

WEATHERSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD
June 9, 2022
Weathersfield School and Google Meetings
DRAFT Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/PLEDGE

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Board Chair, Annemarie Redmond. Those present were: Annemarie Redmond, Mark Yuengling, Jacqui Antonivich, Jaimie Turner, Nichole Gagnon, David Baker, Brian Martes, BJ Esty, Kirby Webster, Alena Martes, Kristen McNamara, Lora Powers, Kristen Huebner, Carrie Jewell, Jaimie Richardson, Ashlyn Rice, SAPA and Becky Chrisinger. The flag was pledged.

II. CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Items for Discussion/Action - Resignations

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a) May 19, 2022

Annemarie Redmond asked for a motion concerning the minutes of 5/19/22. Nichole Gagnon made a motion to approve the minutes of 5/19/22. Mark Yuengling seconded. Annemarie Redmond and Jacqui Antonivich made some changes to the minutes. NFD. All in favor, The minutes were approved with changes.

IV. LEAD LEARNER'S REPORT: Brian Martes

- SBAC Testing is completed and we don't have the scores yet.
- Brian Martes shared slides and went over the Track My Progress scores using a graph.
- Steam Camp
There are 23 students signed up and the last day to sign up is 6/10/22. There are two teachers and one paraprofessional from the Weathersfield school to run the camp at this time.
- Leader In Me
It continues to be amazing and the Lighthouse team met last Thursday.
- Enrollment
240 Students 92.8% average daily attendance
- Covid Update
There are fewer cases of Covid. We will continue to monitor and take guidance from the superintendent.

- Safety Protocols
Met with Brandon Gulnik, Chief Spaulding and Chief Daniels about safety protocols.
- Community Dinner and Student Showcase
- 8th Grade Graduation Dinner and Dance
There was one giant table for the students. It was truly a beautiful experience for the students.
- Weathersfield's Got Talent took place on 6/6/22 and it was a wonderful event!
- Field Day took place on 6/8/22 and it was a great day!
- Mario Bevacqua Scholarship
Ashlyn Rice who is graduating from Springfield High School received the Mario Bevacqua Scholarship She will be pursuing a Master's Degree in Special Education.
- Ben Fuller visited the school and was able to have his photo taken with a student who sang one of his songs at Weathersfield's Got Talent.
- Book Fair
The Book Fair goes till 6/13/22.
- Springfield and Windsor High Schools have their graduation on 6/10/22.
- The 8th Grade Graduation takes place on 6/14/22 at 7PM.
- The last day of school is 6/17/22.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - David Baker

- It is graduation season
- Equity Audit Proposals
We received four Equity Audit proposals and we are down to two. Will interview the two on 6/21/22.
- Chief Frank is organizing an area law enforcement gathering in July for a well focused emphasis on school safety. This will be for all the schools. The emphasis will be on school safety and protocols.
- About 20 people attended the first Board Forum and barbecue that was held on 6/2/22.

- David completed Brian Martes review for 21/22. David said congratulations to Brian on a job well done.
- Christine Bourne is the Interim Superintendent and the transition work between David and Christine is going well.
- David said this was his last meeting and thanked everyone for their years of support.

VII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a) Building Safety

Annemarie Redmond shared that our school is a very safe school and we received very high marks for our preparedness when we were reviewed. We have a double entrance and people have to be buzzed in. Some of our other safety protocols were reviewed and some can't be shared for safety reasons.

Jacqui Antonivich asked that we tell the public who is on the Safety Committee. Our Safety Committee includes local fire and police, state police, town personnel and school personnel. Jacqui suggested getting alarms for the outer doors so if they are left open the alarm would go off. This idea is on a list of things to look into or do for increased safety.

It was decided that it would be good to have a school safety audit added to the five year plan and/or the radar list. Annemarie Redmond shared some links with the Board that have building safety information as well as proactive programs to stop bullying.

b) Update on Education Legislation

Annemarie Redmond read a letter from John Arrison with an update about education legislation.

1. 287 - Distribution of Funds to school
2. S 283
3. AOE - Draft rules about remote learning and what will count for school.
4. One school calendar for the whole state will be universal.
5. Free school breakfast and lunch for preschool will continue.
6. The Education Tax numbers came in better than expected.
7. There is a \$1,000 Child Tax Credit that will help families.

c) Interim Superintendent - Chrisine Bourne

Christine said she is excited and honored to be in this role. She is proud of the work we do in our SU.

d) Mario Bevacqua Scholarship - Covered under Lead Learner's Report

- e) Test Scores - Covered under Lead Learner's Report
- f) Resignations
The Athletic Director, Jessica Kischko, and the Assistant Athletic Director, Alica Crane, have both resigned.

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

- a) FY23 Line of Credit/Tax Anticipation Note
Annemarie Redmond asked for a motion concerning the Tax Anticipation Note. Mark Yuengling made a motion to authorize a Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$857,849.72. Jacqui Antonivich second the motion. NFD. All in favor. This motion was approved.
- b) Resignations
Annemarie Redmond asked for a motion concerning the resignation of Athletic Director Jessica Kischko and Assistant Athletic Director, Alicia Crane. Nichole Gagnon made a motion to accept the resignation of Jessica Kischko/Athletic Director and Alicia Crane/Assistant Athletic Director. Jaimie Turner second this motion. NFD. All in favor. This motion was approved.

VIII. SETTING THE NEXT AGENDA

The Board Retreat will be on July 12, 2022, and will be hosted by Jacqui Antonivich. They will discuss goals and update the Radar List. This meeting will start at 5:30 p.m.

IX. TENTATIVE EXECUTIVE SESSION - VSA.T11 - Section 313 - None needed.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Annemarie Redmond asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nichole Gagnon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jaimie Turner seconded this motion. NFD. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Chrisinger