

**Westport School Committee  
Regular Meeting  
DATE: Tuesday, September 3, 2024  
TIME: 6:00 p.m.  
PLACE: WMHS Auditorium**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Gloria Cabral, Evan Gendreau, Jason Pacheco, Melissa Pacheco (arrived at 6:14 pm.), Christopher Thrasher

**Also Present:** Thomas Aubin Superintendent, Jennifer Chaves Out of School Time Director, Lori Melo Executive Secretary, 0 Community Participants

**I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** - Chair Evan Gendreau opened the Regular School Committee Meeting at 6:06 pm. with a quorum of the members present, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Evan Gendreau announced Under MGL Chapter 30A, section 20(f) – This meeting is being recorded.

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

**III. Informational Agenda**

A. Superintendent Report – Superintendent Aubin reported the opening of school was last week and gave credit to the entire staff. Outstanding team building activities occurred.

B. Committee Liaison Reports - Mr. Thrasher reports the Long-term Building Committee will meet tomorrow via a hybrid meeting to discuss next steps for the Request for Proposal RFP. They will discuss municipal use of the old high school and plan to have a scan of the entire old high school floor plan to use in the decision-making process.

Mr. Pacheco has nothing new to report. The Cable Advisory Board will meet on September 11, 2024.

Ms. Cabral has nothing new to report.

Chair Gendreau reported the Long-term Building Committee will meet tomorrow and will have discussion in open session. The Audit Committee will be meeting soon. The town auditor reported positively to the Selectboard at their meeting and said the town is in a better position than a few years ago.

C. OST Program – Jennifer Chaves went over the Westport Community Schools Out of School Time Program Handbook. Ms. Chaves noted the OST Aftercare Program for Preschool - Kindergarten is located at the Macomber School and the OST Aftercare Program for Grades 1-4 is located at the former Westport High School. In addition, there were some changes to wording.

A motion was made to approve the Westport Community Schools Out of School Time Program Handbook.

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

Ms. Chaves reported 2 additional staff were hired and more staff being able to work 5 days are needed in order to have no waitlist.

*(Ms. Pacheco arrived here at 6:14 pm).*

D. Acknowledgement of \$250 Scholarship from The American Red Cross and \$1800 Scholarship from Jaden Araujo Memorial Scholarship Fund - The committee acknowledged receipt of the funds and appreciates the donations.

Ms. Pacheco requested to send out thanks.

Mr. Pacheco shared that he attended the Bowl a Thon fundraiser for the Jaden Araujo scholarship funds.

**IV. Action Agenda**

A. Review and Act on SC Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, August 20, 2024 -

A motion was made to approve the SC Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, August 20, 2024.

Motion by MPacheco, seconded by Cabral

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

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

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Roll call vote:

Cabral Yes      Gendreau Yes      JPacheco Yes      MPacheco Yes      Thrasher Yes

The School Committee Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

**Meeting Documents**

Westport Community Schools Out of School Time Program Handbook

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*Submitted by Sharon Pinho School Committee Recording Secretary*