

MINUTES OF WESTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

October 15, 2018

I. A. Call To Order

A meeting of the Weston School Committee was called to order at 7:01 PM at Case House by Mr. John Henry, Chair. In attendance were Mrs. Danielle Black, Mr. Alex Cobb and Dr. Sanjay Saini of the School Committee; Ms. Onika Jenkins, METCO Representative to the School Committee; Dr. Midge Connolly, Superintendent; Dr. J. Kimo Carter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning; and Ms. Sheri Matthews, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Not Present: Dr. Ed Heller.

I.B. Chairman's Report – Mr. Henry welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced members of the School Committee and Administration, and reviewed the evening's agenda.

Mr. Henry addressed his awareness of a position circulating in the community regarding bus transportation for Roxbury-Weston Pre-School. He indicated the issue will be on the November 5 School Committee agenda. Mr. Henry reported that the Committee voted to no longer provide transportation for the pre-school based on safety concerns as our full-size school buses are not safe vehicles for transporting small children. He noted that the district does not provide transportation for children who attend pre-school in the Weston Public Schools. Mr. Henry reiterated the School Committee's support of the strong METCO Program in Weston schools, noting it is an integral part of the school system.

I.C. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Connolly reported on the successful Pumpkin Festival, held despite the rainy and cold weather, which raised more than \$10,000 for Camp Sunshine. She reported that many high school students worked diligently for months planning the annual event. Dr. Connolly noted that Steve Boardman and his engineering class ran the trebuchet at the event.

Dr. Connolly provided an update on Athletics, informing the Committee that Boys and Girls Cross Country teams hosted a school from Oregon. She reported the team visited Boston for five days and participated in a cross-country race with Newton South and Boston Latin at Burchard Park. Dr. Connolly said this is the second year Weston has hosted this race with a school from Oregon, and it was a great experience for everyone involved. Dr. Connolly reported that the Field Hockey and Boys Soccer teams have qualified for the state tournament, Golf has qualified for sectionals, and Crew will participate in the 54th Head of the Charles Regatta.

I.D. Subcommittee Reports – None

I.E. Open Forum – No comments.

II.A. Discussion of 2018-2019 School Calendar

Dr. Connolly indicated the proposed calendar had been shared with the public and faculty for feedback. Dr. Saini asked the Administration to again consider if a Day of Low Attendance could be converted to a service day. Mr. Cobb asked if there might be alternative ways instruction could take place on Days of Low Attendance so that the days could count as school days. Dr. Connolly indicated she has received no negative feedback on the calendar thus far. Mr. Henry noted the calendar would be on Committee agenda for approval in November. No action taken.

II.B. Facility Projects Update

Case House – Mrs. Black reported that construction documents are complete and in hands of the contractor. She reviewed the bid process and indicated that bids are due in on November 12. Ms. Matthews noted that November 12 is a holiday and the building will be closed unless Mr. Jarobski, Director of Facilities, has made other arrangements. Mrs. Black said a community open house is being scheduled at Case House on Saturday, November 17. Dr. John McKenzie suggested a presentation be done by Weston Media as a way to promote the project. No action taken.

II.C. Policy Review/Discussion

Mr. Henry presented revised Policy IIB Class Size for a second reading.

MOTION: Upon motion made by Mr. Cobb and seconded by Mrs. Black, the School Committee voted unanimously to approve revised Policy IIB Class Size.

Mr. Henry presented reviewed Section I policies IJ Instructional Material, IJR Reconsideration of Instructional Resources, and IJL Library Materials Selection for a first reading and presented a possible new policy IJLA Library Resources. He reported that these revised policies have been shared with administrators for comments and feedback prior to the next reading. The Committee discussed and made some suggested edits. No action taken.

III.A. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion made by Mr. Cobb and seconded by Mr. Henry, the School Committee voted unanimously to approve minutes of October 1, 2018.

III.B. Business Actions
Certificate of Warrant

Ms. Matthews presented a Certificate of the Secretary, approval of warrants for payment.

MOTION: Upon motion made by Mr. Cobb and seconded by Mrs. Black, the School Committee voted unanimously to approve the warrant for payment of \$3,332,484.85 by the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations.

IV. Adjournment

MOTION: Upon motion made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Dr. Saini, at 7:21 PM, the School Committee voted unanimously to adjourn.