

**Board of Education Regular Meeting**

September 23, 2019 7:30 PM  
Weston Middle School Library

**Attendance Taken at 7:38 PM:**

Present Board Members:

Gina Albert  
Ruby Hedge  
Hillary Koyner  
Taffy Miller  
Anthony Pesco  
Melissa Walker

Absent Board Members:

Ellen Uzenoff

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

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**III. RESUME PUBLIC SESSION**

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**V. RECOGNITIONS OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS-None to recognize this month.**

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion Passed:** Move that the Weston Board of Education approve the minutes from the August 16, 2019 Board Workshop and August 26, 2019 Regular Session; passed with a motion by Anthony Pesco and a second by Ruby Hedge.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Discussion:  
No public comment.

**VIII. STUDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS**

Discussion:  
Dr. McKersie introduced the two Weston High School seniors Graham Fay and Chelsea Greenberg as the 2019-2020 Student Representatives for the Board of Education. Graham and Chelsea spoke about the Green Ribbon award Weston High School received, Weston Against Cancer fundraiser, Homecoming week, Start with Hello week. The High School will welcome Chinese delegates from October 2-5 and the school is working on ways in which all grades can interact with one another more.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**IX.A. Retirements-None to recognize this month.**

**IX.B. Resignations-None to recognize this month.**

**IX.C. Ratification of the Tentative Agreement between Weston Board of Education and Weston Administrators Association, for a Collective Bargaining Agreement Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023**

Discussion:

Board Chairperson, Ms. Gina Albert, provided background on the three union groups in Weston. Ms. Albert, Mrs. Uzenoff and Ms. Walker served on the Negotiating Committee and they have been working collaboratively with the Weston Administrators Association since July on this Tentative Agreement.

**Motion Passed:** Move that the Weston Board of Education ratify the Tentative Agreement between Weston Board of Education and Weston Administrators Association, for a Collective Bargaining Agreement Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023; passed with a motion by Melissa Walker and a second by Taffy Miller.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

**IX.D. Student Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding Approval**

Discussion:

Dr. McKersie updated the Board on the annual MOU and the wonderful relationship we have with the Weston Police Department.

**Motion Passed:** Move that the Weston Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Weston Police Department and the Weston Board of Education regarding the School Resource Officer Program and authorize the Chairperson and Superintendent to execute the agreement; passed with a motion by Melissa Walker and a second by Ruby Hedge.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

**IX.E. Senior Center Memorandum of Understanding Approval**

Discussion:

Dr. McKersie reviewed the MOU between the BOE and Town of Weston regarding the Senior Center.

**Motion Passed:** Move that the Weston Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Weston for the Town Senior Center and authorize the Chairperson to execute the agreement; passed with a motion by Ruby Hedge and a second by Taffy Miller.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

**IX.F. Update on School Start/End Time Task Force**

Discussion:

Dr. McKersie reviewed his School Start/End Time update with the Board on where we currently stand. He is currently working on putting together a task force to study this topic. Laura Kaddis will be a member of this task force while Pattie Falber will work on the Sustainability Committee. Board members thought it would be beneficial to have a representative from Weston Parks and Recreation on the Task Force. Board discussion followed.

## **IX.G. Second FY 2020 Financial Update and Approval of Transfers**

Discussion:

Dr. Pesco provided the second Financial Update for FY20. There were \$452,539 in transfers with one in excess of \$5,000.

**Motion Passed:** Move that the Board of Education approve the second Fiscal Year 2020 Financial Update and Approval of Transfers; passed with a motion by Ruby Hedge and a second by Anthony Pesco.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

## **X. OLD BUSINESS**

### **XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### **XI.A. District Update**

Discussion:

Dr. McKersie mentioned that the District has worked closely with First Student to repair the gaps that occurred at the beginning of school. The team is working to create a timeline of what needs to occur leading up to the start of a new school year.

The Board has moved to hold student recognitions two times during the school year in order to have more dedicated time in celebrating their accomplishments. Dr. McKersie highlighted the Counseling Department and all the good work that is going on. He is meeting with the WTA and their executive members. The four major topics being discussed are copying, technology, summer pay schedule and professional development planning and scheduling.

Dr. McKersie has been attending a superintendent's workshop with the Southern Fairfield County Superintendent's Association. They have brought in Doug Eddy who is working with the team on governance issues. Please make note that going forward, the Principal's report will be presented every other month, the next one will be October.

### **XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **XII.A. Communications Committee**

#### **XII.B. Curriculum Committee**

#### **XII.C. Facilities Committee**

#### **XII.D. Finance Committee**

#### **XII.E. Policy Committee**

#### **XII.F. Negotiations Committee**

Discussion:

Ms. Albert noted that the Committee is working on finalizing details with the Weston Teachers Association.

#### **XII.G. CES**

**XII.H. CABE**

**XII.I. Weston Education Foundation**

Discussion:

WEF is sponsoring an event between the Harlem Wizards vs. Weston's Brainy Bunch on October 5 at 5:00 p.m.

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

**XIII.A. Regular Session on October 21, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**

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

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion Passed:** Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m. passed with a motion by Anthony Pesco and a second by Ruby Hedge.

**6 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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Chairperson

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Superintendent