

**Board of Education Regular Meeting**

August 27, 2018 7:30 PM

Weston Middle School Library

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

Present Board Members:

Gina Albert

Sara Spaulding

Jacqueline Blechinger

Daniel McNeill

Samantha Nestor

Anthony Pesco

Absent Board Members:

Ellen Uzenoff

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

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. REQUEST TO ADJUST ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion Passed:** Move that the Weston Board of Education approve the minutes from the June 18, 2018 Regular Session; passed with a motion by Anthony Pesco and a second by Sara Spaulding.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Discussion: No Public Comment

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**VI.A. Retirements**

**Motion Passed:** Move that the Weston Board of Education acknowledge the retirement of Catherine Melinda Desposito, Weston Middle School Reading Specialist, effective July 16, 2018; passed with a motion by Daniel McNeill and a second by Anthony Pesco.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

**VI.B. Resignations**

**Motion Passed:** Move that the Weston Board of Education acknowledge the resignation of Samantha Slater, Speech Language Pathologist at Weston Intermediate School, effective June 18, 2018, David Dudics, Special Education Teacher at Weston Intermediate School, effective July 19, 2018, and Keara O'Leary, Social Studies Teacher at Weston High School, effective July 20, 2018; passed with a motion by Daniel McNeill and a second by Samantha Nestor.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

**VI.C. Security Update by Weston Public Schools and Weston Police Department**

Discussion:

Dr. William McKersie previewed to the Board the topics of the Security Update. Mr. Joseph Olenik, Director of Facilities and Security, reviewed the facilities structure improvements in the District with the addition of Raptor Visitor Management System, Alertus, and Access Control System. Weston Police Department's Chief of Police Edwin Henion and Captain Matthew Brodacki, updated the District on the law enforcement initiatives throughout Weston and the District. Mr. Michael Rizzo, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel Services, reviewed the many connections in which Pupil Personnel Services assist our students. Discussion by the Board followed.

**VI.D. Effective School Solutions (ESS) Presentation**

Discussion:

Mr. Gerry Barone and Dr. Paul Cancro from Effective School Solutions provided an update regarding the therapeutic mental health services provided to Weston Public Schools in 2017-2018.

**VI.E. Update on NEASC 5-Year Progress Report for WHS**

Discussion:

Ms. Lisa Deorio, Principal of Weston High School, provided an update New England Association of School and Colleges 5-Year Progress Report. A synopsis of the report was handed out by Mrs. Deorio.

**VI.F. Update on Graduation Tent Accountability**

Discussion:

Mr. Richard Rudl, Director of Finance and Operations provided an update on the June 2018 graduation tent accounting. Mr. Rudl and Mrs. Deorio will coordinate with tent donors on the use of the extra funds.

**VI.G. Summer Facilities Update**

Discussion:

An update was provided on the facilities projects that were completed over the summer of 2018 throughout the District. Major projects included the WHS gym floor, WHS turf field replacement, WHS soccer field camera installation, WHS gym camera, WMS school cafeteria renovation, WIS knee wall, the Alertus installation, and Raptor Visitor Management System.

**VI.H. Staffing Update**

Discussion:

Mr. Lewis Brey, Director of Human Resources and Internal Counsel, provided an update as to the certified staff hires for 2018-2019.

**VI.I. Update on Pupil Personnel Services**

Discussion:

Mr. Michael Rizzo, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel Services, provided an update to the Board regarding Pupil Personnel Services. The District has hired new legal representation for PPS services. Enhanced communications between the Business Office and PPS has helped in managing the financial obligations of the District and the department will use current staff in assisting with professional development training.

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**VII.A. District Update**

Discussion:

Dr. McKersie highlighted a few items for the Board: enrollment updates have been included in his weekly emails, notes received regarding the Convocation ceremony were that it was a strong and good event. Dr. McKersie handed out Leadership Norms to the BOE, which were created during the three days of workshop that District Leadership had in August. WPS and WEF held a brainstorming session this summer to discuss potential upcoming initiatives, including the work with Emotional Intelligence. Dr. McKersie also mentioned the welcome back letter sent to families on Monday and thanked the PTO's at each school for all their help leading up to the start of school.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**VIII.A. Communications Committee**

**VIII.B. Curriculum Committee**

**VIII.C. Facilities Committee**

**VIII.D. Finance Committee**

**VIII.E. Policy Committee**

**VIII.F. Negotiations Committee**

**VIII.G. CES**

**VIII.H. CABE**

**VIII.I. Weston Education Foundation**

**IX. WRITTEN REPORTS**

**IX.A. Principals' Reports**

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

**X.A. Regular Session on September 17, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. (Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.)**

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

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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Chairperson

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Superintendent