

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: April 17, 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-C0gYVVxmD5ilffTnsQ>

DATE OF MEETING: April 22, 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; Michael Scott, AIA of TSKP Studio LLC; WHS Student Representative, Anxhelika Deda; and Webb School Kid BOE Chair, Liam Garten. 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. April 8, 2025 Board of Education Regular Session Meeting

Ms. Callan Carson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Session Meeting of April 8, 2025, as submitted. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously.

2nd MOTION: X Passed Failed Tabled

a. Recommended Motion: Approval of Revised Policy 1400: School Security and Safety

Mr. Laccavole MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the Revised Policy 1400: School Security and Safety. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously.

3rd MOTION: X Passed Failed Tabled

b. Recommended Motion: Approval of Revised Policy 1600: Visitors and Observations in Schools

Mr. Laccavole MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the Revised Policy 1600: Visitors and Observations in Schools. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey and VOTED unanimously.

4th MOTION: X Passed Failed Tabled

c. Recommended Motion: Approval of Town of Wethersfield Resolution R2025-004

Mr. Weiner MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve **Town of Wethersfield Resolution R2025-004**.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

WHEREAS, the **Town of Wethersfield Board of Education (BOE)** desires to seek funding for **the design and construction of the new Highcrest Elementary School and the master plan** through a grant application with the Commission of Administrative Services;

WHEREAS, the BOE recognizes the importance of securing external funding to support **the design and construction of the new Highcrest Elementary School** and its positive impact on our students and community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Town of Wethersfield Board of Education** is hereby authorizing Board of Education to submit grant application to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the **design and construction of the new Highcrest Elementary School located on Highland Road in Wethersfield, Connecticut.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BOE designate **Michael T. Emmett, Superintendent of Wethersfield Public Schools** as the authorized representative to execute and submit the grant application and all related documents on behalf of the BOE;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BOE agrees to comply, with all terms and conditions of the grant agreement, if awarded;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BOE will ensure that the grant funds are used in accordance with the grant agreement and applicable laws and regulations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of April 2025.

The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey.

DISCUSSION: Michael Scott, AIA of TSKP Studio LLC described the comprehensive plan that would bring parity to enrollment and classroom sizes, maintain all five (5) sites, utilize a new building to create swing space, convert Webb School back to intermediate (Grades 5-6) school, and renovate as new the three (3) remaining sites. Mr. Scott provided an overview of Phases 1 through 3 and provided details about the budget for the WPS Elementary School Building Project.

Board Comments: Mr. Carey, Ms. Walters, Ms. Hernandez-Williams, and Mr. Reilly commented.

The motion was VOTED unanimously.

5th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

Mr. Carey MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Walters and VOTED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Laccavole, Vice-Chairperson – Secretary

Minutes Recorded by Ellen Goslicki, Recording Secretary

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:28 p.m.

TIME EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED: N/A

TIME DELIVERED TO TOWN CLERK: