

Weston Public Schools
 Board of Education Meeting
 Weston Middle School Library Resource Center
 July 21, 2014

Attendance:

Philip Schaefer, Chairperson	Dr. Kenneth Crow, Assistant Superintendent
Ellen Uzenoff, Vice Chairperson	
Dana Levin, Secretary/Treasurer	Absent: Denise Harvey
Nina Daniel	Sara Spaulding
Elise Major	Dr. Jo-Ann Keating, Director of Finance & Ops.
Dr. Colleen Palmer, Superintendent	Lewis Brey, Director of Human Resources

III. RESUME PUBLIC SESSION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. RECOGNITION – no report

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board voted to approve the minutes from June 16.

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves the minutes of the June 16, 2014 Regular and Executive Sessions. Motion by Mrs. Uzenoff, second by Mrs. Levin, all in favor. (5-0)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – no report

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resignation

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education notes the resignation of Janice Utsogn, 0.8 FTE Weston High School Latin Teacher, effective July 7, 2014. Motion by Mrs. Levin, second by Ms. Major, all in favor. (5-0)

2. Building Project Close-Outs

Dr. Palmer, Superintendent of Schools, discussed the close-out of Weston Middle School building project, State project number 157-0053 EC. This project occurred two years ago, and involved the replacement of middle school windows and doors.

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves filing the form ED049F and the final grant application for a school building project with the Bureau of School Facilities for the Weston Middle School and adopting the following resolution, accepting the project as complete. Be it resolved that the Board of Education accepts the Weston Middle School project, State project

number 157-0053 EC as complete. Motion by Ms. Major, second by Ms. Daniel, all in favor. (5-0)

3. Discussion and Vote on New Introduction to Coding Course

Dr. Craw, Assistant Superintendent, discussed a one-semester coding course that has been reviewed by the Curriculum Committee. Per Dr. Craw, more than 80 students will be taking this course. Discussion by the Board followed.

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves the Introduction to Coding course as presented for Weston High School. Motion by Mrs. Levin, second by Ms. Major, all in favor. (5-0)

4. Adoption of Resources

Dr. Craw, Assistant Superintendent, discussed four resources that have been reviewed by the Curriculum Committee and are recommended for approval by the Board of Education, including a classroom resource for the coding course approved in the preceding agenda item.

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education adopts the following resources:

- *Weston High School grades 9-12: “The Practice of Computing Using Python” by William Punch and Richard Enbody;*
- *Weston High School grades 9-10: “Geometry” by Burger, Chard, Kennedy, Leinwand, et al.;*
- *Weston High School grades 10-11: “Pearson Chemistry” by Wilbraham, Staley, Matta and Waterman; and*
- *Weston Middle School grade 6: “World Cultures and Geography” by Peggy Altoff, Mark H. Bockenbauer, and Andrew J. Milson. Motion by Ms. Daniel, second by Ms. Major, all in favor. (5-0)*

5. Discussion and Vote on Superintendent of Schools’ Contract

Members of the Board of Education spoke about the strengths and successes of Dr. Palmer, Superintendent, and thanked her for her continued leadership.

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education extends the contract of Dr. Colleen Palmer (the Superintendent of Schools) for a new term of three years, July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. Moved that the Board of Education establishes the salary of \$246,311 or a 2.25% salary adjustment. Moved that the Board of Education authorizes its Chairperson to negotiate and execute a revised contract with the Superintendent of Schools. Motion by Mrs. Uzenoff, second by Mrs. Levin, all in favor. (5-0)

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposed 2015-2016 Calendar

Dr. Palmer, Superintendent of Schools, presented the 2015-2016 Weston Public Schools Calendar for approval by the Board of Education. This is the last calendar to be set by districts before the Unified Regional Calendar goes into effect. Discussion by the Board followed.

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves the proposed 2015-2016 calendar. Motion by Mrs. Uzenoff, second by Ms. Major, all in favor. (5-0)

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

Dr. Palmer, Superintendent of Schools, and Mrs. Levin, Board of Education Secretary/Treasurer and Chairperson of the Policy Committee, reviewed the following Weston Board of Education policies, regulations, and bylaws:

- A. Policy 1331, Use of Video Monitoring Devices and Video Recordings;
- B. Administrative Regulation R 1331, Use of Use of Video Monitoring Devices and Video Recordings; and
- C. Administrative Regulation R 5133, School Swimming Pool Safety Plan.

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves Policy 1331, Use of Video Monitoring Devices and Video Recordings; Administrative Regulation R 1331, Use of Video Monitoring Devices and Video Recordings; and Administrative Regulation R 5133, School Swimming Pool Safety Plan. Motion by Mrs. Levin, second by Ms. Major, all in favor. (5-0)

IX. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

1. Next Regular Board Meeting Monday, August 18, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

2. District Update

Dr. Palmer, Superintendent of Schools, announced a visit by Governor Malloy to Weston High School earlier in the day to sign a bill concerning the storage and administration of epinephrine at public schools, and the addition of two Board of Education student representatives beginning in September. She also provided an update on the following summer facilities projects: high school E wing renovations; soccer field turf replacement; high school stadium lights installation and sound upgrade; elementary school North House roof replacement; swing sets installation for elementary school; and construction of the wall between the elementary school and senior center.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Communications Committee

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for August 14.

2. Curriculum Committee

There is nothing to report beyond what was discussed previously on the agenda. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for September 10.

3. Finance Committee

Nothing to report.

4. Facilities Committee

Mrs. Uzenoff discussed the sound system bid review which occurred at the July 11 meeting. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for August 12.

5. Policy Committee

There is nothing to report beyond what was discussed previously on the agenda.

6. Negotiations Committee

Nothing to report.

7. CES

Nothing to report.

8. CABA

Ms. Major announced the dates for the annual CABA Convention.

9. Weston Education Foundation

Nothing to report.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion: Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Uzenoff, second by Mrs. Levin, all in favor.
(5-0) Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.*

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Markov, Board of Education Clerk.

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