

Weston Public Schools
Board of Education Retreat
Weston High School Conference Room
July 16, 2014

Attendance:

Philip Schaefer, Chairperson	Sara Spaulding
Ellen Uzenoff, Vice Chairperson	Dr. Colleen Palmer, Superintendent
Dana Levin, Secretary/Treasurer	
Nina Daniel	
Elise Major	Absent: Denise Harvey

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of District Goals for 2014-15

The Board discussed district areas for district focus for the 2014-2015 school year, including K-12 writing, K-12 math, pathways to success, technology integration, healthy learning environments, and STEM. Dr. Palmer, Superintendent of Schools, also debriefed the Board on topics discussed at the July 7-9 administrative retreat.

2. Annual Review of Board Work

The Board reviewed the work of the past year, as well as looking to the 2014-15 school year for areas of district focus. The Board began a discussion of the Strategic Plan in order to begin its work of the annual update, and it will continue this at future Board Committee meetings throughout the next few months so that a completed plan for this year would be fully articulated by early this fall.

Within the Strategic Plan for 2013-14 the Board had set a goal to consider the addition of student representatives to the Board of Education. The Board adopted a framework for student representatives to begin in fall 2014, with the co-presidents of the student body of Weston High School serving in that capacity. Dr. Palmer had already confirmed interest on the part of these students, anticipating the discussion at this meeting.

Additionally, as part of its yearly review, the Board discussed the flow of its work in terms of what issues should be handled in Committee before coming to the full Board for discussion. It also discussed the most effective strategies for communication in terms of keeping all of the community informed about ongoing matters of the district.

The Board also reviewed strategies to work collaboratively with the Town for efficiencies and effectiveness.

II. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Markov, Board of Education Clerk.

Minutes reviewed/approved by Dr. Colleen Palmer, Superintendent.