

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: May 5, 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-C0gYVVxmD5ilffTnsQ>

DATE OF MEETING: May 10, 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. Regan-Lefebvre |
| 2. Bobbie Hughes Granato | 6. James Reilly |
| 3. Christopher Healy | 7. John F. Cascio, Vice Chairperson-Secretary |
| 4. Matt Laccavole | 8. Charles T. Carey, Chairperson |

Also present were: Superintendent of Schools, Michael Emmett; Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum and Instruction, Sally Dastoli; Business Manager, Matthew Kozaka; Wethersfield Public Schools Director of Security and Residency (WPS Liaison--COVID-19 Response Team), Michael Baribault; Wethersfield Public Schools Director of Special Education, John Karzar; WHS Principal, Siobhan O'Connor; SDMS Principal Rosalyn Bannon; WHS Technology Education Teacher, Behn Sikora; WHS JETS Engineering Design Team Coach, John Wysmuller; Emerson-Williams School Teacher of Instrumental Music/SDMS Orchestra Director, Emily Caravella; SDMS Music Teacher, Matthew Berloe; SDMS EL Teacher/Diversity Club Advisor, James Minor; Collier's International – Director of Project Management, Charles Warrington, P.E.; SLR Consulting – Planner, Patrick J. Gallagher, AICP; Collier's International – Project Manager, Adam Levitus; and WHS Student Representative, Lena Uccello. 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 Amended Tabled

April 26, 2022 Board of Education Regular Session Meeting

Mr. Cascio MOVED to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Session Meeting of April 26, 2022, as submitted. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts and VOTED unanimously, with Mrs. Granato abstaining.

2nd MOTION: X Passed Failed Amended Tabled

b. April 25, 2022 Board of Education Special Session Meeting

Mr. Healy MOVED to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Special Session Meeting of April 25, 2022, as submitted. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts and VOTED unanimously, with Mr. Cascio, Mrs. Granato, and Dr. Regan-Lefebvre abstaining.

3rd MOTION: X Passed Failed Amended Tabled

a. Recommended Motion: Approval of Food Service Contract with Chartwells for a one (1) year contract with up to four (4) one-year renewals to Chartwells, commencing on July 1, 2022.

Mr. Reilly MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve a one (1) year contract with up to four (4), one-year renewals to Chartwells, commencing July 1, 2022. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Granato and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mr. Carey commented. Mr. Emmett also commented.

4th MOTION: Passed Failed X Amended Tabled

b. Recommended Motion: Approval of Educational Specifications for Hanmer Elementary School and Highcrest Elementary School

Mr. Cascio MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the Educational Specifications for Hanmer Elementary School and Highcrest Elementary School for the purpose of submission of a school construction grant application. The motion was SECONDED by

Mrs. Granato. DISCUSSION: Dr, Regan-Lefebvre and Mr. Cascio commented. Mr. Warrington and Mr. Emmett also commented.

5th MOTION: ____ Passed X Failed ____ Amended ____ Tabled

Amended Motion: Approval of Educational Specifications for Hanmer Elementary School and Highcrest Elementary School

Dr. Regan Lefebvre MOVED to Amend the above motion to include that the Wethersfield Board of Education add to the Educational Specifications for both Hanmer Elementary School and Highcrest Elementary School at least one single-stall, handicapped accessible bathroom in a publicly accessible area (other than the school nurse's office) for use by any gender and approve the Educational Specifications for Hanmer Elementary School and Highcrest Elementary School with the above-stated additions for the purpose of submission of a school construction grant application. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts.

[DISCUSSION: Mr. Carey, Mr. Cascio, Mrs. Granato, and Dr, Regan-Lefebvre commented. Mr. Emmett and Mr. Warrington also commented.]

and

Dr. Regan Lefebvre FURTHER MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education also include to the Educational Specifications for both Hanmer Elementary School and Highcrest Elementary School geothermal/geo-exchange technology for heating/cooling systems and a budget allocation for same, for the purpose of submission of a school construction grant application. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts.

[DISCUSSION: Dr. Regan-Lefebvre, Mr. Healy, and Mr. Laccavole commented. Mr. Warrington also commented.]

The amended motion was VOTED 5-3, and failed due to lack of 2/3 majority. The voting occurred as follows: (Aye: Di Roberts, Granato, Laccavole, Regan-Lefebvre, Reilly; Nay: Healy, Cascio, Carey).

6th MOTION: X Passed ____ Failed ____ Amended ____ Tabled

b. Recommended Motion: Approval of Educational Specifications for Hanmer Elementary School and Highcrest Elementary School

Mr. Cascio MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the Educational Specifications for Hanmer Elementary School and Highcrest Elementary School for the purpose of submission of a school construction grant application. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Granato and VOTED 6-2 IN FAVOR, and the voting occurred as follows: (Aye: Di Roberts, Granato, Healy, Laccavole, Cascio, Carey; Nay: Regan-Lefebvre, Reilly). Board Comments: Mr. Cascio and Mr. Carey commented. Mr. Emmett and Mr. Levitus also commented.

7th MOTION: X Passed ____ Failed ____ Amended ____ Tabled

c. Recommended Motion: Approval of Building Project Proposal to Town Council for Consideration

Mr. Cascio MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the Building Project proposal and submit to Town Council for consideration. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Granato and VOTED unanimously.

8th MOTION: X Passed ____ Failed ____ Amended ____ Tabled

Mr. Healy MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Cascio and VOTED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Cascio, Vice-Chairperson – Secretary

Minutes Recorded by Ellen Goslicki, Recording Secretary

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:04 p.m.

TIME EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED: N/A

TIME DELIVERED TO TOWN CLERK: