

WESTBROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION**Tuesday, June 6, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.****WHS Library****Regular Board of Education Meeting**

Members Present: K. Walker, Z. Hayden, C. Kuehlewind, M. Palumbo, M. Luft, D. Perreault, S. Greaves

Absent: A. Miesse, M. Esposito

Also Present: Superintendent Kristina Martineau; Lesley Wysocki, Business Manager; Administrators: Ruth Rose, Tara Winch, Matthew Talmadge, Fran Lagace; Technology Director, Ben Russell

Minutes –June 6, 2023

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – The Regular BOE meeting of June 6, 2023 was called to order at 7:02 pm. by K. Walker, Chair.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. BOARD OF EDUCATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**
 - A. BOE Senior Student Representative – Delaney Belcourt, senior BOE student Representative, was acknowledged for her service on the Board of Education. Delaney expressed her appreciation for having the opportunity to serve.
 - B. CIAC Scholar Athlete Awards: Adriana Stranieri and Vincent Naccarato were acknowledged as CIAC Scholar Athletes. Ms. Winch spoke about each of the student's accomplishments.
 - C. National 4 x 100 Track Competition – University of Oregon – John and James Grace, Brandon and Vincent Naccarato were also acknowledged at the Board meeting for having successfully qualified for the National 4 x 100 Track competition.
 - D. Shoreline Conference Math and Social Studies Awards: Leticia Pires and Gabrielle Walker were presented with certificates for their academic excellence in Math and Social Studies.
 - E. HALO Awards: Caroline Benzi, Sofia Ferrucci, Hever Gomez, Margaret Izzo, Lisa Litevich and Myan Nguyen were honored for recognition as HALO award winners.
 - F. Recognition of Retirees: Superintendent Martineau and the BOE honored Rodney Abbott, Industrial Arts teacher, for 20 years of service to WPS and Joanna Brother, Bilingual teacher with the District since 2015.
- IV. WHS PROMO VIDEO:** The BOE viewed a video on the offerings of WHS created by sophomore, Matthew Izzo, with the assistance of Nicole Esposito, Librarian. Matthew was grateful for the opportunity to use his skills to showcase WHS.
- V. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:** Ana Dias Heringer, Delaney Belcourt and Elliott Koplas reported on WHS activities including music departments participation in the Memorial Day Parade, club activities, sports events and standings, end of year senior activities at Holiday Hill, Junior/Senior Prom at St. Clements, Baccalaureate, Senior exit interviews with Superintendent Martineau, last day of school on June 14 and Graduation on June 16

The Board recessed for a brief reception at 7:20 p.m.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. BOE meeting dates - January 2024 through January 2025:
Superintendent Martineau recommended the BOE approve the Board meeting dates from January 2024 through January 2025, amending the June meeting date to June 4, 2024. MOTION by M. Luft and SECOND by M. Palumbo to approve the Board meeting dates as presented amending the June date to June 4, 2024. Vote unanimous.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hiram Fuchs expressed concern about poison ivy growing through the fence at Daisy Ingraham School and on the pathway to the library and requested BOE address the problem. The Administration will follow up.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR(S) COMMENTS

- A. Graduation update – T. Winch reminded BOE that WHS graduation is on Friday, June 16 at 5:00 p.m. and board members planning to participate should contact C. Lester (for seating arrangements and caps and gowns if needed)
B. End of Year Activities (Daisy) – R. Rose reminded BOE of final PTO meeting on 6/7/23, Ice Cream Social and Art Show on 6/8/23, Promotion on 6/13 at 9:15 and several end of year field trips to Oxford Academy, 4th graders to WMS, kindergartners to the town beach and 3rd graders to the Capital and Hammonnasset Nature walk.
C. End of Year Activities (WMS) – M. Talmadge expressed his pride at the students who took the the SBA testing for 4 days. WMS Promotion is on 6/14/23 at 9:00 a.m.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. Enrollment: Superintendent Martineau reported June enrollment totals equal 618 students.
B. Senior Exit Interviews: Superintendent Martineau reported that she has been meeting with seniors (two at a time) and has received feedback on their dreams and aspirations, comments on support from staff and their appreciation for the wide variety of courses and opportunities at the high school. Seniors also acknowledged the strength of staff relationships that have made a positive impact on them. The Board requested a list of college acceptances which will be available in the fall.
C. Graduation Date 2024: The Board discussed options for WHS graduation 2024 and it was the consensus to keep it the fixed date of Friday, June 14; however, will revisit after this year’s graduation and place on the August 2023 agenda.

X. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Policy 5141.21 – Administering Medications: This is the second reading of this policy and it is the recommendation of the policy subcommittee and Superintendent Martineau that the Board approve Policy 5141.21 as presented. MOTION by D. Perreault and SECOND by M. Palumbo to approve Administering Medications 5141.21 as presented. Vote unanimous.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes:
1. Regular Meeting – May 09, 2023 – MOTION by D. Perreault and SECOND by S. Greaves to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 2023. Vote unanimous.

XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Review of Check Listing: Board members reviewed check listings for May 11, 2023 in the amount of \$121,719.77 and for May 25, 2023 in the amount of \$83,824.19.

- B. Budget Narrative/Review of Expenditure Report: L. Wysocki reported that she has no concerns. Based on the current expenditures, L. Wysocki anticipated enough funding to continue to fund the Capital Fund at 2 percent (\$375,225) and any additional funding will be used for instructional supplies. The BOE was in agreement and consensus.
- C. Line Item Transfer – no line item transfers
- D. Insurance Report – not available

XIII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Policy– K. Walker reported the meeting for June 7 is being postponed.
- B. Long Range Planning – no meeting
- C. Fiscal & Budget – Z. Hayden – no meeting
- D. Teaching & Learning – C. Kuehlewind reported that a meeting is scheduled for June 7 at 5:00 p.m.
- E. Communications & Marketing – M. Luft reported the Communications meeting took place prior to this BOE meeting and the committee viewed the WHS video.
- F. Negotiations – D. Perreault will report in Executive Session
- G. Town Energy Ad Hoc Committee – L. Wysocki reported the committee discussed car charging stations.
- H. LEARN – Z. Hayden will attend on Thursday.
- I. PTO Representatives - M. Luft (Daisy) reported a meeting on June 7; Z. Hayden (WMS) no report, K. Walker (WHS) reported that Lisa Anderson has been actively recruiting members for WHS PTO for next year.

XIV. BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

K. Walker, Chair reminded Board members of the board retreat on August 8 at 5:00 p.m. prior to the regular BOE meeting and to submit surveys to Zack prior to graduation. Kim attended the Daisy Play and board members attended sports events.

XV. PERSONNEL

- A. **Professional Appointment(s)** – not at this time
- B. **Non-Certified Resignation(s)** Superintendent Martineau reported the following resignations:
 1. Rebecca Corcoran – Behavior Technician submitted her resignation effective June 14, 2023.
 2. Heather Hosmer – Paraprofessional submitted her resignation effective at the end of this school year.

MOTION by D. Perreault and SECOND by Z. Hayden to move to Executive Session at 8:36 p.m. with invited guest, Superintendent Martineau. Vote unanimous.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Tentative Agreement between Westbrook Board of Education and AFT: Vote Anticipated Discussion of matters that would result in the disclosure of exempt matters.
Moved back to Regular Session at 8:53 p.m.

MOTION by D. Perreault and SECOND by S. Greaves to accept the AFT agreement for July1, 2023 through June 30, 2028 between BOE as presented. Vote unanimous.

- XVII. ADJOURN:** MOTION by Z. Hayden and SECOND by M. Luft to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kuhlewind, Board Secretary

Cecilia S. Lester, Board Recording Clerk