

WESTBROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATE, CHALLENGE, & INSPIRE

WESTBROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. Regular Board of Education Meeting
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MINUTES

Members Present: K. Walker, Z. Hayden, D. Perreault, M. Luft, A. Miesse
Via remote: S. Greaves, C. Kuehlewind

Absent: M. Palumbo, M. Esposito

Also Present: Superintendent Kristina Martineau; Administrators R. Rose, T. Winch, M. Talmadge; Technology Director B. Russell

I. CALL TO ORDER – The regular Board of Education meeting of September 12, 2023 was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by K. Walker, Chair.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. BOARD OF EDUCATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS – No acknowledgements

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

A. Anna Dias Herringer and Elliott Koplas reported on student activities which included welcoming the freshman class into the high school, Open House on September 13 at 6 pm, school picture day on September 15, opening of fall sports season, WHS Michael's Cup recipient, Seniors and parents college application process workshop, Student Council activities, and Field Day on September 29.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT: No Comments

VI. ADMINISTRATOR(S) COMMENTS

A. Daisy Opening – R. Rose reported on the opening days at Daisy including teacher professional development, Science of Reading, piloting AMPLIFY, a well attended Open House prior to the first day of school, PTO on September 18 at 6 pm, School pictures on September 20, and the school picnic on September 27; Mrs. Rose also talked about MTSS leadership and Portrait of a Graduate,

B. Middle School Opening – M. Talmadge reported on a smooth opening at WMS and the noticeable energy among students and staff. Mr. Talmadge spoke about connections, MTSS, author Mike Schmoker's book, Results Now 2.0, weaving PoG into every aspect; Gr. 5-8 writing class, STEM class, and the book, *The Boy on the Wooden Box*, for middle school reading ; Logic Block problem solving , led by Abby Fredrickson; Discovery Projects paired with Career Pathways, fall sports, PTO on September 20 and WMS Open House on September 21. Mr. Talmadge also shared WMS plans for integrating Portrait of a Graduate.

C. High School Opening – Ms. Winch reported on freshman orientation, which is student run. She acknowledged Annie Trotta and staff for providing lunches on the early release days. WHS Open House is scheduled for September 13th with an invitation for 8th graders to attend. Eighth graders have been introduced to the high school already through the Tech Ed department, culinary, robotics and financial literacy classes; Leslie Carson has redesigned advisory groups and kick-off of PoG.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Submission of Application for CABA Board Recognition. K. Walker requested the BOE approve submission of the application to CABA for the Board Leadership award once it is completed. MOTION by Z. Hayden and SECOND by M. Luft. Vote unanimous.

B. Updated Proposal BOE Committee Meetings (September-December 2023) - The Board was given a list of subcommittees and proposed meeting dates to review for any conflicts. Dates will be on the Google calendar.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. General Update – Superintendent Martineau acknowledged the leadership teams and the smooth openings for each of the schools. She also recognized the hard work of Advisory and noted recognition from places as far away as New Zealand

B. Enrollment: Superintendent Martineau reported enrollment of 590 students. PreK-12, including 3 out placed students.

C. Facilities Update: . Dr. Martineau reported on the temperatures on the opening days of school and the need to pursue HVAC. To apply for a grant, it is required the BOF or BOS vote to support 70% of the project. Superintendent Martineau will attend a meeting in October to further discuss with BOF/BOS. D. Perreault emphasized that the Board needs to continue to address the HVAC situation to prevent problems.

Superintendent Martineau commented that work continues on the welding lab.

Superintendent Martineau reported on new staff. The Board will welcome the new staff at the October BOE meeting Superintendent Martineau reported that the WMS has achieved #1 status in the State of CT for growth in ELA and Math, Class of 2027 and #1 in Math, Class of 2029.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular BOE Meeting – August 08, 2023: MOTION by D. Perreault and SECOND by A. Miesse to approve the minutes of August 8, 2023. Vote unanimous.

XI. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Review of Check Listings August 2023: The Board reviewed check listings for August 3, 2023 in the amount of \$97,487.14 and for August 17, 2023 in the amount of \$187,639.17.

B. Update of end of year financials 2022-2023: Dr. Martineau reported on end of year financials with approximately \$375,226 to Capital fund.

XII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Policy– K. Walker (no report)

B. Long Range Planning – D. Perreault (no report)

C. Fiscal & Budget – Z. Hayden (no report)

D. Teaching & Learning – D. Perreault (no report)

E. Communications & Marketing – M. Luft – commented on submission to CABA for Communications award)

F. Negotiations – D. Perreault (no report)

G. Town Energy Ad Hoc Committee – A. Miesse (no report)

H. LEARN – Z. Hayden – (will meet on Thursday, 9/14)

- I. PTSO Representatives - M. Luft (Daisy), Z. Hayden (WMS), K. Walker (WHS) – (no reports) High School did meet and elected officers.

XIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

- A. Board Roles and Responsibilities/Duties of the Board (9040) and Code of Ethics (9271) – Z. Hayden and D. Perreault read through policies 9040 and 9271 to remind BOE of roles and responsibilities and Code of Ethics.
- B. National Board Conference in April – D. Perreault will register for the National School Board Association conference in April, 2024.

XIV. PERSONNEL Superintendent Martineau reported the following personnel actions:

- A. Professional Appointment(s)
- B. Professional Resignations
 1. Alexandra Brault - Math Teacher WHS
 2. Brian Daily - WHS Robotics and Physics Teacher
 3. Nancy Malafronte – English Teacher WHS
 4. Anastasia Littlefield –WHS Music Teacher
- C. Non-certified Appointment:
RBT's @ Daisy: Kaitlin Hutchins, Joe Talarcyk; Bilingual Tutor, Jennifer Fineza;
Paraprofessionals: Denise Doheny (WMS), Ann Barton (WMS), Spanish Teacher WHS/WMS MariLu Dalmau Ferrer, School Nurse Lori Ray Landry (WHS/WMS); Jennifer Gallegos, Technology Support Assistant
- D. Non-Certified Resignation(s)
 1. Ryan Viglione, Technology Support Assistant

XV. ADJOURN: MOTION by Z. Hayden and **SECOND** by M. Luft to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kuehlewind, Board Secretary

Cecilia S. Lester, Board Recording Clerk

TBA at next meeting