

**Westport School Committee
Regular Meeting
DATE: Wednesday, April 10, 2019
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Westport Jr./Sr. High School Media Center**

MINUTES

Members Present: Michelle Orlando, Melissa Pacheco, Nancy Stanton Cross, Nancy Tavares, Antonio Viveiros
Also Present: Dr. Gary Reese, Superintendent
Special Guests and Presenters: Cabot Priestner Student Representative

I. Call to Order - A quorum being present, Chair Viveiros called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Viveiros welcomed two new School Committee members Melissa Pacheco and Michelle Orlando.

II. Notice of Recording of Meeting (M.G.L. 30A:20f), Comments and Statements from the Public –
Chair Viveiros announced the meeting was being recorded. There were no public comments.

III. Special Agenda

A. School Committee Reorganization – Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair -
Chair - Melissa Pacheco nominated Tony Viveiros for Chair.

A motion was made to appoint Tony Viveiros for Chair.
Motion by Pacheco, seconded by Stanton Cross 5/0/0

Vice Chair - A motion was made to nominate Nancy Tavares as Vice Chair.
Motion by Pacheco, seconded by Orlando 5/0/0

Annual Appointments

Legal Counsel - A motion was made to continue with Murphy, Lamere & Murphy as Legal Counsel.
Motion by Stanton Cross, seconded by Tavares 5/0/0

School Committee Secretary - A motion was made to appoint Sharon Pinho as School Committee Secretary.
Motion by Stanton Cross, seconded by Tavares 5/0/0

Secretary - A motion was made to appoint Karen Augusto as Secretary.
Motion by Stanton Cross, seconded by Tavares 5/0/0

School Physician - A motion was made to appoint Dr. Callen as School Physician.
Motion by Stanton Cross, seconded by Tavares 5/0/0

Town committee representatives

Capital Improvement Committee - A motion was made to appoint Tony Viveiros to the Capital Improvement Committee.
Motion by Stanton Cross, seconded by Orlando. 5/0/0

School Improvement Fund- A motion was made to appoint Nancy Tavares to the School Improvement Fund.
Motion by Viveiros, seconded by Stanton Cross 5/0/0

Cable Committee - A motion was made to appoint Nancy Stanton Cross to the Cable Committee.
Motion by Orlando, seconded by Viveiros 5/0/0

ADA Transition Team - A motion was made to nominate Michelle Orlando to the ADA Transition Team and Dr. Reese to remain on.
Motion by Stanton Cross, seconded by Tavares 5/0/0

School Building Committee -

A motion was made to nominate Nancy Stanton Cross to the School Building Committee.

Motion by Tavares, seconded by Viveiros 5/0/0

Tony Viveiros will also remain on the School Building Committee.

Long Range Building Planning Committee -

A motion was made to have Tony Viveiros continue on the Long Range Building Planning Committee

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

Campground Evaluation Committee –

A motion was made to nominate Nancy Stanton Cross to the Campground Evaluation Committee.

Motion by Tavares, seconded by Viveiros 5/0/0

C. Discuss School Committee Subcommittee Appointments – (taken out of order)

School Committee Subcommittees

Collective Bargaining

WFT - No appointment at this time

AFSCME -

A motion was made to appoint Melissa Pacheco to AFSCME and Tony Viveiros will remain on.

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

Health Advisory Committee -

A motion was made to have Nancy Tavares remain on the Health Advisory Committee.

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

Other School Committee Assignments

MASC Policy Review Subcommittee -

A motion was made to appoint Melissa Pacheco to the MASC Policy Review Subcommittee.

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

Master Plan Update/ED Section -

A motion was made to have Nancy Tavares remain on the Master Plan Update/ED Section.

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

School Committee Reorganization

Chair - Tony Viveiros

Vice Chair - Nancy Tavares

Recording Secretary - Sharon Pinho

Secretary - Karen Augusto

Town Committee Representatives

Capital Improvement Committee - Tony Viveiros

School Improvement Fund - Nancy Tavares

Cable Committee - Nancy Stanton-Cross

School Building Committee - Nancy Stanton-Cross, Tony Viveiros

Long Range Building Committee - Tony Viveiros

Campground Evaluation Committee – Nancy Stanton Cross (committee is done)

ADA Transition Team – Dr. Reese and Michelle Orlando

School Committee Subcommittees

Collective Bargaining

WFT - No appointment at this time

AFSCME - Tony Viveiros, Melissa Pacheco

Health Advisory Committee - Nancy Tavares

Other School Committee Assignments

MASC Policy Review Subcommittee - Melissa Pacheco

Master Plan Update/ED Section - Nancy Tavares

B. Discuss Preparation of the School Committee Regular Meeting Calendar – SC members decided to change the meeting day from Wednesdays to Thursdays (beginning next month) - May 1 to May 2. A potential schedule adjustment for July and August meetings will be determined at a later date.

IV. Informational Agenda

A. Student Representatives' Report – Melena Rodrigues & Cabot Priestner – Melena Rodrigues was absent today. Cabot Priestner began by congratulating Melissa Pacheco and Michelle Orlando as new SC members and thanked Mr. Carney and Ms. DesJardins for their service to Westport. On Friday April 5 Westport National Honor Society inducted 14 juniors and 46 sophomores were honored, students received principal awards for community service hours, International Exchange Club left today for China and we wish them safe travels, 7 and 8th grades are taking ELA MCAS exams, 11th grade AP English class traveled to the Yurt in Westport run by Heron Yoga where students learned relaxation techniques, Ms. Ruel is hosting College Night at 5 pm. tomorrow, parent teacher conferences are 6-8 pm. tomorrow, New England Tech trip is this Friday to shadow jobs and industries, every Friday in April staff and students are celebrating autism awareness by wearing blue and yellow for support, seniors are busy with college preparations.

Discussion took place on how turnover is going to be handled to get new student representatives. The School Committee would like to also see a junior high student representative next year. Cabot will speak with Mr. Aho about the transition.

B. Superintendent Update – Dr. Reese reported the last day of school is June 18th 1/2 day. Dr. Reese presented a proposed timeline for his evaluation. At the May 2 SC meeting Dr. Reese will report out his goals, provide updates and the 4 standards. Dr. Reese made a copy of the rubric for members to work with, a one-page step by step guide for SC to complete the evaluation and a document to provide the ratings with feedback. Each SC member will provide input and feedback based on the evidence provided. The Chair will compile members input.

C. Business Manager Report - FY19 Quarterly Budget Review – Mrs. Rapoza is at a training. A packet with financial reports through March 31, 2019 was provided. Members can follow up with any questions.

V. Action Agenda

A. Review and Act on a \$1152 WEF Grant for the MAC Drama Kids – The Grammy Awards –

A motion was made to accept the \$1152 WEF Grant for the MAC Drama Kids, The Grammy Awards.
Motion by Stanton Cross, seconded by Pacheco 4/0/1 (Tavares abstained)

B. Review and Act on a \$1190 WEF Grant for the MAC Coding and Robotics with LEGOS -

A motion was made to accept the \$1190 WEF Grant for the MAC Coding and Robotics with LEGOS.
Motion by Stanton Cross, seconded by Orlando 4/0/1 (Tavares abstained)

VI. Routine Matters - Correspondence and Notices – Chair Viveiros acknowledged receiving the MAC newsletter.

VII. Comments and Statements from the Public - Tracy Priestner announced the annual Kentucky Derby will be Friday May 17, 6 pm. at Bittersweet Farm. Tickets are available online at the Westport Education Foundation website. Your support is appreciated.

VIII. Additional Agenda Issues - There were none.

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

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

Roll call vote:

Orlando Yes Pacheco Yes Stanton Cross Yes Tavares Yes Viveiros Yes

The School Committee meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Meeting documents –

\$1152 WEF Grant for the MAC Drama Kids - The Grammy Awards
\$1190 WEF Grant for the MAC Coding and Robotics with LEGOS

Submitted by Sharon Pinho School Committee Recording Secretary