

**Westport School Committee
Regular Meeting
DATE: Thursday, May 18, 2023
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Westport Middle-High School Auditorium**

MINUTES

Members Present: Gloria Cabral, Evan Gendreau, Melissa Pacheco, Nancy Stanton Cross, Antonio Viveiros

Also Present: Thomas Aubin Superintendent, Lisa Kaminsky Curriculum Director, John Jack Keane Student Representative, Ryan Keane Student Representative, Richard Monast Teacher, Alden Priestner Student Representative, Michelle Rapoza School Business Manager, 2 Community Participants

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - Chair Stanton Cross opened the Regular School Committee Meeting at 6:52 pm. with a quorum of the members present, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

III. Special Agenda

A. School Committee Reorganization – Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

Nominations for Chair

A motion was made to nominate Nancy Stanton Cross for Chair.

Motion by Viveiros, seconded by Pacheco, all were in favor 5/0/0

Ms. Stanton Cross accepted the nomination for Chair.

Nominations for Vice Chair

A motion was made to nominate Melissa Pacheco for Vice Chair.

Motion by Stanton Cross, seconded by Cabral, all were in favor 5/0/0

Ms. Pacheco accepted the nomination for Vice Chair.

B. Discuss School Committee Subcommittee Appointments

Annual Appointments

Legal Counsel Murphy, Lamere & Murphy, P.C.

School Committee Secretaries

Recording Secretary Sharon Pinho

Secretary TBA

School Physician Dr. Dennis Callen

Town Committee Representatives

Capital improvements Committee Melissa Pacheco

Cable Committee Gloria Cabral

School Building Committee (2) Antonio Viveiros, Nancy Stanton Cross

Long Range Building Planning Committee Antonio Viveiros

ADA Transition Team Gloria Cabral

Campground Committee Evan Gendreau

Audit Committee Gloria Cabral

Educational Fund Committee (2) Nancy Stanton-Cross, Evan Gendreau

School Committee Subcommittees

Collective Bargaining Representatives

WFT (2) Nancy Stanton Cross, Evan Gendreau
AFSCME (2) Antonio Viveiros, Melissa Pacheco

Health Advisory Committee Gloria Cabral, Nancy Stanton-Cross
Budget Subcommittee Nancy Stanton-Cross, Evan Gendreau

Other School Committee Assignments

MASC Policy Review Subcommittee Melissa Pacheco, Gloria Cabral
Master Plan Update/ED Section Melissa Pacheco

A motion was made to approve the Westport School Committee Appointments and Authorizations 2023-2024.

Motion by Gendreau, seconded by Cabral 5/0/0

C. Discuss Preparation of the School Committee Regular Meeting Calendar - Discussion took place on when the regular School Committee meetings will be held. It was decided to keep 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.

A motion was made to schedule 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month for regular School Committee meetings.

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

IV. Informational Agenda

A. Student Representatives: John (Jack) Keane / Ryan Keane & Alden Priestner

Ryan Keane welcomed new School Committee member Evan Gendreau, Gr. 8 is piloting the Civics MCAS in May, Westport Middle High School Spring Band Concert will be May 22, 2023 at 6:30 pm., Westport Middle High School Spring Choral Concert will be May 23, 2023 at 6:30 pm., Field Day for the Middle School will be May 26, no school May 29, Westport Middle High School Band will participate in the Memorial Day Parade May 29, Athletics Awards night will be May 30 at 6 pm., 8th graders will be going to Washington DC departing May 30, early release on June 1, National Junior Honor Society ran middle school teacher superlatives, Jonathan Bernier received Teacher of the Year, Grade 4 to Grade 5 Transition Night will be June 7, National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be June 8, 8th grade Semi-Formal will take place June 9 at Rachel's Lakesider, Grade 8 Promotion Ceremony will take place June 14, Middle School Student Council is wrapping up Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser, National Junior Honor Society is running a Forever Paws Drive from May 1-26, Spring sports will be ending and congratulations to all school athletes on a great season, fourth quarter ends June 15 on the last day of school.

Alden Priestner reported Westport High School is open for School Choice with 10 students in grades 9 and 10 and 5 students in grades 11 and 12, Westport High School celebrated College Acceptance Day on May 1, Principal Appreciation Day was May 1 with Ms. Duquette and Ms. Charette thanked for their hard work, May is Mental Health Awareness month with a Mental Health First Aid session held on May 8, National Honor Society inducted 20 new members on May 11, Art Show was held on May 17, June 3 is Senior Graduation, Senior final exams will be May 24 and May 25 make ups on May 26, June 1 is a mandatory graduation rehearsal, Academic Awards and Scholarship Night will be June 1, prom May 26 at Rosebrook Event Center, second edition of the Wildcat News will be available soon.

John (Jack) Keane reported public boat launch will be May 21 Sunday at the head of Westport town landing, Westport High students recently returned from a trip to Japan, grade 9 Biology MCAS will be June 6 and 7, semester 2 finals will be June 12 and 13, information was given on Varsity Boys Baseball, Varsity Girls Softball, Varsity Lacrosse, Varsity Boys Tennis, Varsity Girls Tennis, Coach Gargiulo and Coach Boudria were named Herald News Coach of the Year, Herald News All Stars were announced.

B. Superintendent Report – Superintendent Aubin reported on projected student enrollments. There are currently 1,446 students and will go up by 12 to 1,458 for the 2024 school year. Eighth graders going into 9th grade is currently 68 and will increase to 102.

Superintendent Aubin attended a Superintendent’s meeting yesterday. They are asking for members of the school community to support Senate Bill 332 that includes Special Education in all areas. In addition, the Office of Services Division hopes the state would help supplement cost of items through the Governor’s supplemental budget.

C. Westport Community Schools’ Bill Warrant: 4-21-23, 5-5-23 and 5-19-23 - Chair Stanton Cross reported bill warrants dated 4-21-23 in the amount of \$332,655.73, 5-5-23 \$657,926.06 and 5-19-23 \$320,215.62 were emailed to school committee members for review. Members also have a hardcopy of the bill warrant.

Chair Stanton Cross asked if there were any questions regarding the bill warrants? There were none.

V. Action Agenda

A. Review and Act on Minutes Thursday, April 6, 2023, Thursday, April 13, 2023 Work Session, Thursday, March 23, 2023 Budget Hearing, and Monday, May 8, 2023 Special Meeting -

A motion was made to approve the Minutes Thursday, April 6, 2023, Thursday, April 13, 2023 Work Session, Thursday, March 23, 2023 Budget Hearing, and Monday, May 8, 2023 Special Meeting.

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

B. Review and Act on Westport Elementary School Grs. 2-5 Field Trip – June 9, 2023, Roger Williams Zoo – Providence, RI -

Chair Stanton Cross reported that the School Committee needs to approve out of state field trips.

A motion was made to approve Westport Elementary School Grs. 2-5 Field Trip on June 9, 2023, Roger Williams Zoo Providence, RI.

Motion by Pacheco seconded by Viveiros 5/0/0

C. Review and Act on Westport High School Grs. 9-12 Field Trip – June 3, 2023, Little Compton Commons, Little Compton, RI -

A motion was made to approve Westport High School Grs. 9-12 Field Trip on June 3, 2023, Little Compton Commons, Little Compton, RI.

Motion by Viveiros seconded by Pacheco 5/0/0

D. Review and Act on Westport High School Gr. 12 Field Trip – November 2023, New York City, NY -

Mr. Monast explained the senior class trip that will depart on a train from Providence the week before Thanksgiving. They are using the company Passport. There will be fundraisers to offset costs. Mr. Monast asked if there are any questions? Ms. Pacheco had questions with insurance. Mr. Monast explained details on insurance.

A motion was made to approve Westport High School Gr. 12 Field Trip in November 2023, New York City, NY.

Motion by Pacheco seconded by Gendreau 5/0/0

E. Review and Act on a \$320 Westport Education Foundation Grant for the Westport Elementary School Drama Club -

A motion was made to approve and accept \$320 Westport Education Foundation Grant for the Westport Elementary School Drama Club.

Motion by Pacheco seconded by Cabral 5/0/0

VI. Routine Matters - Correspondence and Notices - There were none.

VII. Topics the Chair could not Reasonably Anticipate Forty-eight (48) Hours in Advance of the Meeting - 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 Pacheco, seconded by Cabral

5/0/0

Roll call vote:

Cabral Yes Gendreau Yes Pacheco Yes Stanton Cross Yes Viveiros Yes

The Regular School Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

MEETING DOCUMENTS

School Committee Reorganization Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

School Committee Subcommittee Appointments

WCS Bill Warrants: 4-21-23, 5-5-23 and 5-19-23

Westport Elementary School Grs. 2-5 Field Trip – June 9, 2023, Roger Williams Zoo – Providence, RI

Westport High School Grs. 9-12 Field Trip – June 3, 2023, Little Compton Commons, Little Compton, RI

Westport High School Gr. 12 Field Trip – November 2023, New York City, NY

\$320 Westport Education Foundation Grant for the Westport Elementary School Drama Club

Submitted by Sharon Pinho School Committee Recording Secretary