

WESTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 2:00 PM  
Zoom Livestream Meeting

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## DOCUMENTS USED

- None

## ATTENDING PANELISTS

School Committee: Mr. Kenneth Newberg (Chair), Ms. Maija Cirulis-Gooch (Vice Chair), Ms. Attia Linnard (member), Mr. Jeffrey Lucas (member), and Mr. Adam Newman (member).  
Absent: Ms. Keitrice Johnson (METCO Representative to the School Committee), and Ms. Cortney Leung (Student Representative to the School Committee)

Also attending: Mr. Stephen Nembirkow (Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations), and Mr. Derrek Joyce (Secretary to the School Committee).

## OPENING BUSINESS

### Chairman's Report

With a quorum of the Weston School Committee present, Mr. Newberg calls the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and provides an overview of the meeting's agenda. He advises that the purpose of this meeting is to finalize some end-of-year items. He also explains moving forward he will be proposing time allocations for each agenda item. .

### Public Comment (2:06)

As no attendees wished to speak, public comment was not held at this meeting.

## MAJOR BUSINESS

### MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey Data (2:47)

Mr. Newberg advises that there will be a formal presentation of the MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey Data this coming Fall as the committee prefers to save informative, substantive presentations for times when more community members can be in attendance. As he opens the

floor for questions from the committee members regarding the data in their meeting packet, Mr. Newman joins the meeting. As there are no questions, **Ms. Cirulis-Gooch motions to authorize Weston Public Schools' participation in the Fall 2023 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey; Mr. Lucas seconds the motion.** Via roll call vote, the Weston School Committee unanimously votes in favor of the motion.

#### **Update to Secondary Class Sectioning Projections and Proposed Overrides** (5:24)

Mr. Newberg provides a preliminary summary of the sectioning figures and opens the floor for questions or concerns. As there are none, **Ms. Linnard motions to approve all over-enrolled and under-enrolled courses as presented; Mr. Lucas seconds the motion.** Via roll call vote, the Weston School Committee unanimously votes in favor of the motion.

#### **Anti-Bullying Policies/Prevention Plan Update** (8:27)

Mr. Newberg provides a brief background of the revision process of the plan and opens the floor for questions or concerns. As there are none, **Ms. Linnard motions to approve all over-enrolled and under-enrolled courses as presented; Ms. Cirulis-Gooch seconds the motion.** Via roll call vote, the Weston School Committee unanimously votes in favor of the motion.

#### **Revised FY'24 Budget Approval** (9:36)

Mr. Newberg explains that, due to updates such as departmental needs and contractual changes, the committee needs to approve line item transfers within the budget for FY'24 to better reflect the district's obligations post-contract settlement. He then opens the floor for questions or concerns. As there are none, **Ms. Cirulis-Gooch motions to approve the line item transfers as presented; Ms. Linnard seconds the motion.** Via roll call vote, the Weston School Committee unanimously votes in favor of the motion.

#### **Proposed 2023-2026 WEA Contract as modified by ratified MOA** (12:47)

Mr. Newberg advises that this item of major business will be discussed at a future meeting because he was still working with the WEA to finalize the updated document. He then goes on to say that, at the time of posting the agenda, he was optimistic that the committee could review it but that it should be ready for the next meeting.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Consent Agenda** (14:21)

Mr. Newberg moves to the consent agenda and asks if any items need to be removed for individual discussion. Ms. Cirulis-Gooch advises that she had Mr. Joyce correct the spelling of her name in the June 12, 2023, meeting minutes; however, individual discussion is not required. Mr. Joyce reminds the committee of the upcoming summer schedule: a regular meeting on July 13 and the summer retreat slated for August 1 and 2. Conversation turns to finalizing the timing

of those meetings; for privacy reasons unrelated to school committee work, the audio for a portion of this conversation was removed from the public recording of the meeting but was audible at the time to all participants, including members of the public. **Ms. Linnard motions to approve the consent agenda as presented, including payment of Payroll Warrant numbered 5123 for \$2,321,950.14; the ratification of the Children’s Center of Weston (CCW) Rental and Use Contract; the School Committee Proposed Summer Meeting/Retreat Schedule; and School Committee meeting minutes for June 12, 2023. Mr. Lucas seconds the motion.** Via roll call vote, the Weston School Committee unanimously votes in favor of the motion. The committee opts to continue scheduling via email.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING’s AGENDA TOPICS — July 13, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

- Welcome and Update from the Superintendent (Info)
- Proposed Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (Info)
- Authorize ESSER Grant Allocation to Address Learning Loss for SY23-24 (Vote)
- Proposed Budget Audit (Info/Vote)
- Summer Retreat Agenda Overview (Info)

**ADJOURNMENT (28:43)**

Following the motion made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Newberg, the Weston School Committee voted by roll call vote at 2:28 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Cirulis-Gooch votes aye, Ms. Linnard votes aye, Mr. Lucas votes aye, Mr. Newman votes aye, and Mr. Newberg votes aye.