

Weston Public Schools
Board of Education Special Meeting
Weston Middle School Library Resource Center
August 15, 2016

Attendance:

Ellen Uzenoff, Chairperson	Sara Spaulding
Philip Schaefer, Vice Chairperson	Dr. William McKersie, Superintendent
Elise Major, Secretary/Treasurer	Dr. Kenneth Craw, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Jacqueline Blechinger	Dr. Craig Tunks, Director of Digital Learning and Innovation
Daniel McNeill	Mr. Lewis Brey, Director of Human Resources
Denise Harvey	

I. CALL TO ORDER, VERIFICATION OF QUORUM
Ellen Uzenoff, Chairperson

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education adds under VI, New Business, Item 4 Enrollment. Motion by Ms. Uzenoff, second by Ms. Major, all in favor. (7-0)

III. RECOGNITION

1. Dr. McKersie will recognize Officer Joseph Mogollon as the newly appointed School Resource Officer

Dr. McKersie recognized Officer Joe Mogollon as the newly appointed School Resource Officer. He will be formally introduced at September's Board of Education meeting as he is away for training. Dr. McKersie provided the Board with a job description, which was presented to the Board on August 22, 2015. Dr. McKersie discussed the reporting structure of the SRO. Weston High School Principal, Ms. Lisa Deorio, spoke of Officer Mogollon's visible presence within the school community as well as the educational component of his work within the District.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, pages 1-4

1. The Board will vote to approve the minutes from July 18.

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves the amended minutes of the July 18, 2016, Regular and Executive Sessions. Motion by Ms. Spaulding, second by Ms. Major, all in favor. (7-0)

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resignation

Dr. McKersie will announce the resignation of Aimee Shuhart from her library media specialist position.

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education notes the resignation of Aimee Shuhart, 1.0 FTE Weston Middle School Library Media Specialist, effective August 5, 2016. Motion by Ms. Major, second by Mr. Schaefer, all in favor. (7-0)

2. Update on Request for Proposal for Facilities Feasibility Study

Dr. McKersie highlighted the addition of Item C, page 4 in the Facilities Feasibility Study RFP, which is to include projections of enrollment. Ms. Uzenoff spoke to the benefit of the facilities study that was done over 10 years ago, and how it has been the blueprint to all the work that has been done throughout the district. Mr. Olenik, Director of Facilities, anticipates a final review upon the return of Mr. Richard Rudl, Director of Finance and Operations, before going out to bid.

3. Update on Facilities 2016-2017 Capital/Maintenance Project Update

Mr. Olenik, Director of Facilities, provided a written status update as to the capital and maintenance projects that were scheduled for completion during the summer months.

4. Enrollment

Dr. McKersie spoke to the current enrollment, specifically at the elementary level, referring to the enrollment analysis dated August 15, 2016. Enrollment at grade one (1) and grade four (4) has precipitated the need to add an additional classroom teacher at each grade. Ms. Falber, Principal of Weston Intermediate School and Ms. Kaddis, Principal of Hurlbutt Elementary School, spoke to the enrollment numbers, with regard to class size, in each of their respective schools. Decisions on Open Choice students will be made in late August.

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education reaffirm its class size guidelines and recognize that adherence to these guidelines will result in the addition of one (1) grade one classroom teaching position and one (1) grade four classroom teaching position for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion by Mr. McNeill, second by Mrs. Blechinger, all in favor. (7-0)

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Next Board Meeting will be a Special Meeting and is on Monday, September 19, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.

2. District Update

a. Enrollment- update moved under VI, New Business, Item 4

b. State assessment results

Dr. Kenneth Craw, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, provided an update on the assessment results from the administration of the School Day SAT in March. Dr. Craw stated that the SAT test is only one indicator that the District uses to assess student performance. He is still analyzing the data, but there currently is limited

information from the CSDE regarding the results at this time. Science assessment still remains within the CAPT (grade 10) and CMT (grades 5 and 8) tests.

c. Staffing

Dr. McKersie mentioned that today, two offers were made for teaching positions.

d. Leadership retreat

Dr. McKersie updated the Board on the leadership retreat being held on August 16 and 17. The three goals for the retreat are: what does it look like to be a global citizen-both staff and students, how do we provide a healthy learning environment, and how do we gauge progress.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Communications Committee – No report**
- 2. Curriculum Committee – No report**
- 3. Finance Committee – No report**
- 4. Facilities Committee – No report**
- 5. Policy Committee – No report**
- 6. Negotiations Committee – No report**
- 7. CES – No report**
- 8. CABE – No report**
- 9. Weston Education Foundation – No report**

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Meredith Herman, Board of Education Clerk.

Chairman

Secretary

Approved by the Board of Education September 19, 2016.