

**Westport School Committee  
Executive Session  
DATE: Thursday, October 20, 2022  
PLACE: Westport Middle-High School Media Center**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Gloria Cabral, Michelle Orlando, Melissa Pacheco, Nancy Stanton Cross

**Members Absent:** Antonio Viveiros

**Also Present:** Superintendent Thomas Aubin, Michelle Rapoza School Business Manager

**I. Call to Order** – Chair Stanton Cross called the School Committee Executive Session to order at 7:48 pm. with a quorum of the members present.

A motion was made to adjourn to Executive Session.

Motion by Pacheco, seconded by Cabral 4/0/0

Roll call vote:

Cabral Yes Orlando Yes Pacheco Yes Stanton Cross Yes

A motion was made to invite Thomas Aubin and Michelle Rapoza to the table.

Motion by Pacheco, seconded by Orlando 4/0/0

Roll call vote:

Cabral Yes Orlando Yes Pacheco Yes Stanton Cross Yes

**II. Discuss Class Action Litigation Against Juul Lab, Inc.** - Members reviewed communication from Attorney Coleman dated March 4, on JUUL Litigation and from William Shinoff dated October 12, 2022 on Massachusetts School Districts v. JUUL Labs, Inc. Also included for review was an 8-page Attorney-Client Fee Contract.

Discussion took place on the basis of filing a “mass action” suit against Juul Lab, Inc.

It was verified there would be no cost to the district and the Attorney-Client Fee Contract includes a traditional contingency fee.

A motion was made to go forward and file a suit.

Motion by Pacheco, seconded by Orlando 4/0/0

Roll call vote:

Cabral Yes Orlando Yes Pacheco Yes Stanton Cross Yes

**III. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of Thursday, June 16, 2022** -

A motion was made to approve the Executive Session Minutes of Thursday, June 16, 2022.

Motion by Pacheco, seconded by Cabral 4/0/0

Roll call vote:

Cabral Yes Orlando Yes Pacheco Yes Stanton Cross Yes

**IV. Adjourn** - A motion was made to adjourn the Executive Session.

Motion by Pacheco, seconded by Cabral 4/0/0

Roll call vote:

Cabral Yes Orlando Yes Pacheco Yes Stanton Cross Yes

The School Committee Executive Session ended at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted: S. Pinho  
Date Approved: 11-17-22  
Date Declassified: 7-17-24