

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

MINUTES

Members Present: Margot DesJardins, Nancy Stanton Cross, Antonio Viveiros, Nancy Tavares

Absent: Mark Carney

Also Present: Dr. Gary Reese, Superintendent, Michelle Rapoza School Business Manager

I. Call to Order - A quorum being present, Chair Viveiros called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Notice of Recording of Meeting (M.G.L. 30A:20f) Comments and Statements from the Public – There were none.

III. Informational Agenda

A. Student Representatives' Report – Melena Rodriguez & Cabot Priestner – Students were not present.

B. Superintendent Report – G. Reese – Dr. Reese reported that a quote was received from the engineer concerning the MAC water issue. They are reaching out to other firms to try and get a more reasonable rate. The plan is to get a firm in place within the next few weeks.

Today a second safety drill took place that focused on lockdown and barricade. Grade levels handled the drills differently. Dr. Reese expressed his appreciation to the Police Department.

Seven Adult Education courses on Wednesday evenings will be offered in April and May. Registration form can be found online.

Say Something Campaign resulting out of the Sandy Hook tragedies emphasize students to say something and access a trusted adult. Jr./Sr. HS and WES 6th grade participated.

Budget updates - Dr. Reese attended the BOS meeting on February 19 to present the budget. A vote was taken to increase the amount by \$54,000, however there is still a gap. Fin Com meeting was attended on February 26, 2019 with positive input. Dr. Reese will be doing a budget roadshow entitled "Financing Our Future" starting with the WES/MAC/PTO. Students will be facilitators of the activity and will be trained on March 5, 2019. In addition, plans are being made to go to the Senior Center.

Plans for a Westport Community Schools brochure to use in reaching out to the community are being made.

C. Business Manager Report – School Attending Children – Mrs. Rapoza reviewed the School Attending Children as of January 1, 2019 report submitted to DESE. This report shows where students are receiving their education.

D. School Building Committee Update – Chair Viveiros reported there was an SBC Steering Committee meeting yesterday and tomorrow an SBC meeting will take place at 6 pm. The demolition of the middle school is at 93% completion, with 2 more weeks, then it will be graded. Next steps are the bidding process and contracts to build the new school.

IV. Action Agenda

A. Review and Act on FY19 Line Item Budget Transfers - Dr. Reese recommended 3 transfers for FY19 listed in a memorandum dated March 6, 2019.

A motion was made to approve various line items transfers as presented in the Superintendent's recommendations.

Motion by DesJardins, seconded by Tavares

4/0/0

B. Review and Act on a \$4,000 WEF Grant for the WJSH Drama Club's Musical "Legally Blonde" - Dr. Reese reported these funds are to support stipends for the technical positions.

A motion was made to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to accept \$4,000 WEF Grant for the WJSH Drama Club's Musical "Legally Blonde" and to send the WEF our thanks.

Motion by DesJardins, seconded by Stanton Cross 4/0/0

C. Review and Act on a \$3,036 WEF Grant for the WJSH Student's Participation in the DECA State Competition - Dr. Reese reported these funds will pay registration costs for the 12 students that are eligible for the state competition.

A motion was made to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to accept \$3,036 WEF Grant for the WJSH Student's Participation in the DECA State Competition

Motion by DesJardins, seconded by Stanton Cross 4/0/0

D. Review and Act on Minutes of Wednesday, February 6, 2019 -

A motion was made to approve the Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, February 6, 2019.

Motion by DesJardins, seconded by Stanton Cross 3/0/1
(Tavares abstained)

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

VI. **Comments and Statements from the Public** -

Susan Collins resident mentioned the need for additional high school programs. She would like everyone to think about this and improve the HS experience, not just scheduling.

VII. **Additional Agenda Issues** - There were none.

VIII. **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 Tavares 4/0/0

Roll call vote:

DesJardins Yes Stanton Cross Yes Tavares Yes Viveiros Yes

The School Committee meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Meeting documents -

FY19 Transfers Memorandum dated March 6, 2019

\$4,000 WEF Grant for the WJSH Drama Club's Musical "Legally Blonde"

\$3,036 WEF Grant for the WJSH Student's Participation in the DECA State Competition

Submitted by Sharon Pinho School Committee Recording Secretary