and Operations; passed with a motion by Anthony Pesco and a second by Ellen Uzenoff.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

#### **VIII.C.4. Director of Digital Learning and Technology Contract**

**Motion Passed:** Move that that Weston Board of Education: (1) approve the contract term of Dr. Craig Tunks (the Director of Digital Learning and Technology) for a new period of three years, July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021; (2) establish base salary of \$175,425, representing a 2.25% to Dr. Tunks' current base salary; and (3) authorize the Chairperson to negotiate and execute a revised contract with the Director of Digital Learning and Technology; passed with a motion by Jacqueline Blechinger and a second by Daniel McNeill.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

#### **VIII.C.5. Director of Facilities and Security Contract**

**Motion Passed:** Move that that Weston Board of Education: (1) approve the contract term of Mr. Joseph Olenik (the Director of Facilities and Security) for a new period of three years, July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021; (2) establish base salary of \$144,179, representing a 2.25% to Mr. Olenik's current base salary; and (3) authorize the Chairperson to negotiate and execute a revised contract with the Director of Facilities and Security; passed with a motion by Daniel McNeill and a second by Ellen Uzenoff.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

#### **VIII.D. Discussion and Approval of New Textbook Adoption for Weston High School: AP Environmental Science**

**Motion Passed:** Move that the Weston Board of Education approve the new textbook adoption for Weston High School: AP Environmental Science; passed with a motion by Ellen Uzenoff and a second by Anthony Pesco.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

#### **VIII.E. Discussion and Approval of New Textbook Adoption for Weston Middle School: French, Grades 6, 7, and 8**

**Motion Passed:** Move that the Weston Board of Education approve the new textbook adoption for Weston Middle School: French, Grades 6, 7, and 8; passed with a motion by Anthony Pesco and a second by Daniel McNeill.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

#### **VIII.F. Discussion and Approval of New Textbook Adoption for Weston Middle School: Grades 6, 7, and 8 Science e-Textbooks**

**Motion Passed:** Move that the Weston Board of Education approve the new textbook adoption for Weston High School: Grades 6, 7, and 8 Science e-Textbooks; passed with a motion by Ellen Uzenoff and a second by Samantha Nestor.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

#### **VIII.G. Update on Field Trip Request**

Dr. Craw updated the Board regarding the Performing Arts Department's field trip to Festival Disney which provides our high school students an authentic audience to perform as well as participate in a recording while there. The trip is scheduled for February 28-March 4, 2019.

## **VIII.H. Eleventh FY 2018 Financial Update and Approval of Transfers**

**Motion Passed:** Move that the Weston Board of Education approve the Eleventh FY 2018 Financial Update and Approval of Transfers as presented by Mr. Rudl; passed with a motion by Anthony Pesco and a second by Jacqueline Blechinger.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

### **IX.A. Weston Board of Education Policies, Regulations, and Bylaws**

#### **IX.A.1. Second Reading of Policy 5141.21 Administration of Student Medications in the Schools**

**Motion Passed:** Move that the Weston Board of Education approve Policy 5141.21 Administration of Student Medications in the Schools; passed with a motion by Jacqueline Blechinger and a second by Ellen Uzenoff.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

#### **IX.A.2. Second Reading of Policy and Administration Regulation 3516.4 Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control**

**Motion Passed:** Move that the Weston Board of Education approve Policy and Administration Regulation 3516.4 Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control; passed with a motion by Daniel McNeill and a second by Jacqueline Blechinger.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

## **X. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **X.A. District Update**

Discussion:

Prior to Dr. McKersie updating the Board on District items, Ms. Albert, Chairperson of the Board recognized the retirement of Lois Pernice, Director of Pupil Personnel Services and thanked her for her years of service to the students, parents and staff of Weston Public Schools.

Dr. McKersie updated the Board on the following items: Last week we had five area districts working together on Emotional Intelligence and will be working to schedule a meeting with Vipin Thekk to hear how Changemakers may be able to assist the area districts. Dr. McKersie sent the Board an outline on Emotional Intelligence that was created by our internal EI team in Weston.

All schools will have their guided reading and math packages for the summer posted on their websites. The last PPS parent roundtable meeting will occur this week. The Board received the full set of meeting notes from each of the meetings. There will be no Principal's Report for the month of June. All moving up ceremonies are scheduled this week. The summer months will be busy with a workshop scheduled that will focus on capacity-building of our administrative team and the leadership team's 3-day institute, focusing on leading in a digital environment and goal setting.

The Extended School Year (ESY) will be held at Hurlbutt Elementary this summer. Beginning in July, the Board will be moving to an electronic means of communication for its agendas and attachments.

**XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**XI.A. Communications Committee**

Discussion:

Ms. Nestor mentioned that the Communications Committee Meeting for June will be postponed until July, 2018.

**XI.B. Curriculum Committee**

**XI.C. Facilities Committee**

Discussion:

Mrs. Uzenoff reminded the Board that a facilities walk-through of Weston Middle School will take place on Monday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m.

**XI.D. Finance Committee**

**XI.E. Policy Committee**

**XI.F. Negotiations Committee**

**XI.G. CES**

**XI.H. CABB**

**XI.I. Weston Education Foundation**

**XII. WRITTEN REPORTS**

**XII.A. Principals' Reports - No Report**

**XIII. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**XIII.A. Regular Session on July 30, 2018 at 7:30 p.m., with an Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.**

**XIII.B. Review of Pending Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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Chairperson

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Superintendent