

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD MEETING MINUTES (CONCISE)

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NAME OF PUBLIC BOARD OR COMMISSION: Wethersfield Board of Education

DATE MEETING AGENDA POSTED: June 18, 2026

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-C0gYVVxmD5ilfFTnsQ>

DATE OF MEETING: June 23, 2026 **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:

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| 1. Marjorie Callan Carson | 6. Mindy Gold (7:15 p.m.) |
| 2. Charles T. Carey | 7. James Reilly |
| 3. Gabby DiBacco | 8. Matt Laccavole, Vice Chairperson-Secretary |
| 4. Janice Di Roberts | 9. Bobbie Hughes Granato, Chairperson |
| 5. Amanda Drew | |

Also present were: Superintendent of WPS, Jeff Wihbey; Assistant Superintendent of WPS, Jennifer Miller; WPS Director of Security, Michael Baribault; WPS Director of Special Education, John Karzar; WPS Director of Teaching & Learning, Cindy Callahan; WHS Principal, Siobhan O’Connor; and WHS Teacher, Stephen Carr. Members of the public were also present.

NUMBER REQUIRED FOR QUORUM: 5

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

TEXT MOTION AND RESULTS VOTES:

1st MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

a. April 28, 2026 - Board of Education Regular Session Meeting (Ref. 1)

Mr. Laccavole made the following correction to Page 4, Item 6.a, Line 17.
Remove “and VOTED unanimously.”

Mrs. Drew MOVED to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Session Meeting of April 28, 2026, as corrected. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Laccavole.

Discussion: Mr. Laccavole commented. The motion was VOTED 8 -0 IN FAVOR as follows:

Yes: M. Callan Carson, C. Carey, G. DiBacco, J. Di Roberts, A. Drew, J. Reilly, M. Laccavole, B. Granato.

2nd MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

b. May 26, 2026 - Board of Education Regular Session Meeting (Ref. 1a)

Ms. Callan Carson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Session Meeting of April 28, 2026, as submitted. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Laccavole.

The motion was VOTED 7-0 IN FAVOR as follows (with Mr. Carey abstaining):

Yes: M. Callan Carson, G. DiBacco, J. Di Roberts, A. Drew, J. Reilly, M. Laccavole, B. Granato.
Abstain: C. Carey.

3rd MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

c. June 9, 2026 - Board of Education Workshop Session Meeting (Ref. 1b)

Ms. Callan Carson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Workshop Session Meeting of June 9, 2026, as submitted. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Laccavole.

The motion was VOTED 5-0 IN FAVOR as follows (with Mr. Carey, Mrs. Di Roberts, and Mrs. Drew abstaining):

Yes: M. Callan Carson, G. DiBacco, J. Reilly, M. Laccavole, B. Granato.
Abstain: C. Carey, J. Di Roberts, A. Drew.

4th MOTION: X Passed Failed Tabled

6. Action Items

a. CONSENT AGENDA–Policies for Review as Second Read and Possible Approval (Ref. 3)

Mr. Laccavole noted the following (12) policies and (7) regulations/items of information required by State statutes for review as a Second Read and possible approval:

1. Policies – Consent Agenda

- **2200 Retention and Disposition of Records and Information**
- **4275 Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility for Personnel / Memo**
- **4410 Family and Medical Leave Act**
- **5300 High School Graduation Requirements**
- **5700 Student Discipline**
- **5760 Confidentiality and Access to Education Records**
- **5780 Student Use of the District’s Computer Systems and Internet Safety**
- **5870 Use of Private Technology Devices by Students**
- **6200 Curricular Exemptions**
- **6450 Library Collection, Display and Program, and Review and Reconsideration**
- **6700 Parental Access to Instructional Material**
- **6900 Weighted Grading and Calculation of Grade Point Averages**

2. Regulations/Items of Information

- **1110 Civility and Decorum**
- **2200 Retention and Disposition of Records and Information**
- **4150 Conduct Expectations for Coaches and Advisors / Memo**
- **5700 Student Discipline**
- **5760 Confidentiality and Access to Education Records**
- **5780 Student Use of the District’s Computer Systems and Internet Safety**
- **Administrative Letter - FOIA Response Procedure**

Mr. Laccavole MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve Policies as listed.

The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey.

Discussion: Mrs. Granato, Ms. Callan Carson, and Mrs. Di Roberts commented.

Mr. Carey made a Point of Clarification and noted that a motion was not made to remove any of the above policies from the Consent Agenda and that there should not be a discussion of any of the policies. Mr. Laccavole indicated the question raised by Mrs. Di Roberts was responded to in an email that contained questions about the specific policy.

The motion was VOTED 9-0 IN FAVOR as follows:

Yes: M. Callan Carson, C. Carey, G. DiBacco, J. Di Roberts, A. Drew, M. Gold, J. Reilly, M. Laccavole, B. Granato.

5th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

Rescind Approval of Recommended Motion: Authorization for the Superintendent to Establish a Non-lapsing Account for Unexpended Educational Appropriations (Item 6.a. April 28, 2026 Board of Education Meeting)

Mr. Laccavole MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education rescind the approval of the Recommended Amended Motion 6.a. made at the April 28, 2026, Board of Education meeting.

The motion was SECONDED for discussion reasons by Mr. Carey.

Discussion: Mr. Carey commented. The motion was VOTED 6-3 IN FAVOR as follows:

Yes: M. Callan Carson, G. DiBacco, J. Di Roberts, M. Gold, M. Laccavole, B. Granato.

No: C. Carey, A. Drew, J. Reilly.

6th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

b. Recommended Motion: Authorization for the Superintendent to Establish a Non-lapsing Account for Unexpended Educational Appropriations (Ref. 4)

Mr. Laccavole MOVED that, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-248a, amended in 2024 by enacting Section 7 of Public Act 24-45, the Wethersfield Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to establish a non-lapsing account for unexpended educational appropriations.

and

FURTHER MOVED that, the Wethersfield Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to automatically deposit unexpended educational funds from the prior fiscal year into the non-lapsing account, with the following requirements: deposit will not exceed two percent (2%) of the budgeted appropriations from the prior fiscal year; the funds may only be used for educational purposes; and the Board of Education must authorize expenditures from the non-lapsing account.

The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Callan Carson.

Discussion: Mrs. Drew, Mr. Laccavole, Ms. Callan Carson, Mr. Carey, and Mrs. Gold commented.

The motion was VOTED 6-3 IN FAVOR as follows:

Yes: M. Callan Carson, G. DiBacco, J. Di Roberts, M. Gold, M. Laccavole, B. Granato.

No: C. Carey, A. Drew, J. Reilly.

7th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

c. Recommended Motion: Approve WHS International School Field Trip Request for Peru in Spring 2028 (Ref. 5)

WHS Teacher, Stephen Carr provided background information pertaining to the trip.

Mrs. Gold MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the International Field Trip Request to Peru in Spring 2028. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey.

Discussion: Mrs. Granato, Mr. Laccavole, and Ms. Callan Carson commented. The motion was VOTED 9-0 IN FAVOR as follows:

Yes: M. Callan Carson, C. Carey, G. DiBacco, J. Di Roberts, A. Drew, M. Gold, J. Reilly, M. Laccavole, B. Granato.

8th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

c.1. Recommended Motion: Approve WHS International School Field Trip Request for Italy in Spring 2028 (Ref. 5)

WHS Teacher, Stephen Carr provided background information pertaining to the trip.

Mrs. Gold MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the International Field Trip Request to Italy in Spring 2028. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey.

Discussion: Mrs. Gold commented. The motion was VOTED 9-0 IN FAVOR as follows:

Yes: M. Callan Carson, C. Carey, G. DiBacco, J. Di Roberts, A. Drew, M. Gold, J. Reilly, M. Laccavole, B. Granato.

9th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

c.2. Recommended Motion: Approve WHS International School Field Trip Request for China in Summer 2028 (Ref. 5)

WHS Teacher, Stephen Carr provided background information pertaining to the trip.

Mrs. Gold MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the International Field Trip Request to China in Summer 2028. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey.

The motion was VOTED 9-0 IN FAVOR as follows:

Yes: M. Callan Carson, C. Carey, G. DiBacco, J. Di Roberts, A. Drew, M. Gold, J. Reilly, M. Laccavole, B. Granato.

10th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

c.3. Recommended Motion: Approve WHS International School Field Trip Request for Japan in Summer 2028 (Ref. 5)

WHS Teacher, Stephen Carr provided background information pertaining to the trip.

Mrs. Gold MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the International Field Trip Request to Japan in Summer 2028. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey.

Discussion: Mrs. Drew and Mr. Laccavole commented. The motion was VOTED 9-0 IN FAVOR as follows:

Yes: M. Callan Carson, C. Carey, G. DiBacco, J. Di Roberts, A. Drew, M. Gold, J. Reilly, M. Laccavole, B. Granato.

11th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

10. Discussion and Possible Action – (Executive Session if Necessary)

a. Superintendent’s Annual Review Presentation

Mrs. Granato MOVED to end public session and enter into an Executive Session at approximately 8:33 p.m. for the purpose of **a. Superintendent’s Annual Review Presentation**.

The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Callan Carson and VOTED IN FAVOR unanimously.

Present for executive session:

Wethersfield Board of Education Members:

C. Carey, M. Callan Carson, G. DiBacco, J. Di Roberts,
A. Drew, M. Gold, B. Granato, M. Laccavole, J. Reilly

Administrators: J. Wihbey; J. Frese-Miller

12th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

Mrs. Granato MOVED to exit Executive Session at 10:23 p.m.

The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Laccavole and VOTED IN FAVOR unanimously.

13th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

Mrs. Granato MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education extend the Superintendent's employment contract by one additional year, resulting in a new three-year contract term. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED IN FAVOR unanimously.

14th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

11. Adjournment

Mrs. Drew MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 p.m.

The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Gold and VOTED IN FAVOR unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Laccavole, Vice-Chairperson – Secretary

Minutes Recorded by Ellen Goslicki, Recording Secretary

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:24 p.m.

TIME EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED: 10:23 p.m. (duration: 8:33 p.m. – 10:23 p.m.)

TIME DELIVERED TO TOWN CLERK: