

Board of Education Regular Meeting

November 18, 2019 6:30 PM

Weston Middle School Library

Attendance Taken at 6:33 PM:

Present Board Members:

Gina Albert

Ruby Hedge

Hillary Koyner

Taffy Miller

Anthony Pesco

Melissa Walker

I. CALL TO ORDER, VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

III. RESUME PUBLIC SESSION

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

V.A. Board of Education Chairperson

Motion Passed: Move that the Weston Board of Education elect Anthony Pesco as the Board Chairperson; passed with a motion by Gina Albert and a second by Taffy Miller.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

V.B. Board of Education Vice Chairperson

Motion Passed: Move that the Weston Board of Education elect Melissa Walker as the Board Vice Chairperson; passed with a motion Hillary Koyner and a second by Gina Albert.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

V.C. Board of Education Secretary/Treasurer

Motion Passed: Move that the Weston Board of Education elect Ruby Hedge as the Board Secretary/Treasurer; passed with a motion by Taffy Miller and a second by Melissa Walker.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

VI. RECOGNITION

VI.A. Recognition of Amy Holmes, Weston 2020 Teacher of the Year

Motion Passed: Move that the Weston Board of Education recognize Amy Holmes, Weston 2020 Teacher of the Year, for her outstanding service to the students of Weston; passed with a motion by Ruby Hedge and a second by Gina Albert.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

VI.B. Recognition of Donations by Weston High School PTO

Motion Passed: Move that the Weston Board of Education recognize the generous donations to Weston High School on behalf of The Weston High School PTO; passed with a motion by Melissa Walker and a second by Hillary Koyner.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion:

Ms. Hedge mentioned that in the minutes from the October 21, 2019 Board Meeting, she abstained during the vote for the FY 21 Budget Assumptions. The minutes have been updated to reflect that change.

Motion Passed: Move that the Weston Board of Education approve the minutes from the October 21, 2019 Executive Session and Regular Session; passed with a motion by Gina Albert and a second by Ms. Hillary Koyner.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion:

No public comment.

IX. STUDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Discussion:

Both Chelsea Greenberg and Graham Fay updated the Board on a number of things happening in the high school. Beginning November 19, WHS will begin the 26 Days of Kindness, which will include a food drive, kindness pledges, grade-level displays of kindness and a school wide assembly.

Homecoming was a tremendous success this year, with the floats a huge hit! The Powderpuff game and trivia night were also fun events that were attended by many people.

Mindfulness has been a focus throughout WHS with longer Advisory meetings, stressing putting phones away and how to use our "wise minds."

X. NEW BUSINESS

X.A. Weston High School Class of 2019 Statistical Report and Analysis of College Applications

Discussion:

Dr. Kenneth Craw, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction updated the Board on both the results of the SAT and ACT scores for 2019.

Ms. Lisa Wolak, Principal of Weston High School, reviewed the Advanced Placement classes offered last year as well as the results of the AP tests.

Ms. Meredith Starzyk, Director of Counseling for Weston High School, spoke about college application statistics as well as the student outcomes from the Class of 2019.

X.B. Annual Enrollment Report

Discussion:

Mr. Mike Zuba from Milone & MacBroom, presented the Weston Public Schools Comprehensive Enrollment Study to the Board. He highlighted historic enrollment data as well as enrollment projections for the next 10 years. A question was asked as to whether non-public school students were tracked on an annual basis, which they are not.

X.C. Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding Between the Weston Board of Education and Local 1303-110 of Council 4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO

Motion Passed: Move that the Weston Board of Education ratify the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Weston Board of Education and Local 1303-110 of Council 4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO passed with a motion by Melissa Walker and a second by Gina Albert.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

X.D. Discussion and Vote on Preschool Tuition

Discussion:

Mr. Lewis Brey, Director of Human Resources and Internal Counsel, updated to the Board regarding the negotiated items with AFSCME.

Motion Passed: Move that the Weston Board of Education approve the proposed FY 21 preschool tuition rate; passed with a motion by Melissa Walker and a second by Taffy Miller.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

X.E. Fourth FY 2020 Financial Update and Approval of Transfers

Discussion:

Mr. Phillip Cross, Director of Finance and Operations, provided a monthly financial update. Transfers totaling \$61,357.61 were presented for approval. Of these transfers, three were in excess of \$5,000.

Motion Passed: Move that the Weston Board of Education approve the transfers as presented by Mr. Cross in the fourth FY 20 Financial Update; passed with a motion by Gina Albert and a second by Hillary Koyner.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

X.F. Discussion of Monthly Board Meeting Start Times

Discussion:

The Board discussed moving all future meetings to a 7:00 p.m. start time rather than 7:30 p.m. All Members unanimously voted to move the balance of the 2019-2020 meetings to 7:00 p.m.

XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

XI.A. District Update

Discussion:

Dr. William McKersie, Superintendent of Schools, updated the Board regarding the School Start and End Time Task Force meetings. He highlighted the parent focus groups led by the PTO Task Force representatives, the athletic information compiled by Mark Berkowitz, after school programs that were compiled by Joe Parciasepe, and District transportation information.

Dr. McKersie mentioned to the Board the ability for districts to set graduation dates prior to April 1. He will bring his recommendation to the Board in December.

During training of staff, Amanda Quaintance created a graphic display of Dialectical Behavior Therapy, which he will be sharing with the Board.

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion:

Dr. Anthony Pesco, Board of Education Chairperson, asked all committee chairs to bring forth big ideas that each committee is working on and give a brief update each month.

XII.A. Communications Committee

XII.B. Curriculum Committee

XII.C. Facilities Committee

XII.D. Finance Committee

XII.E. Policy Committee

XII.F. Negotiations Committee

XII.G. CES

XII.H. CABE

XII.I. Weston Education Foundation

XIII. WRITTEN REPORTS

XIII.A. Principals' Reports

XIV. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

XIV.A. Regular Session on December 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Discussion:

The December 16, 2019 monthly Board Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

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

Discussion:

Dr. McKersie reminded the Board that on December 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the WMS Library, we will hold a special ceremony and celebrate those with Fall recognitions.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Discussion:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Anthony Pesco and a second by Taffy Miller.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Chairperson

Superintendent