TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD MEETING MINUTES (CONCISE)

In order to comply with Connecticut General Statutes regarding minutes of meetings, the following will be used to record information during all public meetings that take place. Motions should be complete, showing the maker and second of the motion, as well as how each member voted. Unanimous votes may be listed as unanimous.

NAME OF PUBLIC BOARD OR COMMISSION: Wethersfield Board of Education

DATE MEETING AGENDA POSTED: November 21, 2024

LOCATION:

Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109

The regular session meeting was live streamed on COX channel 16 or Frontier channel 6101, or the YouTube® Channel, "Wethersfield Government Access TV" by using the following link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfuf-C0gYVVxmD5iIfFTnsQ

DATE OF MEETING: November 26, 2024 **TIME MEETING STARTED: 7:00 p.m.**

PERSON PREPARING MEETING MINUTES: Ellen Goslicki

NOTES TAKEN: Yes AUDIO, VIDEO, OR LIVE TRANSMISSION OF MEETING: Yes

MEMBERS PRESENT AT MEETING:

1. Marjorie Callan Carson
2. Charles T. Carey
3. Janice Di Roberts
4. Christina Hernandez-Williams
5. James Reilly
6. Liz Walters
7. Jon Weiner
8. Matt Laccavole Vice Chairperson-Secretary
9. Bobbie Hughes Granato Chairperson

Also present were: WPS Superintendent of Schools, Michael Emmett; WPS Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum & Instruction, Sally Dastoli; WPS Business Manager, Matt Kozaka; WPS Director of Security & Residency, Michael Baribault; WPS Director of Special Education, John Karzar; Town of Wethersfield Social/ Youth/Senior Services Prevention Coordinator, Carissa Peckrul; Bonnie W. Smith, MPH, CPH, CPP-*CEO*, B. Weyland Smith Consulting LLC; and WHS Student Representative, Anxhelika Deda. Members of the public were also present.

NUMBER REQUIRED FOR QUORUM: 5 **QUORUM PRESENT: Yes**

TEXT MOTIONS AND RESULTS VOTES:

1st MOTION: _X_ Passed ___ Failed ___ Tabled

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

a. November 12, 2024 Board of Education Regular Session Meeting

Mr. Carey made a correction to Page 6, Paragraph 1: delete "and adjourn the meeting"

Mr. Carey made another correction to Page 6. After the word "unanimously" add the following language:

"13. Adjournment

Mrs. Granato MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.
The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously."

Mrs. Di Roberts MOVED to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Session Meeting of November 12, 2024, as amended. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously.

2nd MOTION: _X_ Passed ____ Failed ___ Tabled

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

b. November 19, 2024 Board of Education Special Session Meeting

Ms. Walters made a correction to Page 3, **Conclusions/Take Aways**. Change the language of the last bullet point to read as follows:

- "The Kycia Farm property is a great location to build a school, as Mr. Scott of TSKP mentioned. He noted, however, that TSKP did not further explore the site due to the community being unsettled about the future for that property."

Ms. Walters also made a correction to Page 4, Paragraph 3, Line 1. Remove the word "higher" and replace it with the word "lower"

Mr. Weiner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Special Session Meeting of November 19, 2024, as corrected. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts and VOTED unanimously.

3rd MOTION: _X_ Passed ____ Failed ___ Tabled

a. Recommended Motion: Approval of the administration of a We Hope Parent Survey through the Town

Ms. Callan-Carson MOVED to approve the administration of a We Hope Parent Survey through the Town. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts.

Discussion: Town of Wethersfield Social/ Youth/Senior Services Prevention Coordinator, Carissa Peckrul explained that the survey proposed is a follow up to the survey administered in November 2023 and taken by students in Grades 7 through 12 (SDMS and WHS). Now the consultant is looking to conduct the adult community survey. Results of the survey would provide knowledge and perspective regarding substance use and at-risk behaviors within the town, and the data will best be used to guide future planning provide prevention programs and promote overall community awareness regarding the issues.

Bonnie W. Smith, MPH, CPH, CPP-*CEO*, B. Weyland Smith Consulting LLC explained that her company provides evaluation and survey services to organizations (such as Town of Wethersfield) who have the drug- free communities Grant. After discussions with Wethersfield Social/ Youth/Senior Services Assistant Director, Erica Texeira; and Wethersfield Social/ Youth/Senior Services Prevention Coordinator, Carissa Peckrul; it was determined that all adults, not just parents in the community, can be asked about their perceptions around mental health and substance use, including their perceptions of barriers, in order to help educate adults on becoming more aware on how to get care. This is the rationale for this survey. The process for the dissemination of the survey was explained. It was noted that currently, Wethersfield has a 5-year, drug-free communities grant through the CDC which concludes at the end of September 2025. Data is needed to apply for a second competitive round (grant for an additional 5 years) which will need to occur in early 2025.

Board Comments: Ms. Callan-Carson, Ms. Walters, and Mrs. Di Roberts commented. Mr. Emmett also commented.

The motion was VOTED unanimously.

4th MOTION: _X_ Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

12. <u>Adjournment</u>

Mr. Carey MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Reilly and VOTED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Matt Laccavole, Vice-Chairperson – Secretary

Minutes Recorded by Ellen Goslicki, Recording Secretary

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:41 p.m.
TIME EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED: N/A
TIME DELIVERED TO TOWN CLERK: