

**Westport School Committee
Regular Meeting
DATE: Wednesday, September 5, 2018
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Westport Jr./Sr. High School Media Center**

MINUTES

Members Present: Mark Carney, Margot DesJardins, Nancy Rioux, Nancy Stanton Cross, Antonio Viveiros.
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 6:30 pm.

Adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. 30A:21 a(3) to discuss negotiations with respect to collective bargaining (WFT Union) and will return to open session.

A motion was made to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:32 pm.

Motion by Stanton Cross, seconded by Rioux 4/0/1 (Viveiros abstained)

Roll call vote:

Carney	Yes	DesJardins	Yes	Rioux	Yes	Stanton Cross	Yes	Viveiros	Abstained
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Chair Viveiros reconvened the regular meeting at 7:02 pm.

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

III. Informational Agenda

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

B. Acknowledgement of New Hires – Dr. Reese introduced a few of the new hires to the district; Karen Archambault Vice Principal of the Jr./Sr. HS, Brian Silva-Boutwell School to Career Teacher, and Darren Elwell Director of Curriculum.

C. Superintendent Report - Dr. Reese reported that social media Facebook and Twitter accounts are up and running. The website is being updated. A reminder was sent to staff on social media usage that includes what is asked for from students and parents.

The first day of school was today and Dr. Reese posted on Facebook how nice it is to see students.

Last week convocation took place with many positive vibes. Dr. Reese thanked Mr. Viveiros for his attendance at the event. The event included discussion on school culture and school climate. Professional Development covered evaluation and MAC staff received training on how to navigate the program ST Math.

Raptor the new visitor entry system is now being used. Visitors need to provide their license and the system allows the sending of immediate alerts if needed. Discussion took place on what kinds of information can be loaded into the system. Dr. Reese will be looking into the manual entry of any important notes.

Dr. Reese explained the findings as a result of the Coordinated Program Review in the 3 areas of Special Education, Civil Rights, and English Learner Education. Overall Dr. Reese is very pleased on where the district is and what is needed to correct certain areas. The state gives timelines on completion with everything done electronically.

Dr. Reese gave an update on the water issue at MAC. Legal Counsel sent a letter to the company to see if it can be rectified. The district may need to pursue further legal action.

D. School Building Committee Update – Chair Viveiros reported that the SBC had a meeting on August 22. A fence will be going up around the MS building and soon there will be some action. Remediation and demolition will be in November and December. During the last meeting discussion took place about an Eversource program to do an

energy study. The district needs to pay 25% or \$5,421. JLA requested additional funds to do 9 borings due to unexpected findings of a solid called 2-methylnaphthalene. Another issue requesting additional funds is to do radar testing on site to look for underground utilities and structures. They do not want to risk doing damage or causing power outages to library or WES during this project. It was mentioned that parents are concerned that the building project is now going to take place while students are in school, out on the playground or walking to school. Chair Viveiros informed everyone there will be air sampling monitors during the process as well as using dust control. It was suggested to use the website for information on getting the word out about the project and members are hoping there will be a coordinated effort with the superintendent on how the demolition will take place.

IV. Action Agenda –

A. Review and Act on the WFT MOA -

Ms. Stanton Cross thanked Mrs. Rioux, Mr. Carney and Mrs. Rapoza for all their work with the negotiations.

A motion was made to approve the WFT MOA.

Motion by Stanton Cross, seconded by Carney 4/0/1 (Viveiros abstained)

B. Review and Act on Minutes of Wednesday, August 22, 2018 -

A motion was made to accept the Minutes of Wednesday, August 22, 2018.

Motion by Rioux, seconded by Stanton Cross 4/0/1 (DesJardins abstained)

V. Routine Matters –

Correspondence and Notices – Chair Viveiros reported receiving the Coordinated Program Review. Discussion took place on how the timeline is handled. Dr. Reese mentioned he is meeting with the state on Friday. The state develops a corrective action plan and monitors progress along the way.

Ms. Stanton Cross mentioned there should be a plan to check in with parents to ensure that students are receiving all the classes they need.

Chair Viveiros informed members if they want any items on the agenda let him know.

Dr. Reese announced an Open House on September 18 for both the Jr. and Sr. High School.

Mrs. Rapoza announced Kindergarten will start tomorrow and reminded everyone to have patience with the busses.

VI. Comments and Statements from the Public - There were none.

VII. 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 Carney 5/0/0

Roll call vote:

Carney Yes DesJardins. Yes Rioux Yes Stanton-Cross Yes Viveiros Yes

The School Committee meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Meeting Documents

Staffing Update as of September 4, 2018

Coordinated Program Review May 2018

Legal Counsel Correspondence to Amory Engineers, P.C. concerning MAC water August 22, 2018

Submitted by Sharon Pinho School Committee Recording Secretary