

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: October 17, 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: October 22, 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:

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

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 for Secondary Education, Dr. Christina Zlatin; WHS Principal, Siobhan O’Connor; SDMS Principal, Tara Yusko; WHS Assistant Principal, Stephanie Jacques; WHS Assistant Principal, Stephanie Hassler; SDMS Assistant Principal, Scott Voisine; [WHS Leadership Team Presenters: Cindy Bryan (Counseling DL); Julie Freel (Special Education DL); Michael Miller (Mathematics DL); Stephanie McKenna (English DL); Chris Palazzo (Business/Tech/FACS DL); Kimberly Troy (Science DL)]; 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. October 8, 2024 Board of Education Regular Session Meeting

Mr. Carey made a correction to Items 12 and 13, Page 7.

Item 12: Delete “There was no Executive Session.”

Item 13: Delete: “VOTED unanimously.”

Add the following language as follows:

“12. Proposed for Executive Session

Mrs. Granato MOVED to leave public session and enter into an Executive Session at approximately 8:33 p.m. for the purpose of a) interviewing the Superintendent Search Services of CES. The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Callan-Carson and VOTED unanimously.

Present for executive session:

Wethersfield Board of Education Members:

M. Callan-Carson, C. Carey, J. Di Roberts, C. Hernandez-Williams,
B. Granato, M. Laccavole, J. Reilly, E. Walters, J. Weiner;

Others: Dave Erwin

13. Adjournment

Mr. Weiner MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Laccavole and VOTED (8-0). Mr. Carey left the meeting and was not present for this vote.”

Ms. Callan-Carson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Session Meeting of October 8, 2024, as corrected. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts and VOTED unanimously.

2nd MOTION: X Passed Failed Tabled

6. Action Items

a. Recommended Motion: Approval of WHS Curriculum: Geometry Honors

Ms. Callan-Carson MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve WHS Curriculum: Geometry Honors. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously.

3rd MOTION: X Passed ____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

b. Recommended Motion: Approval of WHS Curriculum: Geometry Level 1

Ms. Callan-Carson MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve WHS Curriculum: Geometry Level 1. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously.

4th MOTION: X Passed ____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

c. Recommended Motion: Approval of WHS Curriculum: Geometry and Data Reasoning

Ms. Callan-Carson MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve WHS Curriculum: Geometry and Data Reasoning. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously.

5th MOTION: X Passed ____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

d. Recommended Motion: Approval of WHS Curriculum: CCSU CE EDF 215: Education in a Multicultural Society

Mr. Reilly MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve WHS Curriculum: CCSU CE EDF 215: Education in a Multicultural Society. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously.

6th MOTION: X Passed ____ Failed ____ Tabled

6. Action Items

e. Recommended Motion: Approval of WHS Course Name Change: from CCSU ECE EDF 215: Education in a Multicultural Society to CCSU CE EDF 215: Education in a Multicultural Society

Mr. Reilly MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve WHS Course Name Change: from CCSU ECE EDF 215: Education in a Multicultural Society to CCSU CE EDF

215: Education in a Multicultural Society. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts and VOTED unanimously.

7th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

f. Recommended Motion: Approval of WHS Curriculum: English 10

Mr. Reilly MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve WHS Curriculum: English 10. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously.

8th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

g. Recommended Motion: Approval of WHS Curriculum: American Literature: Cultural Change

Mr. Carey MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve WHS Curriculum: American Literature: Cultural Change. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Laccavole and VOTED unanimously.

9th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

h. Recommended Motion: Approval of WHS Curriculum: American Literature: Power and Perspective

Mr. Carey MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve WHS Curriculum: American Literature: Power and Perspective. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Laccavole and VOTED unanimously.

10th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

i. Recommended Motion: Approval of WHS Curriculum: English 9 with Lab

Mr. Carey MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve WHS Curriculum: English 9 with Lab. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Laccavole and VOTED unanimously.

11th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

j. **Recommended Motion:** Approval of WHS Course Name Change: from: Transportation and Alternative Energy to Transportation Engineering

Mr. Laccavole MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve WHS Course Name Change: from: Transportation and Alternative Energy to Transportation Engineering. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously.

12th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

k. **Recommended Motion:** Approval of WHS Curriculum: Transportation Engineering

Mr. Laccavole MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve WHS Curriculum: Transportation Engineering. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously.

13th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

l. **Recommended Motion:** Approval of WHS Curriculum: Introduction to Music Theory

Mr. Laccavole MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve WHS Curriculum: Introduction to Music Theory. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously.

14th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

m. **Recommended Motion:** Approval of WHS Curriculum: Concert Orchestra

Mrs. Di Roberts MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve WHS Curriculum: Concert Orchestra. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously.

15th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

n. **Recommended Motion:** Approval of WHS Curriculum: Bella Voce

Mrs. Di Roberts MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve WHS Curriculum: Bella Voce. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously.

16th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

o. Recommended Motion: Approval of SDMS and WHS Curriculum: ESL 1

Mrs. Di Roberts MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve SDMS and WHS Curriculum: ESL 1. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously.

17th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

p. Recommended Motion: Approval of SDMS and WHS Curriculum: ESL 2

Mr. Weiner MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve SDMS and WHS Curriculum: ESL 2. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously.

18th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

q. Recommended Motion: Approval of SDMS and WHS Curriculum: Spanish 1

Mr. Weiner MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve SDMS and WHS Curriculum: Spanish 1. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously.

19th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

r. Recommended Motion: Approval of WHS Curriculum: Spanish 2

Mr. Weiner MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve WHS Curriculum: Spanish 2. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously.

20th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

s. Recommended Motion: Approval of WHS Curriculum: Biology Level 1

Ms. Hernandez-Williams MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve WHS Curriculum: Biology Level 1. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts and VOTED unanimously.

21st MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

t. **Recommended Motion:** Approval of WHS Curriculum: Art Foundations

Ms. Hernandez-Williams MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve WHS Curriculum: Art Foundations. The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Walters and VOTED unanimously.

22nd MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

u. **Recommended Motion:** Approval of WHS Curriculum: Drawing

Ms. Hernandez-Williams MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve WHS Curriculum: Drawing. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously.

23rd MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

v. **Recommended Motion:** Approval of WHS Curriculum: Current Issues

Ms. Walters MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve WHS Curriculum: Current Issues. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts and VOTED unanimously.

24th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

w. **Recommended Motion:** Approval of WHS Curriculum: AP European History

Ms. Walters MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve WHS Curriculum: AP European History. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Weiner and VOTED unanimously.

25th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

x. **Recommended Motion:** Adoption of Math Program for Grades 7-12: Agile Mind

Ms. Walters MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education adopt the Math Program for Grades 7-12: Agile Mind. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey.

Discussion: A presentation regarding the Math Program for Grades 7-12: Agile Mind was made by WPS Instructional Supervisor for Secondary Education, Dr. Christina Zlatin; Michael Miller (Mathematics DL); WHS Assistant Principal, Stephanie Jacques; Jennifer Kumick (WHS Math Teacher); Julie Freel (Special Education DL); and SDMS Assistant Principal, Scott Voisine.

The Motion was then VOTED unanimously.

Board Comments: Mr. Laccavole, Mrs. Granato, Mrs. Di Roberts, Ms. Walters, Mr. Reilly, and Mr. Carey commented.

26th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

6. Action Items

y. **Recommended Motion:** Approval of Class of 2025 Graduation Date

Ms. Walters MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education set the 2025 Graduation date for Tuesday June 10, 2025. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Laccavole and VOTED unanimously.

27th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

12. Proposed for Executive Session

Mrs. Granato MOVED to leave public session and enter into an Executive Session at approximately 8:53 p.m. for the purpose of a) Discussion of Superintendent Goals for 2024-2025. The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Walters and VOTED unanimously.

Present for executive session:

Wethersfield Board of Education Members:

M. Callan-Carson, C. Carey, J. Di Roberts, C. Hernandez-Williams,
B. Granato, M. Laccavole, J. Reilly, E. Walters, J. Weiner;

Administrators: M. Emmett

28th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

Mrs. Granato MOVED to leave executive session at 9:11 p.m. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Laccavole, Vice-Chairperson – Secretary

Minutes Recorded by Ellen Goslicki, Recording Secretary

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:11 p.m.
TIME EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED: 9:11 p.m.
TIME DELIVERED TO TOWN CLERK: