

**WESTBROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATE, CHALLENGE, & INSPIRE**

WESTBROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION Tuesday, January 9, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. WHS Library Special Board of Education Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: K. Walker, D. Perreault, C. Kuehlewind, M. Luft, E. Fernandes, S. Greaves, A. Miesse, H. Jalil

Also Present: Superintendent Kristina J. Martineau; Director of Finance, Ann Burke

- I.** CALL TO ORDER – The Special meeting of January 9, 2024 was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by K. Walker, Chair.
- II.** ACCEPTANCE OF BOE MEMBER RESIGNATION – MOTION by M. Luft and SECOND by S. Greaves to accept the resignation of Board member, Mike Esposito. Vote unanimous
- III.** DISCUSSION OF PROCESS AND NEXT STEPS TO FILL BOE VACANCY: A timeline for filling the BOE vacancy was discussed. The Board will communicate the vacancy through *Harbor News* and School Messenger and on the town website. Applicants will apply to Cecilia Lester at the BOE office: Clester@westbrookctschools.org. The deadline for applying is February 5, 2024. A meeting will be scheduled for February 6 to discuss the next steps.
- IV.** BUDGET DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP #1: The Board of Education reviewed the Superintendent’s proposed budget for the 2024-25 school year and the major budget drivers and considerations, bringing the budget to a 5.32% increase over the 2023-24 budget. The budget will be presented at the January 16 BOE meeting and allow for public input.
- V.** ADJOURN: MOTION by A. Miesse and SECOND by S. Greaves to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kuehlewind, Board Secretary

Cecilia S. Lester, Board Recording Clerk

TBA at next meeting