

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. Motion 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 6, 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-C0gYVVxmD5ilfTnsQ>

DATE OF MEETING: March 11, 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 | 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 Director of Special Education, John Karzar; WPS Director of Security & Residency, Michael Baribault; WHS Technology Education Teacher, Susan Coco; WHS Student, Sam Charbonneau; WHS Student, Dylan Cyr; and WHS Student Representative, Anxhelika Deda. 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. February 25, 2025 Board of Education Regular Session Meeting

Mr. Weiner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Session Meeting of February 25, 2025, as submitted. 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 Healthy Food Certification Statement for 2025-2026

Ms. Callan Carson MOVED that, the Wethersfield Board of Education, pursuant to C.G.S. Section ~~12-21-F-5f~~, certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeteria, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups; and **FURTHER MOVED** that, the Wethersfield Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met:

1. The sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend;
2. The sale is at the location of the event; and
3. The food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store.

An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsal, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts.

Mr. Carey MOVED to amend the above motion to fix a correction. The statute is to read “CGS Section 10-215f”, as to adhere to CGS Section 10-215f (rather than Section 12-215f as

stated by Ms. Callan Carson). The amended motion was seconded by Ms. Callan Carson and voted unanimously.

3rd MOTION: X Passed Failed Tabled

6. Action Items

b. Recommended Motion: Presentation and Approval of the 2025-2026 Operating Budget

Mr. Emmett made a presentation pertaining to the operating budget proposed for the 2025-2026 school year that reflects input from district staff and current economic conditions.

Mr. Laccavole MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the Superintendent's proposed Operating Budget. for the 2025-2026 school year, in the amount of Sixty-Eight Million, One-Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand, Three-Hundred, Thirty-Nine (\$68,153,339) Dollars.

The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Walters and VOTED IN FAVOR as follows:

Yes: M. Callan Carson, J. Di Roberts, C. Hernandez-Williams, J. Weiner, M. Laccavole, and B. Granato; No: Mr. Carey, Mr. Reilly, and Ms. Walters. Board Comments: Ms. Callan Carson, Ms. Hernandez-Williams, Mr. Carey, and Mr. Laccavole commented.

[The BOE approved operating budget will now be forwarded to the Town by March 15, 2025. A presentation of this operating budget will be made to Town Council on March 17, 2025. A public hearing regarding the entire Town Budget (town and education budget allocations) for 2025-2026 will occur on April 21, 2025, and Town Council will notify the Board of Education of the education budget allocation by May 15, 2025.]

4th MOTION: X Passed Failed Tabled

12. Adjournment

Mr. Carey MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Laccavole, Vice-Chairperson – Secretary

Minutes Recorded by Ellen Goslicki, Recording Secretary

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:35 p.m.

TIME EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED: N/A

TIME DELIVERED TO TOWN CLERK: