

Weston Public Schools  
 Board of Education Meeting  
 Weston Middle School Library Resource Center  
 March 28, 2013

**Attendance:**

Philip Schaefer, Chairperson	Sonya Stack
Ellen Uzenoff, Vice Chairperson	Dr. Colleen Palmer, Superintendent
Richard Bochinski, Secretary/Treasurer	Dr. Kenneth Craw, Assistant Superintendent
Nina Daniel	Lewis Brey, Director of Human Resources
Denise Harvey	Dr. Jo-Ann Keating, Director of Finance & Ops.
Dana Levin	

**I. CALL TO ORDER, VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**  
**Philip Schaefer, Chairperson**

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Discussion of matters concerning security strategy and the deployment of security personnel and devices affecting the security of the Weston Public Schools.

**III. RESUME PUBLIC SESSION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. RECOGNITION**

*Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education recognizes Weston Public Schools for its contribution to the Town of Weston's national distinction by the NAMM Foundation as one of the Best Communities for Music Education. Motion by Ms. Daniel, second by Mrs. Levin, all in favor. (7-0)*

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves the minutes of the February 25, 2013 Executive Session. Motion by Mrs. Uzenoff, second by Mrs. Levin, (5) in favor, (2 – Mr. Bochinski, Ms. Harvey) abstain. (5-2-0)*

*Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves the minutes of the February 25, 2013 Regular Session. Motion by Mrs. Uzenoff, second by Mrs. Levin, (5) in favor, (1 – Ms. Harvey) abstain. (5-1-0)*

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Resignation**

*Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education notes and records the resignation of Daniel McNeill, Hurlbutt Elementary School Grade 2 Teacher, effective June 30, 2013. Motion by Mrs. Levin, second by Mrs. Stack, all in favor. (7-0)*

## 2. Retirement

*Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education notes and records the retirement of Lorraine Westervelt, Weston Middle School Technology Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2013. Motion by Ms. Daniel, second by Ms. Harvey, all in favor. (7-0)*

## 3. Revisions to Budget Request

Dr. Palmer and Dr. Keating discussed the revised FY 2014 budget request.

*Motion: Moved that the Board of Education approve revisions to the Board of Education's FY 2014 budget request from \$46,293,668 to \$45,765,418. Motion by Ms. Daniel, second by Mr. Bochinski, all in favor. (7-0)*

## 4. School Resource Officer

Dr. Marotto provided a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation regarding the roles and responsibilities of an SRO and the vision for an SRO support within Weston High School and the district at-large. Mrs. Wolak and Dr. Marotto answered questions following the presentation.

## 5. Discussion of Format of Board of Education Meeting Minutes

The Board discussed the role of technology, records retention periods, and desired format of meeting minutes.

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS - None

## IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### 1. Special Board Meeting Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.; Next Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

### 2. Principals' Report

Ms. Wolak, Weston High School Principal commented on the Department of Motor vehicles video contest. Mrs. Watkins, Weston Middle School Principal, discussed sixth graders connecting with students in Amman, Jordan. Mrs. Falber, Weston Intermediate School Principal, spoke about the school-wide Dr. Seuss celebration and the LRC Wolfpups reading competition. Dr. Cicchetti, Hurlbutt Elementary School Interim Principal, discussed the school's week-long Dr. Seuss celebration, a faculty meeting literacy activity, and a kindergartener's trip to the Capitol.

### 3. District Update

Dr. Palmer discussed the Hurlbutt Elementary School principal search, the upcoming April 1 security presentation by Dr. Keating, the upcoming NEASC visit, March musical productions, and the Bhutan delegation's visit to Weston High School and the United Nations. A visitation partnership with Bhutan will be discussed as an agenda item in the next Curriculum Committee meeting. June 19 was announced as the date for Commencement.

## X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. Communications Committee: Mrs. Levin discussed budget communications, an upcoming real estate office visit, and a March 16 *Wall Street Journal* article. Next meeting April 24 at 8:00 a.m.

2. **Curriculum Committee:** nothing to report. Next meeting April 10 at 8:00 a.m.
3. **Finance Committee:** nothing to report in addition to what was already covered previously in meeting. Next meeting April 12 at 8:00 a.m.
4. **Facilities Committee:** Mrs. Stack discussed the following items from the last Committee meeting: reservation procedures; the garden project; cost avoidance report; exterior lighting; and a computerized key system. Next meeting April 4 at 4:00 p.m.
5. **Policy Committee:** Mrs. Levin spoke about the SRO discussion. Next meeting April 3 at 8:30 a.m.
6. **Negotiations Committee:** nothing to report
7. **CES:** Mrs. Stack spoke about the Commissioner of the State Department of Education's visit to the last meeting and his discussion of a common core practice test, waivers on regulations/constraints, technology, and teacher evaluations/observations.
8. **CABE:** Mrs. Daniel spoke about an upcoming common core seminar and an impact study contained in the March 28 *Policy Highlights* email.
9. **Weston Education Foundation:** Ms. Harvey announced three new WEF Board members and discussed a presentation by Dr. Palmer on blended learning, the creation of an informational video on what the Foundation does, development of synergies between local nonprofits, request for nominations for the David Trigaux award, and two events happening later this year – a Civil War encampment by the Weston Historical Society and WEF's Trivia Night fundraiser.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

*MOTION: Motion to adjourn by Ms. Daniel, second by Mrs. Uzenoff, all in favor. (7-0). Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.*

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Markov, Board of Education Clerk.

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

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Chairman

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Secretary

Approved by the Board of Education: April 23, 2013