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: March 7, 2024

LOCATION:

Wethersfield Town Hall-Council Chambers, 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: March 12, 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; WPS Instructional Supervisor SPED PK-6, Elizabeth Freitas; Charles Wright School Principal, Glenn Horter, Hanmer School Principal, Patrick Cone; WPS K-6 Instructional Supervisor, Dawn Campbell; Wethersfield Mayor Ken Lesser; Michael Macaluso (Emerson-Williams School Math Interventionist); Hanmer School EL Teacher, Alexis Mollica; Hanmer School EL Teacher, Heather Leonardi-Fichera; Family and Early Childhood Coordinator, Kim Bobin; Student Presenters from Hanmer School (Dea, Jon, Mahamic, Mustafa, Amber D., Muhammad, and Alisa); and WHS Co-Student Representative, Mary Dunn.
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

Motion to Table 03/12/2024 BOE Meeting Agenda Item 6. a.

Mr. Laccavole MOVED to **table** motion 6. a. (**6. a. Recommended Motion:** Approval of WHS Class of 2024 Graduation Date) on tonight's (Tuesday, March 12, 2024) BOE Meeting Agenda, for further discussion, the motion concerning approval of Class of 2024 Graduation Date.

The Motion was seconded by Mr. Weiner and voted 6-3 IN FAVOR as follows:

Yes: Ms. Callan Carson, Mrs. Di Roberts, Ms. Hernandez-Williams, Mr. Weiner, Mr. Laccavole, and Mrs. Granato; **Nay**: Mr. Carey, Mr. Reilly, Ms. Walters

2nd MOTION: _X_ Passed ____ Failed ___ Tabled

2. a. Minutes: February 27, 2024 Board of Education Regular Session Meeting

Mrs. Di Roberts made the following corrections:

Page 7 of Item **8. Board of Education a. Meetings Held: WECC.**
Add the following language in the last sentence on the page after the word, September: "1st age cutoff date more firm."

Page 8 of Item **8. Board of Education a. Meetings Held:**
CREC Council. "Emily Zell" is to be changed to "Emily Zambrello"

Page 9, Section **10. Board Comment**. Change February 24th to January 24th.

Mr. Carey made the following correction (after clarification from Mr. Weiner):

Page 8 of Item 8. **Board of Education a. Meetings Held:**
Facilities & Maintenance Committee. Remove 01.24.24 and change it to 02.21.24

Page 10 Item **11. Unfinished Business** – move Ms. Callan Carson's comments To Page 10 Item **10. Board Comments.**

Mr. Laccavole MOVED to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Session Meeting of February 27, 2024, as corrected. The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Callan Carson and VOTED unanimously.

3rd MOTION: ___ Passed _____ Failed __X__ Tabled

6. Action Items

a. Recommended Motion: Approval of WHS Class of 2024 Graduation Date

MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education set the graduation date for the Class of 2024 as Wednesday, June 12, 2024. - ***Motion Tabled for further BOE discussion.**

4th MOTION: _ X _ Passed ___ Failed ___ Tabled

b. Recommended Motion: Approval of Recommended Policy Updates

Mr. Laccavole MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the recommended policy updates. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mr. Laccavole commented.

5th MOTION: _ X _ Passed ___ Failed ___ Tabled

c. Recommended Motion: Presentation and Approval of the 2024-2025 Operating Budget

Mr. Emmett made a presentation pertaining to the operating budget proposed for the 2024-2025 school year that reflects input from district staff and current economic conditions.

Me. Laccavole MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the Operating Budget for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented by the Administration, in the amount of Sixty-Five Million, Eight-Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand, Two-Hundred Seventy ($65,884,270) Dollars. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously.
Board Comments: Mr. Carey, Ms. Walters, and Mrs. Granato commented.
Mr. Emmett and Mr. Kozaka also commented.

The BOE approved operating budget will now be forwarded to the Town by March 15, 2024. A presentation of this operating budget will be made to Town Council on March 18, 2024. A public hearing regarding the entire Town Budget (town and education budget allocations) for 2024-2025 will occur on April 15, 2024, and Town Council will notify the Board of Education of the education budget allocation by May 15, 2024.

6th MOTION: _X_ Passed ___ Failed ___ Tabled

12. <u>Adjournment</u>

Mr. Weiner MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts and VOTED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Matt Laccavole, Vice-Chairperson – Secretary

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:57 p.m.
TIME EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED: N/A
TIME DELIVERED TO TOWN CLERK: