

Board of Education Regular Meeting

October 21, 2019 7:30 PM
Weston Middle School Library

Attendance Taken at 7:38 PM:

Present Board Members:

Gina Albert
Ruby Hedge
Ms. Hillary Koyner
Anthony Pesco
Ellen Uzenoff
Melissa Walker

Absent Board Members:

Taffy Miller

I. CALL TO ORDER, VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. Addition of Agenda Item: Update on Virtual Net Metering and Approval of Street Light Project

Motion Passed: Move that the Weston Board of Education add the agenda item "Update on Virtual Net Metering and Approval of Street Light Project; passed with a motion by Anthony Pesco and a second by Ruby Hedge.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

IV. RECOGNITION

Discussion:

The following people recognized the 20-year service Ellen Uzenoff dedicated to the Board of Education: Ken Craw, Elise Major, Denise Harvey, Sonya Stack, Phil Schaeffer, Tony Pesco, Ruby Hedge, Melissa Walker, and Hillary Koyner.

Motion Passed: Move that the Weston Board of Education recognize Ellen Uzenoff for 20 years of outstanding service to the students, families and staff of Weston Public Schools; passed with a motion by Anthony Pesco and a second by Ruby Hedge.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Passed: Move that the Weston Board of Education approve the minutes from the September 23, 2019 Executive and Regular Session and October 7, 2019 Budget Workshop; passed with a motion by Ruby Hedge and a second by Anthony Pesco.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion:

Phil Schaeffer, Kettle Creek Road-Expressed excited about new website and would like Board to consider upgrades to the audio/visual system for public meetings.

VII. STUDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Discussion:

Chelsea Greenberg and Graham Fay updated the Board regarding Homecoming Week and Spirit Days, community service initiatives and the high school is working on rebuilding a strong community service relationship between WHS and the Weston Senior Center. Other community service efforts ongoing are relationships with The Star Foundation which helps rescue animals, and Purple Heart Homes, which provides support for veterans.

This year's PTO pie fundraiser will have a portion of the proceeds allocated to student government needs at each grade level.

Regarding the kindness initiative, "Be the 'I' in Kindness" banners are at each school and everyone is encouraged to have a photo taken and uploaded on Instagram. All high school students had a walk of unity around the track, culminating with the "W" in the center of the field. Start with Hello week has begun and this its focus is to help eliminate isolation with in the schools. The 26 Days of Kindness initiative will begin soon.

The Chinese delegation visited Weston High School again and they had a successful trip.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII.A. Board to Enter Executive Session

Discussion:

The Board entered into Executive Session. The Board invited Dr. Kenneth Craw and Mr. Lewis Brey to join.

Motion Passed: Move that the Weston Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 8:09 p.m.; passed with a motion by Anthony Pesco and a second by Melissa Walker.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

VIII.A.1. Collective Bargaining

VIII.B. Resume Public Session

Discussion:

The Board resumed Public Session at 8:44 p.m.

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

Motion Passed: Move that the Weston Board of Education ratify the Tentative Agreement between Weston Board of Education and Weston Teachers 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 Anthony Pesco.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

VIII.D. Update on Virtual Net Metering and Approval of Street Light Project

Discussion:

Mr. Jonathan Luiz, Town of Weston Administrator, spoke to the Board regarding the background and costs of purchasing and converting all Weston street lights (19) to LED lighting. He also updated the Board on the Virtual Net Metering project as well.

Motion Passed: Move that the Weston Board of Education approves that the Town of Weston purchase the street lights in the District from Eversource and upgrade them to LED technology. The cost to the District to be determined for 15 lights and to be paid out of the virtual net metering savings; passed with a motion by Anthony Pesco and a second by Ruby Hedge.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

VIII.E. Gauging Student Progress Report

Discussion:

Dr. Kenneth Craw reviewed the Gauging Progress Report for 2018-2019. The Assessment Framework-Data Pyramid indicates all the assessments make up student progress. Dr. Craw spoke about Smarter Balanced Assessments, School Day SAT results and writing portfolios. On hand were Curriculum Instructional Leaders from mathematics and English language Arts to answer questions from the Board.

VIII.F. Third FY 2020 Financial Update and Approval of Transfers

Discussion:

Mr. Phillip Cross, Director of Finance and Operations, provided a monthly financial update. Transfers totaling \$74,258 were presented for approval. Of these transfers, there were 6 in excess of \$5,000.

Motion Passed: Move that the Weston Board of Education approve the transfers as presented by Mr. Cross in the third FY 20 financial update; passed with a motion by Anthony Pesco and a second by Ruby Hedge.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

VIII.G. FY 21 Budget Calendar Approval

Discussion:

Mr. Cross reviewed the FY 21 Budget Calendar and highlighted a few key dates for the Board.

Motion Passed: Move that the Weston Board of Education approve the FY 21 Budget Calendar; passed with a motion by Anthony Pesco and a second by Ruby Hedge.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

VIII.H. FY 21 Budget Assumptions

Discussion:

Mr. Cross reviewed the Budget Assumptions for FY 21, which have been discussed at the Board Workshop and in the Finance Committee.

Motion Passed: Move that the Weston Board of Education approve the FY 21 Operating Budget Assumptions; passed with a motion by Melissa Walker and a second by Anthony Pesco.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

VIII.I. Approval of FY21 Capital Budget

Discussion:

Ms. Albert spoke with the Board regarding the history of the Town Capital Committee and how the Board of Education and the Town will manage capital requests from the District.

Motion Passed: move to approve the proposed multi-year capital budget; passed with a motion by Ellen Uzenoff and a second by Anthony Pesco.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

VIII.J. Update of Summer 2019 Facilities Projects

Discussion:

Mr. Cross updated the Board as to the Summer 2019 facility projects. The Revson Field renovations are estimated to be completed within the next two weeks.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

X.A. District Update

Discussion:

Mr. Rizzo highlighted a few presentations in November. On November 6 there will be a presentation on vaping, school safety and security will be held on November 13, and on November 21, a workshop for parents on emotional problem solving. The School Climate Survey will be sent to all staff and families the end of October and be open for a few weeks.

Dr. Craw spoke to the Board regarding the School Start/End Time Discussion. The School Start/End Time Task Force had its first meeting, with the next one scheduled for October 29.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

XI.A. Communications Committee

XI.B. Curriculum Committee

XI.C. Facilities Committee

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

XIII. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

XIII.A. Regular Session on November 18, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Discussion:

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Ellen Uzenoff and a second by Anthony Pesco.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Chairperson

Superintendent