

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

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<b>WESTBROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION</b> <b>Tuesday, September 20, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.</b> <b>Special Board of Education Meeting</b> <b>Google Meeting</b>
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**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** K. Walker, D. Perreault, Z. Hayden C. Kuehlewind, M. Palumbo, M. Luft, A. Miesse

**Absent:** S. Greaves, M. Esposito

**Also Present:** Superintendent Kristina Martineau

- I. CALL TO ORDER – The special meeting of September 20, 2022 was called to order by K. Walker, Chair at 5:30 p.m.
- II. PRESENTATION ON BOARD ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The BOE participated in a workshop on BOE roles and responsibilities. The presentation and discussion was facilitated by Nicholas Caruso, CAFE Senior Staff Associate for Field Services & Coordinator of Technology.
- III. ADJOURN: MOTION to adjourn at 6:09 p.m. by C. Kuehlewind and SECOND by D. Perreault. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kuehlewind, Board Secretary

Cecilia S. Lester, Board Recording Clerk

TBA at next meeting.

# Board of Education Roles & Responsibilities

Nick Caruso  
Senior Staff Associate  
for Field Services and  
Coordinator of Technology



How many school board members does  
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None!

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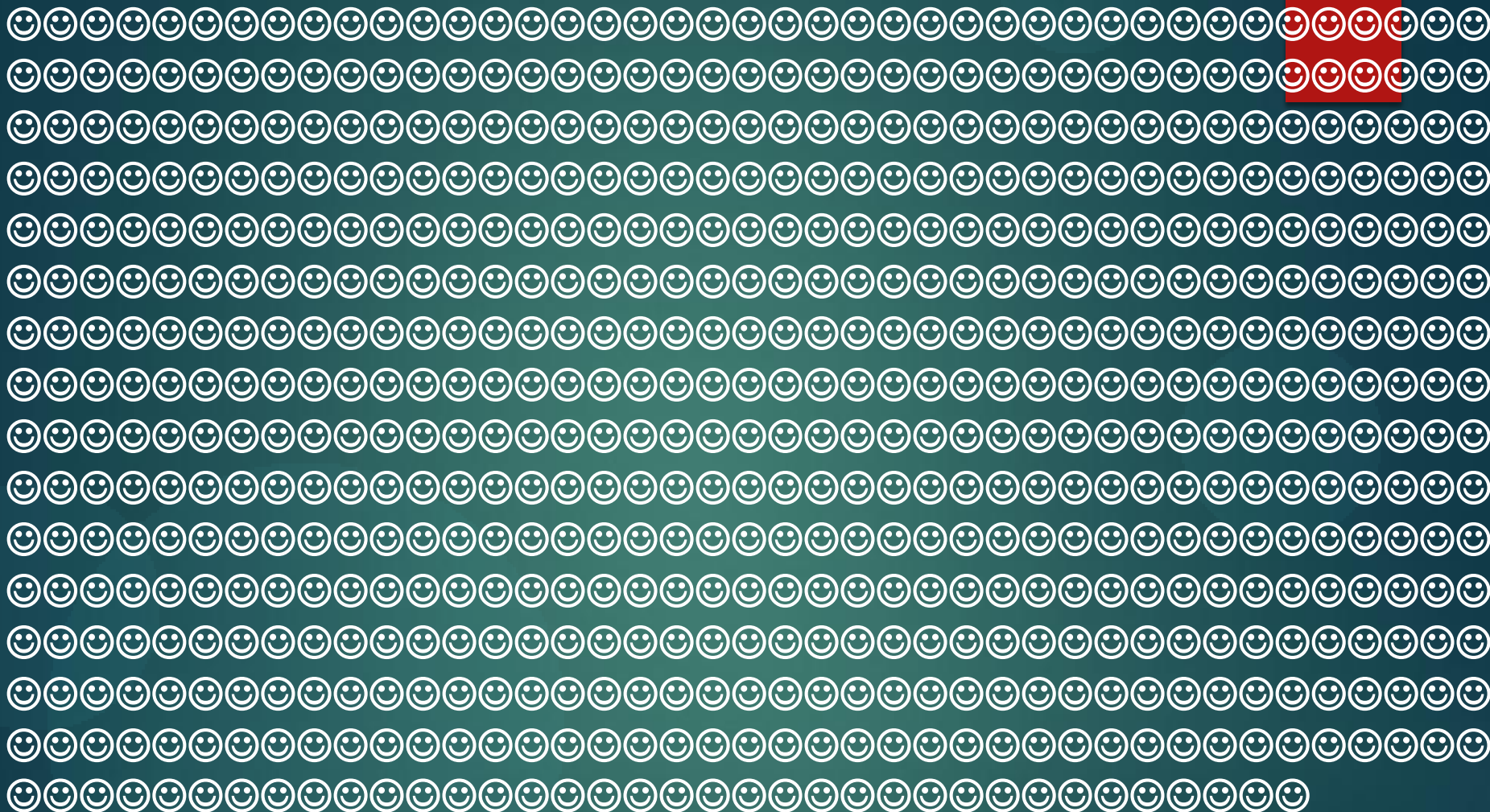
It's up to the  
superintendent to decide  
if it will be incandescent,  
fluorescent, candle, solar,  
neon or LED (and  
designate his/her staff to  
actually screw in the light  
bulb).



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It's up to the board  
to evaluate the  
quality of lighting.

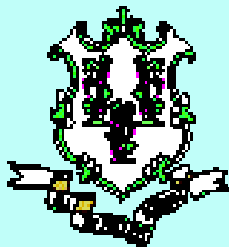


There are 650 faces on this page  
(One for EVERY Child in the Westbrook Public Schools)

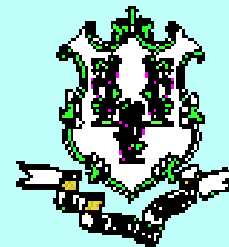
# **Legal Responsibilities of Board Members**



# Constitution of the State of Connecticut



## *Article Eighth* **OF EDUCATION** (Free public schools)



**Sec. 1. There shall always be free public elementary and secondary schools in the state. The general assembly shall implement this principle by appropriate legislation.**

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(2) each school district shall finance at a reasonable level at least equal to the minimum budget requirement pursuant to the provisions of section 10-262j an educational program designed to achieve this end; (; and



(3) In order to reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation, each school district shall provide educational opportunities for its students to interact with students and teachers from other racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds and may provide such opportunities with students from other communities.

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# Unfunded



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- Must set policies on...
  - discipline
  - homework, attendance, promotion & retention, drugs & alcohol, youth suicide
  - uniform treatment of recruiters
  - reporting of bus complaints

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10-222 - Any such board may transfer any unexpended or uncontracted-for portion of any appropriation for school purposes to any other item of such itemized estimate.

10-235 Each board of education shall protect and save harmless any member of such board...

- Which acts are not wanton, reckless or malicious...
- within board's statutory authority



Questions/Comments?

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