

SUMMARY OF WESTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE ONLINE MEETING - 7:00pm, April 12, 2021

Full Recording: [Weston.vod.castus.tv/vod/](https://weston.vod.castus.tv/vod/) (Find timestamps for each section in parentheses)

Documents Used At Meeting

- Superintendent's Reopening Update ([Slides](#))
- Director of Health Services Update ([Slides](#))
- COVID-19 Response Manager Update ([Slides](#))
- FY 2021 3rd Quarter Budget Report ([Slides](#))
- [WEEFC Grants For Approval](#)
- Meeting Minutes For Approval: [3/8/2021](#) - [3/22/2021](#) - [4/2/2021](#)

Opening Business:

- Mr. Henry, chair, reviewed the agenda, starting with a joint session with members of the WHS Student Advisory Council, before updates on COVID response and FY21 budgets.
- Dr. Connolly highlighted student accomplishments in Chemistry, Arts, Music, Community Service, Athletics, and more. She added the district is in the process of hiring a new Director of Student Services. Jennifer Truslow will remain in that role through June 30.
- Ms. Muzila discussed the 2021 [town cleanup](#). Ms. Johnson highlighted some upcoming [BWMPO](#) meetings and initiatives. Mr. Cobb previewed the [town meeting coming May 15](#).

Major Business:

- Students and administrators discussed secondary students returning to 5-days in person from the Hybrid-Cohort model, including successes and challenges. They go on to discuss lunches, related schedule changes, COVID testing, contact tracing, and more.
 - They also discussed final exams and plans for an outdoor graduation ceremony on the Town Green in May, which will include virtual livestreaming components.
- Dr. Connolly reviewed recent and upcoming changes to student schedules, protocols for lunches to be held outdoors whenever possible, and protocols for safe indoor lunches. She also promoted several [community engagement sessions for the WPS strategic plan](#).
- Health Services Director Dr. Jamy Gaynor provided updates on policies and practices regarding travel, testing, contact tracing, and more.
- COVID-19 Response Manager Ms. Michele Shuckel discussed various public health topics including higher risks from new COVID variants and the real-world consequences of unmasked indoor social gatherings. She and Dr. Gaynor also reviewed takeaways and responded to questions from the committee.
- Ms. Sheri Matthews gives budget updates on personnel, contracted services, supplies, materials and more. Due to federal grants, WPS is in a good position to finish out FY21.
 - She also responded to various questions and optimism from committee members.
- Members approved three sets of meeting minutes for March 8, March 22, and April 2.
- Members approved three WEEFC grants totalling ~\$3,006 and a ~\$2,800,205 warrant.
- Mr. Henry shared that Ms. Rachel Stewart has resigned from the school committee, effective on April 12. The committee will be meeting on the evening of April 27 at 6:30pm with members of the Select Board to approve an interim replacement to fill the vacancy.