

WESTBROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, June 13, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Regular Board of Education Meeting

MINUTES

Present: Lee Bridgewater, Marti White, Sally Greaves, Michelle Palumbo, Don Perreault, Dee Adorno, Kim Walker, Jackie Lyman, Mary Ella Luft

Also Present: Superintendent Patricia A. Ciccone; Administrators, Ruth Rose, Cori DiMaggio; Tara Winch, Madeline Illinger, Special Services Director; Business Manager, Lesley Wysocki; Technology, Ben Russell

I. CALL TO ORDER – The regular meeting of June 14, 2017, was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Lee Bridgewater, Chairperson.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. BOARD OF EDUCATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

1. Retiree Recognition – The Board of Education presented Jayne Willets, Special Education teacher, with a gift for her retirement. Madeline Illinger, Director of Special Services spoke about Ms. Willets' accomplishments and contributions to Westbrook Public Schools.
2. WMS students, Dan Genovese, Gianni Adorno, and Cam Clark, accompanied by technology teacher, Rodney Abbott, demonstrated the use of technology and 3D printing.

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Tara Winch, WHS Principal, introduced Katelyn Wallace as the new BOE student representative. Katelyn is a member of the 2017-18 Junior class.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

VI. ADMINISTRATOR(S) COMMENTS: No comments

VII.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. IDEA Grant

The federal IDEA grants provide federal entitlement funds to eligible applicants to assist with the excess costs of providing special education and related services to children with disabilities, as defined by 34 CFR Sections 300.16 and 300.202. This year's grant totals \$150,890. Moved by Don Perreault and seconded by Kim Walker to approve the submission of the IDEA grant funds totaling \$150,890. Vote unanimous.

B. High School Senior Seminar & Electronic Portfolio – Tara Winch spoke on the hopes for the future in regards to an inter-disciplinary approach to 21st Century learning. D. Perreault commented on Westbrook being on the cutting edge with the electronic portfolio, enhancing student's ownership of their work and data. Moved by Michelle Palumbo and seconded by Sally Greaves to approve the program for the Senior Seminar and Electronic Portfolio. Vote unanimous.

C. Westbrook Energy Subcommittee – Chris Ehlert spoke on a potential solar array to be located at the town landfill, as well as other projects in town, to provide energy efficiencies. The town is in search of a turnkey company to put together an RFP, etc. Potentially, this project is expected to save 75% of power costs to schools. Mr. Ehlert said that lines for the solar array would run along the road to the landfill and not through athletic fields. The Superintendent asked about town owned locations to develop a solar array as a feed for Daisy Elementary School. M. White suggested "made in USA" components be stipulated. The Board will be updated on future information through the Energy Subcommittee representative. The BOE member asked to list the Energy Committee report in the array of other subcommittee reports.

D. Policies (First Reading): The Policy Committee reviewed and discussed the following revisions of the 5000 Student series, provided by Shipman & Goodwin at the June 1, 2017 Policy Meeting. The policies are now being presented to the full board for a first reading and potentially to be approved at the next Board of Education meeting. Moved by K. Walker and seconded by Michelle Palumbo the bring the policies to the BOE meeting of August 8, 2017 for a second reading and vote. Vote unanimous.

1. 5150 – Chemical Health of Student Athletes
2. 5155 – Fundraising Activities
3. 5160 – Homeless Students
4. 5165 – Non-Discrimination
5. 5170 – Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

VIII.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Enrollment: Superintendent Ciccone reported June 1st enrollment total of 788 students. (Pre-K through 12 – 784 plus 4 out placed)

B. Summer Meals Update: Superintendent Ciccone reported that WPS will provide meals Monday through Thursday – 11:30 – 12:30 through July. The Council of Beaches will continue the program from July 31 through August 24. Meals will be

picked up from Region 4 Food Services for WPS, and from New London Food Services for Council of Beaches.

- C. CIRMA Advisory Board & Task Force: Superintendent Ciccone provided first-hand information on state reporting and updates on insurance risk topics. She said in addition to her seat on the CIRMA Advisory Board, she is sitting on the recently formed task force to put together handbooks for various employee situations (hiring, legal situations, etc.)
- D. Graduation Update: WHS Graduation is at 5:00 p.m. with a 4:30 line up.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Policies – The following policies which were presented at the May 9 meeting were brought before the board for a second reading and vote. Moved by Don Perreault and seconded by Sally Greaves to approve the following policies as submitted. Vote unanimous.
 - 1. 5112 – Attendance, Absences, and Truancy (Policies 5112 & 5113 are now combined)
 - 2. 5114 – Student Discipline
 - 3. 5118- Non-Resident Students
 - 4. 5123 – Promotion/Acceleration/Retention
 - 5. 5125 – Student Records; Confidentiality
 - 6. 5131.6 – Alcohol Use, Drugs, Tobacco (Including Performance Enhancing Substances)
 - 7. 5141.21 - Administration of Mediation
 - 8. 5141.4 – Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect
 - 9. 5141.5 – (Proposed New Policy) – Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment
 - 10. 5145.511 – Exploitation; Sexual Harassment
 - 11. 5141.7 – Student Sports – Concussion and Head Injuries
 - 12. 6142.101 – Wellness Policy

X. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes:

- 1. Regular Meeting – May 09, 2017. Moved by Kim Walker and seconded by Jackie Lyman to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 2017. Vote unanimous.

XI. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Review of Check Listing: Board members reviewed check listings for May 4, 2017 in the amount of \$140,053.12 and for May 18, 2017 in the amount of \$164,030.41.
- B. Budget Narrative/Review of Expenditure Report: Based on the April report, L. Wysocki transferred \$100,000 to reserve.
- C. Line Item Transfer - None
- D. Insurance Report – The health insurance report was provided.

XII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. LEARN Report – D. Adorno reported on topics of the recent LEARN meeting. She said that LEARN is considering consolidating PreK programs with the purchase of a synagogue in New London (9 acres of land).
- B. Policy– M. White reported on activities of the June 1 meeting and said the next policy meeting is on June 22 at 4:00 p.m.
- C. Communications - J. Lyman (No report)
- D. Long Range Planning – L. Wysocki reported there is a town meeting on June 15th, 2017 which will officially appropriate money from last year which has been spent on the projects now completed.
- E. Insurance - L. Bridgewater reported that the insurance sub-committee met with USI regarding liability insurance. The student accident policy went up slightly and it may be wise in the future to look at a higher deductible. Heath claims were reviewed and currently there are no changes due to competitive pricing.
- F. Negotiations - S. Greaves (no report)
- G. PTSO Representatives – M. Luft, K. Walker, M. Palumbo. Daisy promotion is scheduled for June 16, 2017. There was discussion on the WMS Project Adventure. The 8th grade dance was successful.
- H. Energy Subcommittee – L. Wysocki (No report due to Agenda Item VII.C)

XIII. PERSONNEL: No action needed

- A. Professional Resignation(s)
- B. Non-Certified Resignation(s)
- C. New Hires

Lee Bridgewater requested the Board adjourn to Executive Session. Moved by M. Palumbo and seconded by K. Walker to move to Executive Session at 8:47 p.m.

Discussion of matters that would result in the disclosure of exempt matters.

Moved by D. Perreault and seconded by M. Luft to move back into regular session at 9:14 p.m.
Vote unanimous.

XIV. ADJOURN: Moved by D. Perreault and seconded by M. Luft to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.
Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Walker, Board Secretary

Cecilia S. Lester, Board Recording Clerk

