

Weston Public Schools
 Board of Education Special Meeting
 Weston Middle School Library Resource Center
 October 24, 2016

Attendance:

Ellen Uzenoff, Chairperson	Dr. William McKersie, Superintendent
Philip Schaefer, Vice Chairperson	Dr. Kenneth Crow, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Elise Major, Secretary/Treasurer	Dr. Craig Tunks, Director of Digital Learning and Innovation
Jacqueline Blechinger	Ms. Lois Pernice, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Denise Harvey	Mr. Richard Rudl, Director of Finance and Operations
Alex Fruhbeis, Student BOE Representative	Cameron Isaccs, Student BOE Representative
<i>Absent:</i> Dan McNeill	<i>Absent:</i> Sara Spaulding

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

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Discussion regarding Weston Public Schools School Security Update

III. RESUME PUBLIC SESSION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. RECOGNITION

1. 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program

Mrs. Lisa Deorio, Weston High School Principal, introduced Elfine Dexter, Hamilton Forsythe, Eric Hirsch, and Nicole Werner, who were named as Semifinalists in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program (Nicole Werner was not present due to a school athletic obligation).

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education recognizes 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. Harvey, second by Mr. Schaefer, all in favor. (5-0)

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The Board will vote to approve the minutes from September 19

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves the minutes of the September 19, 2016, Regular and Executive Sessions. Motion by Ms. Major, second by Mr. Schaefer, all in favor. (5-0)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comments

VII. STUDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Mr. Fruhbeis and Ms. Isaacs highlighted homecoming week activities, current services projects, WHS online spirit wear store, school morale and the newly created tranquility room. Discussion by the Board followed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Gauging Progress Report

Dr. Kenneth Craw, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the Gauging Progress Report for the 2015-2016 academic year. The District uses multiple measures to assess student performance, as outlined by his report. Being able to gauge student progress also assists in continuous improvement efforts, identifies areas of growth for student achievement, and informs teacher professional development. Dr. Craw identified and reviewed the five outcomes we measure: AIM, math, reading, writing, and science. Also reviewed were how the District performed in Smarter Balanced testing, School Day SAT, spring DRA, and the new K-5 progress reports. Discussion by the Board followed.

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

Dr. William McKersie, Superintendent of Schools, provided a first reading of Weston Board of Education Policy 4122, Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness for Intramural and Interscholastic Athletics and Policy 2260, Holds on Destruction of Electronic Information and Paper Records.

3. Budget Assumptions Approval

Mr. Richard Rudl, Director of Finance and Operations, reviewed the revised draft copy of FY 2018 Board of Education Operating Budget Assumptions. Discussion by the Board followed.

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves the FY 2018 Operating Budget Assumptions. Motion by Mr. Schaefer, second by Ms. Harvey, all in favor. (5-0)

4. 2018 Budget Calendar Approval

Mr. Rudl, Director of Finance and Operations, reviewed the draft FY 2018 Budget Calendar.

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves the FY 2018 Budget Calendar. Motion by Mr. Schaefer, second by Ms. Major, all in favor. (5-0)

5. Third FY 2017 Financial Update and Approval of Transfers

Mr. Rudl, Director of Finance and Operations, provided a monthly financial update. Transfers totaling \$31,276 were presented for approval with the largest cost being \$10,000 for a 3-year online renewal for social studies textbooks.

Motion: Moved that the Weston Board of Education approves the transfers as presented by Mr. Rudl in the third FY 2017 financial update. Motion by Ms. Harvey, second by Mrs. Blechinger, all in favor. (5-0)

IX. OLD BUSINESS – No old business

X. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

1. District Update

Dr. McKersie mentioned that the CABA/CAPPS Conference will be held on November 19 and they have extended invitations to student representatives to attend on Saturday, November 20. Highlights from each school were mentioned from the October 2016 Principal’s report. This report will be sent each month to staff and Weston families. The Noteworthy Achievements document for 2015-2016 is in its final stages of review. Dr. McKersie extended a thank you to Board Member Mr. Phil Schaefer for his years of service to Weston.

2. International Field Trip Request for Weston High School

Dr. Craw mentioned that that we will be offering a trip to Montreal for students in our high school performing arts ensembles. They would have the opportunity to perform at a festival. We have approximately 130 students that are eligible to attend.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Communications Committee – Sara Spaulding, see attached minutes

2. Curriculum Committee – Philip Schaefer, see attached minutes

3. Finance Committee – Denise Harvey, see attached minutes

Ms. Harvey mentioned the new budget format review and suggested reviewing the samples that Mr. Rudl distributed.

4. Facilities Committee – Elise Major, see attached minutes

5. Policy Committee – Daniel McNeill, see attached minutes

6. Negotiations Committee – Ellen Uzenoff, no update

7. CES – Elise Major, no update

8. CABE – Daniel McNeill

The CABE/CAPPS conference will be held on Friday, November 19.

9. Weston Education Foundation – Sara Spaulding

WEF will be holding its annual Trivia night on Saturday, November 5. There are still tickets available for the event.

XII. WRITTEN REPORTS

1. Principals' Reports, see attached reports

XIII. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING IS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2016 AT 7:30 P.M.

1. Dr. McKersie will review pending agenda items for the next meeting.

Dr. McKersie reviewed the draft BOE agenda that lists all the reports that will come before the Board each month. He updated the Board on which reports will be presented at the November 21 Board meeting.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion: Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Uzenoff, second by Mr. Schaefer, all in favor.
(5-0) Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.*

Minutes prepared by Meredith Herman, Board of Education Clerk.

Chairman

Secretary

Approved by the Board of Education November 21, 2016.