

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD MEETING MINUTES (CONCISE)

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NAME OF PUBLIC BOARD OR COMMISSION: Wethersfield Board of Education

DATE MEETING AGENDA POSTED: May 22, 2025

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: May 27, 2025 **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 | 5. Liz Walters |
| 2. Janice Di Roberts | 6. Jon Weiner |
| 3. Christina Hernandez-Williams | 7. Matt Laccavole Vice Chairperson-Secretary |
| 4. James Reilly | 8. Bobbie Hughes Granato Chairperson |

Also present were: WPS Superintendent of Schools, Michael Emmett; WPS Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum & Instruction, Sally Dastoli; WPS Director of Special Education, John Karzar; WPS Director of Security & Residency, Michael Baribault; WPS Instructional Supervisor of Secondary Curriculum, Dr. Christina Zlatin; Highcrest Elementary School Principal, Christine Mori; SDMS Principal, Tara Yusko; Melissa Mazzaferro, Language Arts Consultant – Highcrest Elementary School; Wethersfield Social and Youth Services Prevention Coordinator, Carissa Peckrul; CT Association of Schools Assistant Executive Director, Tiffany Caouette; *B. Weyland Smith Consulting, LLC*-CEO Bonnie Smith, MPH, CPH, CPS; WHS Student Representative, Anxhelika Deda; and WPS BOE Elementary Kid Chairperson for Hanmer School, Makena Schlenker. 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. May 13, 2025 Board of Education Regular Session Meeting

Mr. Laccavole MOVED to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Session Meeting of May 13, 2025, as submitted. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts and VOTED unanimously.

2nd MOTION: X Passed Failed Tabled

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

b. May 19, 2025 Board of Education Special Session Meeting (Ref. 1a)

Ms. Walters MOVED to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Special Session Meeting of May 19, 2025, as submitted. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts and VOTED unanimously.

3rd MOTION: X Passed Failed Tabled

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

c. May 19, 2025 Board of Education Special Session Meeting (Ref. 1b)

Mrs. Di Roberts MOVED to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Special Session Meeting of May 19, 2025, as submitted. The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Callan Carson and VOTED unanimously.

4th MOTION: X Passed Failed Tabled

6. Action Items

a. Recommended Motion: Approval of the 2025-2026 Operating Budget

Mr. Laccavole MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the Operating Budget for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$67,468,339.

Discussion: Ms. Walters, Ms. Callan Carson, Mr. Laccavole, and Ms. Hernandez-Williams commented.

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

5th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

b. Recommended Motion: Approval of BOE Meeting Dates - 2025-2026

Mr. Laccavole MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the attached proposed schedule of the regular Board of Education meetings for the 2025-2026 school year. Discussion: Mr. Reilly, Mrs. Granato and Mr. Laccavole.

The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Walters and VOTED unanimously.

6th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

c. Recommended Motion: Approval of Optional Administration of the Youth Voices Count Survey for 2025-2026

B. Weyland Smith Consulting, LLC-CEO Bonnie Smith, MPH, CPH, CPS; and Wethersfield Social and Youth Services Prevention Coordinator, Carissa Peckrul gave a brief presentation and answered questions from Board members about the optional administration of the *Youth Voices Count* Survey in WPS 2025-2026.

Mr. Laccavole MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the administration of the *Youth Voices Count* Survey for the 2025-2026 school year. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Reilly VOTED unanimously.

Board Comments: Mr. Laccavole and Ms. Walters commented.

7th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

d. Recommended Motion: Approval of New Curriculum: Health 6, Health 7, Health 8

Mr. Reilly MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the elementary and SDMS new curriculum: Health 6, Health 7, Health 8. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Ms. Walters, Mrs. Granato and Mrs. Di Roberts commented.

8th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

e. Recommended Motion: Approval of New Curriculum: Anatomy & Physiology

Mr. Reilly MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the WHS new curriculum: Anatomy & Physiology. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mrs. Di Roberts commented.

9th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

f. Recommended Motion: Approval of New Curriculum: Meteorology

Mr. Reilly MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the WHS new curriculum: Meteorology. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts and VOTED unanimously.

10th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

g. Recommended Motion: Approval of New Curriculum: CCSU CE TH 110: Introduction to Theatre

Ms. Callan Carson MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the WHS new curriculum: CCSU CE TH 110: Introduction to Theatre. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Weiner and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mrs. Di Roberts commented.

11th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

h. Recommended Motion: Approval of New Curriculum: Theater and Performing Arts

Ms. Callan Carson MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the WHS new curriculum: Theater and Performing Arts. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Reilly and VOTED unanimously.

Board Comments: Mrs. Di Roberts commented.

12th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

i. Recommended Motion: Approval of New Curriculum: Shakespearean Studies

Ms. Callan Carson MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the WHS Course Proposal: Shakespearean Studies. The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Walters and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mrs. Di Roberts commented.

13th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

j. Recommended Motion: Approval of New Curriculum: Advanced Video Production

Mr. Weiner MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the WHS new curriculum: Advanced Video Production. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Reilly and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mrs. Di Roberts commented.

14th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

k. Recommended Motion: Approval of New Curriculum: Video Game Development

Mr. Weiner MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the WHS new curriculum: Video Game Development. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Reilly and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mrs. Di Roberts and Mr. Laccavole commented.

15th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

l. Recommended Motion: Approval of New Curriculum: Electronic Music Production

Mr. Weiner MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the WHS new curriculum: Electronic Music Production. The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Walters and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mrs. Di Roberts commented.

16th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

m. Recommended Motion: Approval of New Curriculum: Conceptual Crafts

Ms. Hernandez-Williams MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the WHS new curriculum: Conceptual Crafts. The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Walters and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mrs. Di Roberts commented.

17th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

n. Recommended Motion: Approval of New Curriculum: French 1

Ms. Hernandez-Williams MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the WHS-SDMS new curriculum: French I. The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Walters and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mrs. Di Roberts commented.

18th MOTION: X Passed ____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

o. Recommended Motion: Approval of New Curriculum: General Music A

Ms. Walters MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the SDMS new curriculum: General Music A. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Reilly and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mrs. Di Roberts commented.

19th MOTION: X Passed ____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

p. Recommended Motion: Approval of New Curriculum: English-Language Arts 7

Ms. Walters MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the SDMS new curriculum: English Language Arts 7. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mrs. Di Roberts commented.

20th MOTION: X Passed ____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

q. Recommended Motion: Approval of New Curriculum: English-Language Arts 8

Mrs. Di Roberts MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the SDMS new curriculum: English Language Arts 8. The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Walters and VOTED unanimously.

21st MOTION: X Passed ____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

r. Recommended Motion: Approval of Textbook Adoption: CCSU CE FIN 210: Personal Finance

Mrs. Di Roberts MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the WHS Textbook Adoption: CCSU CE FIN 210: Personal Finance. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Reilly and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mrs. Di Roberts and Ms. Hernandez-Williams commented.

22nd MOTION: X Passed ____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

s. Recommended Motion: Approval of Textbook Adoption: ECE UConn MUSI 1003 Popular Music & Diversity in American Society

Mr. Laccavole MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the WHS Textbook Adoption: ECE UConn MUSI 1003: Popular Music & Diversity in American Society. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Weiner and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mrs. Di Roberts commented.

23rd MOTION: X Passed ____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

t. Recommended Motion: Approval of Textbook Adoption: AP US Government and Politics

Mr. Laccavole MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the WHS Textbook Adoption: AP US Government and Politics. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mrs. Di Roberts commented.

24th MOTION: X Passed ____ Failed ____ Tabled

12. Adjournment

Ms. Walters MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Laccavole, Vice-Chairperson – Secretary

Minutes Recorded by Ellen Goslicki, Recording Secretary

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:48 p.m.

TIME EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED: N/A

TIME DELIVERED TO TOWN CLERK: