

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF WESTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE ONLINE MEETING

7 P.M. on 10/26/2020

The meeting agenda included the Superintendent's Report, Subcommittee Reports, a WEEFC grant approval, discussion of town signage with Select Board Member Chris Houston, discussion of expanding in-person learning, discussion of findings from parent surveys, and discussion of the district's enrollment data in regards to both budgeting and strategic planning.

The committee also discussed the Superintendent's goals, and voted unanimously to approve a new three year contract for Superintendent Connolly. Lastly, the committee unanimously voted to approve a warrant, and unanimously voted to approve several weeks of meeting minutes.

The committee did not hold a Q+A period, but will hear and answer questions on Monday 11/9.

- Superintendent's report
 - Discussed COVID forum, thanked health professionals, shared student news
- Subcommittee reports and other business
 - Updates on Climate Action Resiliency Plan and Green Communities Grant
 - Updates on METCO
- WEEFC grant
 - Student(s) requested \$600 for camera/media equipment; passed unanimously
- Town signage
 - Chris Houston discussed the status of the project to create guidelines for town signs going forward; he responded to comments from committee members
- Expansion of in-person learning
 - Superintendent excited about reopenings for K-5 schools. Traffic is still an issue
 - Still improving hybrid instruction across the board, and still room for improvement
 - Attention is now turning to expanding in-person learning at the secondary level
- Survey results
 - Superintendent shared quantitative and qualitative findings from parent surveys
 - Superintendent will present findings from student survey responses November 9.
- Enrollment data
 - WPS declined 6.5% from 2019-20 to 2020-21, which is in line with other districts.
 - Committee considered how declining enrollment data can or should be used to inform long term strategic planning and budgeting, with some disagreements
- Superintendent goals
 - Committee discussed goal-setting process, and considered planning periods
 - Committee requested Superintendent add a goal for social/emotional learning
- Superintendent contract
 - Chair Mr. Henry summarized changes; Committee voted unanimously to approve
- Approval of minutes and warrant
 - Committee voted unanimously to approve four weeks of minutes, and a warrant

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