

**Westport School Committee
Special Meeting
DATE: Monday, June 29, 2020
TIME: 4:00 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: Dr. Gary Reese, Superintendent, Michelle Rapoza School Business Manager, Joshua Coleman Attorney

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - Chair Viveiros opened the Virtual School Committee Special Meeting at 4:05 pm., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. 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.

School Committee Re-Organization -

Chair Viveiros informed everyone that it was time for a Reorganization of School Committee Members.

A motion was made to nominate Antonio Viveiros as Chair.

Motion by Tavares, seconded by Stanton Cross, all were in favor, motion passed 5/0/0
Mr. Viveiros accepted the nomination for Chair.

A motion was made to nominate Nancy Tavares as Vice-Chair.

Motion by Stanton Cross, seconded by Orlando all were in favor, motion passed 5/0/0
Ms. Tavares accepted the nomination for Vice-Chair.

The remaining subcommittee reorganizations will take place at the next school committee meeting.

III. Action Agenda

- A. Review and Act on the Negotiated Agreement between the Westport School Committee and the Transportation Companies for the FY20 Transportation Contracts -

Whaling City Transit Bus Company

Attorney Coleman informed the members that a tentative agreement has been reached with Whaling City Transit Bus Company. Terms have been set at 43.5% amounting to \$40,148.32. Attorney Coleman mentioned Whaling City will sign an affidavit that they have not received any financial loans or grants. Ratification by the School Committee is needed.

Ms. Stanton Cross asked if there were any leftovers funds to turn back to the town. Ms. Rapoza reported laptops were purchased with the savings, with no loss of revenue from school funds.

A motion was made to move forward and accept the contractual terms of the bus contract negotiations for Whaling City Transit Bus Company.

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

Amaral's Bus Company-

Attorney Coleman reported they have been exploring mediations with Amaral's and have not received a response. They have been getting information in pieces, with nothing concrete. A meeting was held last Thursday. Amaral's claimed they received PPE money, but did not share exact costs.

Attorney Coleman sent an email to Amaral's this morning offering 35% or \$105,000. No answer has been received at this time.

Ms. Rapoza mentioned that any encumbered funds can remain until September 2020.

Attorney Coleman would like parameters of negotiations from the School Committee. Amaral's needs to sign an affidavit that they did not receive grants.

There was discussion on unilateral payment, however Attorney Coleman explained ramifications.

Attorney Coleman mentioned they are waiting to get information from other school districts to see what percentages are being paid on transportation contracts for a benchmark comparison. Attorney Coleman will inform everyone as things progress.

IV. Adjourn - A motion was made to adjourn the Virtual School Committee Special Meeting.

Motion by Pacheco, seconded by Tavares

5/0/0

The Virtual School Committee Special Meeting ended at 4:31 pm.