Westport School Committee
Special Meeting
DATE: Tuesday, October 22, 2024
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Hybrid
WMHS 2nd floor Conference Room

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Meeting ID
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MINUTES

Members Present: Gloria Cabral, Evan Gendreau, Jason Pacheco, Christopher Thrasher
Members Absent: Melissa Pacheco
Also Present: Thomas Aubin Superintendent, Lori Melo Executive Secretary, Michelle Rapoza School Business Manager, 0 Community Participants

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - Chair Evan Gendreau opened the Special School Committee Meeting at 6:02 pm. with a quorum of the members present, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Evan Gendreau announced the following:

On March 29, 2023, Governor Maura Healey signed into law Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, which includes a two-year extension of the option for public bodies to hold remote meetings, effective immediately. This legislation simply extends the current option for remote meetings through March 31, 2025, and does not otherwise affect the ability of public bodies to conduct their meetings remotely through video and/or audio conferencing under Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021.

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 informed the members they are going through the budget process, working closely with them as well as the town and thanked everyone involved in the process.

IV. Action Agenda
A. Review and Act on SC Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, October 15, 2024 -

A motion was made to approve the SC Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

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

Roll call vote:

Cabral	Yes	Gendreau	Yes	JPacheco	Yes	Thrasher	Yes

B. Review and Act on Appointment to Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee - Chair Gendreau explained a communication from the Selectboard was received. They would like to finalize membership to the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee by their next meeting on October 28. This is an advisory board to oversee the best utilization on how funds are spent. The Board of Health (BOH) requested the member

not be a school committee member but a person directly in action with students. They need a vote to approve the person, so the name can be forwarded to the Selectboard.

The Committee received a letter of interest from Laura Charette.

Mr. Thrasher asked if a voting member could be a non-resident? Chair Gendreau spoke to the BOH and was informed this is an advisory committee and there are non-residents as voters on other committees. It was confirmed that Ms. Charette can serve as an advisor for this committee.

A motion was made to appoint Laura Charette to the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee as the school department appointee.

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

Roll call vote:

Cabral Yes Gendreau Yes JPacheco Yes Thrasher Yes

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

Mr. Thrasher asked if there has been any resolution to the Eversource issue and any word on the cost for insurance for the old high school building?

Chair Gendreau said there have been no new updates at this time.

VI. Topics the Chair could not Reasonably Anticipate Forty-eight (48) Hours in Advance of the Meeting -

Chair Gendreau announced on November 6-9 there is a Massachusetts Association of School Committees Conference (MASC) offering opportunities for committee members.

VII. Adjourn - A motion was made to adjourn.

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

Roll call vote:

Cabral Yes Gendreau Yes JPacheco Yes Thrasher Yes

The Special School Committee Meeting ended at 6:13 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Pinho School Committee Recording Secretary