

MINUTES OF WESTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Case House

January 22, 2018

A meeting of the Weston School Committee was called to order at 4:03 PM at Case House by Mrs. Danielle Black, Chair. In attendance were Mr. Alex Cobb, Dr. Ed Heller and Mr. John Henry of the Weston School Committee; Dr. Midge Connolly, Superintendent; Mrs. Pamela Bator, Assistant Superintendent for District Advancement; Dr. Abbie Lareau, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning; and Mrs. Cynthia Mahr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Not present: Dr. Sanjay Saini.

Also present were Finance Committee members Ms. Lisa Reitano, Mr. John Sallay and Mr. John MacDonald, Chair; Dr. Lee McCanne, Director of Technology and School Libraries; Mr. John Gibbons, Weston Middle School Principal; Ms. Jen Faber, Woodland School Principal, and Mr. Gary Jarobski, Director of Facilities.

Mrs. Black welcomed everyone, introduced members of the School Committee and Administration, and reviewed the agenda.

Budget Review

Members of the School Committee and Finance Committee liaisons conducted initial review of the proposed FY19 Budgets for Middle School, Technology, and Operations (Buildings and Grounds, Utilities, Transportation).

For the Middle School, Mr. Gibbons summarized reductions, noting the elimination of three leadership stipends and a significant reduction in stipends for remaining three leadership positions, the elimination of a DSP Learning Assistant position, reduction in mailing expenses, and a .15 reduction in Math Lab, while noting some concern for the Math Lab reduction. He also spoke about new items, including an instructional coach position that will provide significant support to students and faculty and a Directed Support Coordinator (DSP) position to provide math and English literacy support. Mr. Gibbons spoke in support of the Director of Human Resources position in the proposed district budget as well as the plan to renovate one science lab this upcoming summer. The Committee discussed and had opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Cobb asked about the possibility of renovating two science labs rather than one each year. Mr. Jarobski noted that the projects could be managed with internal staff this way and be below procurement regulations.

Dr. McCanne reviewed changes to the Technology Department. The Committee discussed. Mrs. Mahr and Mr. Jarobski answered Committee questions regarding Operations, including Buildings and Grounds, Utilities, and Transportation.

No action taken.

WEEFC

Dr. Lareau presented WEEFC proposals for Committee approval.

MOTION: Upon motion made by Mr. Cobb and seconded by Dr. Heller, the School Committee voted unanimously to approve WEEFC grants in amount of \$7,230.16, as proposed in the memo of January 16, 2018.

Adjournment

MOTION: Upon motion made by Mr. Cobb and seconded by Dr. Heller, the School Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:01 PM.