

**Westport School Committee
Regular Meeting
DATE: Thursday, October 15, 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/Principal, 28 Community Participants

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - Chair Viveiros opened the Virtual School Committee Meeting at 6:33 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 - Mr. Aubin reported on October 6 leadership met with the WES staff to prepare for opening full in person for grades 3 and 4 on October 13, 2020.

Ms. Rapoza gave an update on traffic. The traffic pattern was changed between MAC and WES with parent pick up first, then buses after. This change went smoothly. They are now preparing for grades 5 and 6.

Additional air purifiers were received yesterday. They were assembled and placed in the high school. Air ducts and HVAC systems are being cleaned, arrival of more HEPA air purifiers are scheduled for October 30. Matt Armendo from the BOH will visit, then a hybrid model will begin to take place.

ESports gaming club began.

Mr. Tomah IT Director is meeting with the building contractors. New school will need different IP addresses. Technology Committee meeting will take place next week.

Mr. Aubin updated the committee by sending a list on all the work done by maintenance and custodial staff. Mr. Aubin is proud of teachers and staff for all their efforts.

B. WCS Bill Warrant 10-23-20 - Chair Viveiros acknowledged reviewing and signing the bill warrant dated 10.23.20 in the amount of \$168,547.00. The bill warrant was emailed to school committee members for review.

C. Subcommittee Updates - Mr. Aubin reported there was a Tuesday construction meeting. Discussion took place about holding a meeting with the abutters for hours of lights, etc. for the tennis courts. Moving of memorials was also mentioned. There will be a high-tech system to provide protections from colds and flu. Meeting for determining keys was postponed.

Mr. Levi donated murals for the foyer and cafeteria. They will gather student ideas to memorialize the murals and will engage community artists like Ms. Buck.

Technology committee will meet next week. Phone systems and get community groups together to sync technologies will be topics for discussion.

Chair Viveiros attended the Town's Building Reuse Committee. A Public Hearing has been posted for the proposed uses of the high school property on October 28, 2020.

Ms. Stanton Cross reported on the Campground Committee. An RFP was submitted and it was agreed the land will be used for school and recreational use. Campground should be transferred to the schools. The School Building Committee would have funds to contribute. Ms. Stanton Cross will set up a meeting tomorrow to have the BOS transfer the land to the school. After this is completed, a Campground Committee will no longer be needed.

IV. Action Agenda

A. Review and Act on Minutes of Thursday, September 10, 2020 Work Session and Thursday, October 1, 2020, Thursday, October 8, 2020 Work Session -

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of Thursday, September 10, 2020 Work Session, Thursday, October 1, 2020, and Thursday, October 8, 2020 Work Session.

Motion by Orlando, seconded by Pacheco 5/0/0

B. Review and Act on the Resignation of Dr. Gary Reese as Superintendent -

A motion was made to accept the letter of resignation received from Dr. Gary Reese as Superintendent effective November 30, 2020.

Motion by Stanton Cross, seconded by Pacheco 5/0/0

C. Review and Act on the Acting Superintendent, Thomas Aubin being appointed to Interim Superintendent -

A motion was made to appoint Thomas Aubin Interim Superintendent effective December 1, 2020.

Motion by Stanton Cross, seconded by Tavares 5/0/0

D. Review and Act on the Acting Assistant Superintendent/Principal, Kerri McKinnon being appointed to Interim Assistant Superintendent/Principal -

A motion was made to appoint Kerri McKinnon Interim Assistant Superintendent/Principal effective December 1, 2020.

Motion by Stanton Cross, seconded by Tavares 5/0/0

E. Review and Act on Retirement for Mike Duarte, Head of Maintenance and Facilities -

Mr. Aubin is recommending a stipend for Mr. Duarte who has provided almost 4 decades of service. Mr. Duarte will stay until April 2021. The position will be posted.

A motion was made to approve the recommendation by Mr. Aubin to provide a stipend for Mike Duarte, Head of Maintenance and Facilities.

Motion by Stanton Cross, seconded by Orlando 5/0/0

F. Review and Act on District Strategic/District Improvement Plan 2020-2023 -
A motion was made to approve the District Strategic/District Improvement Plan 2020-2023 as presented.

Motion by Stanton Cross, seconded by Orlando 5/0/0

G. Review and Act on the WSRHS Field Trip – Grades 9 &10 – Panama – February 12, 2022 – February 19, 2022 - Mr. Aubin made a recommendation to have trip advisor Mr. Brown come and speak about the protections and risks at the next meeting.

H. Review and Act on the WSRHS Field Trip – Grades 10-12 – Greece – April Break 2022 - This item will be brought back next meeting.

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 -

Ms. Stanton Cross informed everyone about question no. 3 on the Westport ballot regarding the WES roof replacement. There was a first vote in July to go forward with the project and the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the Town to receive 50% project reimbursement. This should have gone on the primary ballot within 90 days and it did not. Now this needs to be voted on again. It is a debt exclusion item. Ms. Stanton Cross mentioned this opportunity of 50% funding will not happen again for the Town.

Superintendent's Corner will take place tomorrow on Vimeo Westport Community TV. The program will feature Mr. Duarte and Ms. Ouellette and all they have done in the buildings with safety protocols and making the schools safe. The following week will cover the electoral college and the lack of women representation in politics.

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

Motion by Orlando, seconded by Stanton Cross 5/0/0

Roll call vote:

Orlando Yes Pacheco Yes Stanton Cross Yes Tavares Yes Viveiros Yes

The Virtual School Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Meeting Documents

District Strategic/District Improvement Plan 2020-2023

WSRHS Field Trip Grades 9 &10 Panama February 12, 2022 – February 19, 2022

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