

Weston Public Schools
 Board of Education Special Meeting
 Weston Middle School Library Resource Center
 March 21, 2017

Attendance:

Ellen Uzenoff, Chairperson	Dr. William McKersie, Superintendent
Denise Harvey, Vice Chairperson, <i>Absent</i>	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, <i>Absent</i>	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. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education enter into executive session to discuss matters pertaining to personnel. Motion by Ms. Spaulding, second by Ms. Albert, all in favor. (5-0)

1. Discussion regarding matters pertaining to personnel.

III. RESUME PUBLIC SESSION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The Board will vote to approve the minutes from February 2 Executive Session, February 21 Executive Session, and February 28 Regular Session.

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves the minutes of the February 2 Executive Session. Motion by Ms. Major, second by Ms. Blechinger; 4 in favor - Mrs. Uzenoff, Ms. Major, Ms. Blechinger, Ms. Albert; 1 abstained – Ms. Spaulding . (4-0-1)

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves the minutes of the February 21 Executive Session. Motion by Ms. Major, second by Ms. Albert, all in favor. (5-0)

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves the minutes of the February 28 Regular Session. Motion by Ms. Major, second by Ms. Spaulding, all in favor. (5-0)

V. RECOGNITION

1. 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program

Mrs. Lisa Deorio, Weston High School Principal, will introduce the students who have been named as Finalists in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education recognize the following students for their outstanding achievement in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program: Elfine Dexter, Hamilton Forsythe, Eric Hirsch, and Nicole Werner. Motion by Ms. Major, second by Ms. Albert, all in favor. (5-0)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. STUDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Ms. Cameron Isaccs and Mr. Alex Fruhbeis, Student Board of Education Representatives, spoke about the volunteer opportunities that students have been participating in through Person to Person. They are in the process of choosing a new organization to support in the spring, and agreed that the best way to help is to be involved in hands on work within the community. The week following the April break will be Spring Spirit Week at WHS, with grades pairing to work as teams during the week.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of Updated Visual Arts Curriculum

Dr. Kenneth Craw, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the updated Visual Arts curriculum, as reviewed by the Curriculum Committee, for Board of Education adoption. Included were sample curriculum maps that are aligned to the new standards which were put in place in 2014. Emphasis has been placed on Media Arts in all the new standards. Ms. Sydney Girardi, Curriculum Instructional Leader of K-12 Visual Arts, was present to answer questions regarding the curriculum renewal that has taken place.

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves the updated Visual Arts curriculum as presented by Dr. Craw. Motion by Ms. Major, second by Ms. Spaulding, all in favor. (5-0)

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

Mr. Lewis Brey, Director of Human Resources and Internal Counsel, provided a first reading of Weston Board of Education proposed Administrative Regulation 1230, Sexual Offenders.

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

Mr. Lewis Brey, Director of Human Resources and Internal Counsel, provided a first reading of Weston Board of Education proposed Policy and Administrative Regulation 5119, Homeless Children and Youth.

4. Discussion and Vote to Temporarily Suspend Bylaw 9313

Mr. Brey, Director of Human Resources and Internal Counsel, provided the Administration's request to temporarily suspend Bylaw 9313, for the specific purpose of adopting Administrative Regulation 4111.4, Use and Disclosure of Criminal Justice Information after a first reading.

Motion: Moved, pursuant to Board of Education Bylaw 9314, that the Weston Board of Education suspended Board of Education Bylaw 9313, for the specific purpose of adopting Administrative Regulation 4111.4 after a first reading. Other than the suspension for the specific purpose stated in this motion, Bylaw 9313 remains in full effect. Motion by Ms. Spaulding, second by Ms. Major, all in favor. (5-0)

5. Weston Board of Education Policies, Regulations, and Bylaws

Mr. Lewis Brey, Director of Human Resources and Internal Counsel, will provide a first reading of Weston Board of Education proposed Administrative Regulation 4111.4, Use and Disclosure of Criminal Justice Information.

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves Administrative Regulation 4111.4, Use and Disclosure of Criminal Justice Information. Motion by Ms. Major, second by Ms. Spaulding, all in favor. (5-0)

6. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Weston Teachers Association regarding the leave of absence of a certified staff member

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between the Weston Board of Education and the Weston Teachers Association, granting a one year leave of absence to Michael Mezzo. Motion by Ms. Major, second by Ms. Spaulding, all in favor. (5-0)

7. Discussion of Proposed Changes to Approved 2017-2018 Calendar and Proposed 2018-2019 Calendar

Dr. McKersie discussed proposed changes to the approved 2017-2018 calendar and provide an overview of the proposed 2018-2019 calendar. He reviewed his March 16, 2017 memorandum to the Board of Education, which outlines the recommendations for the revised 2017-2018 school calendar and the new calendar options for 2018-2019. Attached was a Uniform Regional Calendar overview dated February 9, 2017. Discussion by the Board followed.

8. Eighth 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 \$394,767, two 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 eighth FY 2017 financial update. Motion by Ms. Major, second by Ms. Blechinger, all in favor. (5-0)

IX. OLD BUSINESS

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

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

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves Policy 6184, Unexpected Broadcast and Recording. Motion by Ms. Major, second by Ms. Spaulding, all in favor. (5-0)

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. District Update

Dr. McKersie reviewed where we currently stand in identifying the last day of school for students as well as WMS moving up ceremony and WHS graduation. The final dates will be determined by April 1 and communicated to all Weston families and staff.

Dr. Craw and Dr. Tunks spoke about the full-day of professional development which occurred on March 20, 2016. A new designed professional development day, allowed teachers to choose from over 70 different classes. Dr. McKersie commented on how impressed he was by the incredible amount of planning across four buildings, the comprehensive set of offerings (college for a day), and the sense of camaraderie amongst all staff.

Dr. Craw and Dr. Tunks spoke about the technology work group that will be created and its focus will be on staying on top of key issues throughout the District.

XI. 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.

XII. WRITTEN REPORTS

1. Principals' Reports

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

XIII. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- 1. April 5, 2017 Budget Revision Workshop at 7:30 p.m.**
- 2. April 24, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**
- 3. Dr. McKersie will review pending agenda items for the next meeting.**

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion: Motion to adjourn by Ms. Spaulding, second by Ms. Major, all in favor. (5-0)
Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.*

Minutes prepared by Meredith Herman, Board of Education Clerk.

Chairman

Secretary

Approved by the Board of Education April 24, 2017.