

Weston Public Schools  
 Board of Education Special Meeting  
 Weston Middle School Library Resource Center  
 February 28, 2017

**Attendance:**

Ellen Uzenoff, Chairperson	Dr. William McKersie, Superintendent
Denise Harvey, Vice Chairperson	Dr. Kenneth Craw, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Elise Major, Secretary/Treasurer	Mr. Lewis Brey, Director of Human Resources and Internal Counsel
Gina Albert	Dr. Craig Tunks, Director of Digital Learning and Innovation
Jacqueline Blechinger	Ms. Lois Pernice, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Dan McNeill	Mr. Richard Rudl, Director of Finance and Operations
Sara Spaulding	Cameron Isaccs, Student BOE Representative
	Alex Fruhbeis, Student BOE Representative

**I. CALL TO ORDER, VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

**Ellen Uzenoff, Board Chairperson**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. RECOGNITION-no report**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. The Board will vote to approve the minutes from January 19**

*Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves the minutes of the January 19, 2017, Regular Session Weston Public Schools FY 2018 Budget Recommendation Question and Answers. Motion by Ms. Major, second by Mr. McNeill; 5 in favor – Mrs. Uzenoff, Ms. Harvey, Ms. Major, Mr. McNeill, Ms. Albert; 2 abstained - Ms. Blechinger and Ms. Spaulding. (5-0-2)*

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VI. STUDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Gifts**

Dr. McKersie, as per Board Policy 3280, accepted, with appreciation, a digital timer replacement on existing art kiln, a new art kiln, Maker Space projects, classroom sensory aids, orchestra racks, wall speakers with accessories,

robotic kits, courtyard items, and recess equipment for Weston Intermediate School.

**2. Cooperative Educational Services Special Education Review**

Ms. Lois Pernice, Director of Personnel Pupil Services and Dr. Mike Regan, Director of Special Education Services for Cooperative Educational Services, presented the Comprehensive Review of PK-12 Special Education Programs for Weston Public Schools Final Report. Dr. Regan spoke to the three areas of review: are the policies, procedures, and goals of the special education department clearly articulated, do metrics exist for evaluating educational benefit, and is there sufficient capacity to meet the educational goals and to predict future special education expenditures. He reviewed a number of commendations for the District as well as recommendations.

**3. Discussion and Vote to Temporarily Suspend Policy 3323**

Mr. Brey, Director of Human Resources and Internal Counsel, discussed the Administration's request to temporarily suspend Policy 3323.

*Motion: Moved, pursuant to Board of Education Bylaw 9314, that the Weston Board of Education suspends Board of Education Policy 3323, Soliciting Prices (Bids and Quotations), for the specific purpose of securing food services for the schools under the Board of Education's jurisdiction. Other than the suspension for the specific purpose stated in this motion, Policy 3323 remains in full effect. The suspension of Policy 3323 pursuant to this motion will be in effect until April 25, 2017 or further action by the Board. Motion by Ms. Major, second by Ms. Spaulding all in favor. (7-0)*

**4. Discussion and vote on Hurlbutt Elementary, Weston Intermediate and Weston Middle School's Participation in the National School Lunch Program**

*Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education declines Hurlbutt Elementary School, Weston Intermediate School, and Weston Middle School's participation in the National School Lunch Program for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion by Mr. McNeill, second by Ms. Major.*

*Amended Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education declines Hurlbutt Elementary School, Weston Intermediate School, and Weston Middle School's participation in the National School Lunch Program commencing with the 2017-2018 school year. Motion by Ms. Harvey, second by Ms. Albert all in favor. (7-0)*

**5. Approval of Technology Lease Signatory**

Mr. Rudl, Director of Finance and Operations, explained the purpose and terms of the proposed lease agreement with TD Equipment Finance, which will allow the schools to acquire varied and numerous technology items as described specifically in the agreement.

*Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent or designee to execute and deliver the Lease Purchase Agreement with TD Equipment Finance in the amount of \$406,023.50, and any related documents on behalf of the Weston Board of Education as co-lessee with the Town of Weston, and to take all*

*actions necessary and proper to complete the transaction. Motion by Ms. Major, second by Ms. Spaulding all in favor. (7-0)*

**6. Seventh FY 2017 Financial Update and Approval of Transfers**

Mr. Rudl, Director of Finance and Operations, provided a monthly financial update. Transfers were presented for approval totaling \$67,317, three of which were in excess of \$5,000.

*Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves the transfers as presented by Mr. Rudl in the seventh FY 2017 financial update. Motion by Ms. Harvey, second by Ms. Major all in favor. (7-0)*

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Weston Board of Education Policies, Regulations, and Bylaws**

Mr. McNeill will review Weston Board of Education Regulation 5131.6, Alcohol Use, Drugs, Tobacco, E-Cigarettes, and Vapor Products.

*Amended Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves Regulation 5131.6, Alcohol Use, Drugs, Tobacco, E-Cigarettes, and Vapor Products. Motion by Ms. Major, second by Ms. Harvey all in favor. (7-0)*

**2. Weston Board of Education Policies, Regulations, and Bylaws**

Mr. McNeill will review Weston Board of Education Proposed Policy 5146, Pledge of Allegiance.

*Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves Policy 5146, Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Ms. Major, second by Ms. Albert all in favor. (7-0)*

**3. Weston Board of Education Policies, Regulations, and Bylaws**

Mr. McNeill will review Weston Board of Education Proposed Regulation 6146, Graduation Requirements.

*Amended Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves Regulation 6146, Graduation Requirements. Motion by Ms. Major, second by Mrs. Blechinger all in favor. (7-0)*

**4. Weston Board of Education Policies, Regulations, and Bylaws**

Mr. McNeill will review Weston Board of Education Proposed Policy 6184, Unexpected Broadcast and Recording.

Upon discussion, the Board decided to bring back proposed Policy 6184 for a second reading.

**IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**1. District Update**

Dr. McKersie mentioned that the CIL review process continues, with Mr. Noe Medina in district last week. There were three very productive days with teachers and CIL's and anticipate feedback in April.

Next month we will have a presentation from the Calendar Committee for the 2018-2019 year, including some adjustments to consider.

Weston Middle School Robotics Team was invited to national open in Iowa. Dr. McKersie mentioned a few Weston WOW moments, specifically one that took place while walking through the high school. Dr. McKersie spoke with a group of students, coming from different ideology and party beliefs, coming together to be unified in common goals providing help to its community.

Dr. Craw spoke about the State Next Generation Accountability, which has 12 different indicators including: SAT, SBAC, access to the arts, physical fitness, absenteeism, and graduation rates. We have baseline information as to how we are doing as a district.

## **X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1. Communications Committee – Sara Spaulding**
- 2. Curriculum Committee – Denise Harvey**
- 3. Finance Committee – Denise Harvey**
- 4. Facilities Committee – Elise Major**
- 5. Policy Committee – Daniel McNeill**
- 6. Negotiations Committee – Ellen Uzenoff**
- 7. CES – Elise Major**
- 8. CABE – Daniel McNeill**
- 9. Weston Education Foundation – Sara Spaulding**

None of the Committees had anything to add to the written minutes that were already provided to the Board.

## **X. WRITTEN REPORTS**

### **1. Principals' Reports**

None of the Principals had anything to add to the written reports that were already provided to the Board.

## **XI. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017 AT 7:30 P.M.**

### **1. Dr. McKersie will review pending agenda items for the next meeting.**

Add national merit scholar recognition and all-state music recognitions in March.

On March 8, the Board of Finance reviews the Board of Education budget and on March 29, the Board of Finance holds the public hearing on the budget.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion: Motion to adjourn by Ms. Major, second by Mr. McNeill, all in favor. (7-0)*  
*Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.*

Minutes prepared by Meredith Herman, Board of Education Clerk.

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Chairman

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Secretary

Approved by the Board of Education March 21, 2017.