

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: January 20, 2022

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: January 25, 2022 **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. Janice Di Roberts | 5. Dr. Jennifer Regan-Lefebvre |
| 2. Christopher Healy | 6. John F. Cascio, Vice Chairperson-Secretary |
| 3. Bobbie Hughes Granato | 7. Charles T. Carey, Chairperson |
| 4. Matt Laccavole | |

Also present were Superintendent of Schools, Michael Emmett; Business Manager, Matthew Kozaka; Wethersfield Public Schools Director of Security and Residency (WPS Liaison for the COVID-19 Response Team), Michael Baribault; Wethersfield Public Schools Director of Special Education, John Karzar; WHS Principal, Siobhan O'Connor; Webb Elementary School Principal, Kenneth Craig; students from Webb School's Grade 6 Ambassador Team; Judy Keane, President of The Keane Foundation; Keane on Kids After School Enrichment Program Director, Caroline Fazzina; Wethersfield Social, Youth & Senior Services Assistant Director, Erica Texeira; Wethersfield Social & Youth Services Prevention Coordinator, Allison Nadeau-Shadon.

MPH; *B. Weyland Smith Consulting, LLC* CEO Bonnie Smith, MPH, CPH, CPS and Research Associate, Alyssa Gilbert, MPH. 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

January 11, 2022 Board of Education Regular Session Meeting

Mr. Cascio MOVED to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Session Meeting of January 11, 2022, as submitted. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Granato and VOTED unanimously.

2nd MOTION: X Passed ___ Failed ___ Tabled

6.a. Recommended Motion: New Course Proposal: Creative Writing – Level 1

Mr. Healy MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve adoption of new course proposal: *Creative Writing – Level 1*. The motion was SECONDED by Dr. Regan-Lefebvre and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mrs. Granato and Mrs. Di Roberts commented. Ms. O'Connor and Mr. Emmett also commented.

3rd MOTION: X Passed ___ Failed ___ Tabled

6.b. Recommended Motion: Course Deletion: ECE English 1010 Seminar in Academic Writing

Mr. Healy MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the deletion of course: *ECE English 1010 Seminar in Academic Writing*. The motion was SECONDED by Dr. Regan-Lefebvre and VOTED unanimously.

4th MOTION: X Passed ___ Failed ___ Tabled

6.c. Recommended Motion: New Course Proposal: ECE English 1007 Seminar in Academic Writing and Multimodal Composition – Level AP

Mr. Healy MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve adoption of new course proposal: *ECE English 1007 Seminar in Academic Writing and Multimodal Composition – Level AP*. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts and VOTED unanimously.

5th MOTION: X Passed ___ Failed ___ Tabled

6.d. Recommended Motion: Course Modification: Delete ECE English 1011 Seminar in Writing through Literature and Add AP Literature and Composition – Level AP

Mr. Healy MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve 1) the deletion of ECE English 1011 Seminar in Writing through Literature and 2) the adoption of new course proposal: *AP Literature and Composition – Level AP*. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts and VOTED unanimously.

6th MOTION: X Passed ___ Failed ___ Tabled

6.e. Recommended Motion: New Course Proposal: Forensics – Level 1

Mr. Healy MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve adoption of new course proposal: *Forensics – Level 1*. The motion was SECONDED by Dr. Regan-Lefebvre and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mr. Healy and Mrs. Di Roberts commented.

7th MOTION: X Passed ___ Failed ___ Tabled

6.f. Recommended Motion: New Course Proposal: AP Physics C: Mechanics – Level AP

Mr. Healy MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve adoption of new course proposal: *AP Physics C: Mechanics– Level AP*. The motion was SECONDED by Dr. Regan-Lefebvre and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mrs. Granato and Mr. Carey commented. Ms. O'Connor also commented.

8th MOTION: X Passed ___ Failed ___ Tabled

6.g. Recommended Motion: Course Modification: Honors Chemistry – Level Honors

Mr. Healy MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the course modification: *Honors Chemistry – Level Honors*. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts and VOTED unanimously.

9th MOTION: X Passed ___ Failed ___ Tabled

6.h. Recommended Motion: Course Deletion: Honors Integrated Science – Level Honors

Mr. Healy MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the deletion of course: *Honors Integrated Science – Level Honors*. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts and VOTED unanimously.

10th MOTION: X Passed ___ Failed ___ Tabled

6. i. Recommended Motion: Course Modification: Add Honors level to Band and Orchestra – Honors

Mr. Healy MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the course modification: add Honors level to *Band and Orchestra – Honors*. The motion was SECONDED by Dr. Regan-Lefebvre and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mrs. Granato, Mr. Carey and Mrs. Di Roberts commented. Ms. O'Connor also commented.

11th MOTION: X Passed ___ Failed ___ Tabled

6.j. Recommended Motion: Course Modification: Name Change from String Ensemble to Orchestra – Level 1

Mr. Healy MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the course modification: Name Change from *String Ensemble* to *Orchestra – Level 1*. The motion was SECONDED by Dr. Regan-Lefebvre and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mr. Healy commented.

12th MOTION: ___ Passed X Failed ___ Tabled

Recommended Motion: Approval of Contracts with Autumn Transportation

Mr. Cascio MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve a five (5) year contract for In-Town Regular Education; In-Town Special Education; In-Town Magnet; In-Town Parochial; Athletic; Late Bus; Extended School Year; and Field Trip transportation services to Autumn Transportation, commencing on July 1st, 2022; **AND, FURTHER MOVED,**

that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve a five (5) year contract for Out-of-Town Special Education and Out-of-Town Vocational School transportation services to Autumn Transportation, commencing on July 1st, 2022. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Healy.

Discussion: Mr. Carey, Mr. Cascio, Mr. Healy, and Mr. Kozaka. **NOTE: NO VOTE WAS TAKEN**

13th MOTION: X Passed ___ Failed ___ Tabled

Mr. Cascio MOVED to AMEND the above Motion (which combined recommended motions – Action Items 6. k. and 6. l. on the Wethersfield Board of Education’s Tuesday, January 25, 2022 Meeting Agenda) and keep the matters as separate motions (see items 6.k. and 6.l. hereinafter). The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Healy and VOTED unanimously.

14th MOTION: X Passed ___ Failed ___ Tabled

6k. Recommended Amended Motion: Approval of Contract with Autumn Transportation

Mr. Cascio MOVED, as amended, that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve a five (5) year contract for In-Town Regular Education; In-Town Special Education; In-Town Magnet; In-Town Parochial; Athletic; Late Bus; Extended School Year; and Field Trip transportation services to Autumn Transportation, commencing on July 1st, 2022. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Healy and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Dr. Regan-Lefebvre and Mr. Carey commented. Mr. Kozaka also commented.

15th MOTION: X Passed ___ Failed ___ Tabled

6l. Recommended Amended Motion: Approval of Contract with Autumn Transportation

Mr. Cascio MOVED, as amended, that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve a five (5) year contract for Out-of-Town Special Education and Out-of-Town Vocational School transportation services to Autumn Transportation, commencing on July 1st, 2022. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Healy and VOTED unanimously.

16th MOTION: X Passed ___ Failed ___ Tabled

Cascio MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Granato and VOTED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Cascio, Vice-Chairperson – Secretary

Minutes Recorded by Ellen Goslicki, Recording Secretary

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:46 p.m.
TIME EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED: N/A
TIME DELIVERED TO TOWN CLERK: