

**Westport School Committee
Regular Meeting
DATE: Thursday, November 19, 2020
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Virtual Meeting**

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MINUTES

Members Present: Michelle Orlando, Melissa Pacheco, Nancy Stanton Cross, Nancy Tavares, Antonio Viveiros

Also Present: Thomas Aubin Acting Superintendent, Michelle Rapoza School Business Manager, Kerri McKinnon Acting Assistant Superintendent / WJSHS Principal, 48 Community Participants

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - Chair Viveiros opened the Virtual School Committee at 6:32 pm., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Viveiros announced:

This meeting is being held remotely in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c.30A, Section 20

Comments and Statements from the Public - There were none.

III. Informational Agenda

A. Superintendent Report – Superintendent Aubin reported they are working with 2 budgets FY21 and FY22. They are watching circuit breaker funding that could potentially affect Special Education. Cares Act spending on COVID relief could be extended beyond December 31, 2020.

MIAA will be voting on winter sports including basketball and hockey. Total numbers for indoors on Step 1 Phase III are limited to 25 people. Also, there are no jump balls, halftime, fast breaks for basketball and no faceoffs for hockey.

MASC met about a 1-year waiver on MCAS. Commissioner believes the waiver will not take place.

Administration is working on eliminating snow days by developing asynchronous lessons for students to learn remotely. As long as there are no power outages this will not add school days to the end of year.

B. WCS Bill Warrant: 11-20-20 - Chair Viveiros acknowledged reviewing and signing the bill warrant dated 11.20.20 in the amount of \$326,353.17. The bill warrant was emailed to school committee members for review. This month was high due to payment for Amaral's Bus Company.

C. COVID Update – Superintendent Aubin reported there are 8 students and 6 staff members testing positive for Covid 19. Nurse Dupont is putting a report for maximum positivity rate since September 16. Mr. Aubin gave credit to the staff doing an exceptional job to keep these numbers down. This is the 5th week of high risk for Westport. Contact tracing has been turned over from the BOH to the state Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC).

D. Business Manager Report – FY21 Quarterly Budget Review – Ms. Rapoza reviewed the FY21 first quarter expenditures at a total of \$19,096,102.00 million from July 1, 2020 - through Oct 31, 2020. Ms. Rapoza reviewed the Revolving Accounts. There has been a reduction in revenue for preschool, student activities, Extended Day (with a limited number of students), transportation reimbursement, school lunches (all meals are free and reduced). Every meal will be reimbursed through June 2021 however labor is not covered.

E. FY22 Preliminary Budget Development Timeline Discussion – Ms. Rapoza presented the FY 22 Budget Development Timeline. There are additional budget workshops scheduled on Tuesday nights to get the FY22 budget ready for the Town. They have started meeting with the Special Education Director, MAC and WES.

F. Subcommittee Updates - Chair Viveiros reported the SBC and the Design Subcommittee met last night. They discussed a message board sign. The neighbors are concerned about bright lights. This sign will be dimmed or turned off at a designated time. The school building project is meeting its timeline and budget. Contingency funds have 7 million dollars and they are doing good with change orders. They had the opportunity to go into the building on Tuesday and viewed shelving, cabinetry, and cement stairs. In 9 months, the new school will be ready.

Ms. Stanton Cross reported there is a lot of production from the wells at 45 gallons a minute. The well approval application process is going through the DEP. Committee has authorized a landscape architect for the campground and JRSRHS sites for determining the future for the playing fields. Plans will be developed. Ms. Stanton Cross mentioned the Community Preservation Act is helping to develop this property on the campground site for everyone in town. The possible development of a community walking track that goes around the natural contour of the land, bocce and pickleball courts are also under discussion. The Recreation Department is putting out a survey to determine what the community wants to see for this property.

Superintendent Aubin reported good news on the technology front. They have a connection with Spectrum. Mr. Tomah, Mr. Marks from Daedalus and MSBA are working together on the new technology going into the new school building.

MSBA voted to approve the new roof for the MAC.

There will be a Parent Forum for the JRSRHS on Monday November 23, 2020 at 6 pm.

Discussion was held on the chain of command protocol. When there is a concern the first place to go is the building principal.

IV. Action Agenda

A. Review and Act on Minutes of Thursday, November 5, 2020 -

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of Thursday, November 5, 2020.

Motion by Tavares, seconded by Pacheco

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B. Review and Act on Proposed Substitute Rates - Superintendent Aubin reported this would begin January 1, 2021.

A motion was made to approve rates as presented.

Motion by Pacheco, seconded by Orlando

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V. **Routine Matters - Correspondence and Notices** - There were none.

VI. **Topics the Chair could not Reasonably Anticipate Forty-eight (48) Hours in Advance of the Meeting** -

Graduation Requirements - Chair Viveiros requested the administrative staff consider reviewing the high school graduation requirements. Superintendent Aubin mentioned any schedule changes affect courses offered. Ms. McKinnon and Ms. Charette are still in the preliminary development stages for the schedule.

VII. Adjourn - A motion was made to adjourn. With members being present and voting individually and unanimously, the motion passes.

Motion by Tavares, seconded by Pacheco

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Roll call vote:

Orlando Yes Pacheco Yes Stanton Cross Yes Tavares Yes Viveiros Yes

The Virtual School Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

MEETING DOCUMENTS

Summary of Expenditures 7/1/2020-10/31/2020

FY22 Budget Development Timeline

Substitute and Extended Day Rates

Submitted by Sharon Pinho School Committee Recording Secretary