

MINUTES OF WESTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE ONLINE MEETING - 5:00pm on 3/7/2022

Full Recording: [Weston.vod.castus.tv/vod/](https://weston.vod.castus.tv/vod/) (Find timestamps for each section in parentheses)

Documents Used At Meeting

- [FY 2022-2023 District Budget](#) (approved)
- [Proposed Policy IKF re: Senior Waivers for Physical Education Requirements](#) (approved)
- [Warrant](#) (approved)

Call to order & Opening Business

A virtual meeting of the Weston School Committee is called to order by Ms. Anita Raman, Chair. Also participating were Mr. Ken Newberg, Vice-chair, and Ms. Attia Linnard, Ms. Alyson Muzila, and Ms. Danielle Black of the School Committee; and Ms. Keitric Johnson, BWMPO Representative; as well as Dr. Midge Connolly, Superintendent; Ms. Sheri Matthews, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Dr. J. Kimo Carter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning; and Dr. Lee McCanne, Director of Technology and Libraries; as well as Town Finance committee member Lisa Reitano.

Ms. Raman welcomes attendees to their virtual meeting and previews the brief agenda. She also thanks district administrators for a recent communication with some resources for families.

Superintendent's Report (1:55)

Dr. Connolly shares some announcements including being fully mask-optional at all of the elementary schools. She has heard everyone is being respectful and supportive of each other.

Subcommittee Reports (3:15)

Ms. Muzila previews a couple of upcoming Sustainability and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion committee meetings. Ms. Black provides an update regarding a local housing development, and remarks being sent to the Zoning board of appeals. The letter is about school bus routes, safety.

Budget Discussion and Approval (5:45)

Ms. Raman contextualizes this point in the budget development process, including a recent meeting with the town finance committee. She explains the FY2022-23 budget up for approval represents an increase of 2.5% from the previous year, for a projected total of \$44,911,436.00.

Ms. Raman invites questions and comments from Committee members. Mr. Newberg thanks the administrators and Ms. Raman for their work throughout the budget process, emphasizing the balance they struck between preserving educational excellence while remaining fully fiscally responsible. Ms. Raman invites Ms. Reitano's comments, but she does not offer any comments.

Ms. Raman then reiterates the process by which the community must vote to approve the budget at Town Meeting in May. She emphasizes that voters need to attend Town Meeting in person in order to vote for the budget, and encourages all school families to plan to attend. With not further discussion, Ms. Raman invites a motion to approve the FY 2022-23 District Budget as presented.

MOTION: Ms. Black makes a motion to approve the FY 2022-23 District Budget, and Ms. Linnard seconds the motion. The committee members vote unanimously in favor of approving the budget with Ms. Black, Ms. Linnard, Ms. Muzila, Mr. Newberg, and Ms. Raman each voting “aye” in favor of it.

Proposed Policy IKF (8:55)

Ms. Raman introduces the proposed policy changes discussed at the last meeting, including the recent changes to the wording and formatting of the document. The policy (to be piloted for one year and revisited) would allow seniors who play a full season of high school sports to substitute that after-school athletic involvement for physical education classes, still fulfilling the physical education graduation requirement for senior year. Ms. Muzila expresses support for the policy, suggesting potential revisions to consider after one year.

MOTION: Ms. Linnard makes a motion to adopt the policy. Mr. Newberg seconds and the committee members vote unanimously in favor of adopting the New policy with Mr. Newberg, Ms. Linnard, Ms. Black, Ms. Muzila, and Ms. Raman each voting “Aye” in favor of approval.

Discussion of Meeting Format (12:15)

Ms. Raman invites discussion of future school committee meeting format, suggesting that the committee might return to meeting in person, rather than being fully remote via Zoom webinar. Ms. Raman suggests the following school committee meeting should be held in person, and should remain in person going forward. Dr. Connolly discusses rationale for returning in person, and Dr. McCanne confirms that the in person committee meetings may be live streamed as well. The committee reaches consensus that the next meeting will be in person, and live streamed.

Public Comment (13:45)

Ms. Raman invites community members to “raise their hands” and make a public comment. After a minute of no members of the public coming forward to comment, the committee turns to other business.

Warrant Approval

Ms. Raman invites a motion to approve a warrant totaling \$467,530.74.

MOTION: Mr. Newberg makes a motion to approve and Ms. Muzila seconds. The motion passes unanimously with Ms. Black, Mr. Newberg, Ms. Linnard, Ms. Muzila, and Ms. Raman voting ‘aye’ in favor of approving the warrant.

Adjournment

MOTION: Ms. Muzila makes a motion to adjourn and Ms. Black seconds. The motion passes unanimously with Ms. Black, Mr. Newberg, Ms. Linnard, Ms. Muzila, and Ms. Raman voting ‘aye’ in favor of adjournment.



Midge Connolly <connollym@weston.org>

FY23 Recommended Budget for tonight

1 message

Sheri Matthews <matthewss@weston.org>

Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 6:15 AM

To: Anita Raman <ramana@weston.org>, "Connolly, Midge" <ConnollyM@weston.org>, Kenneth Newberg <newbergk@weston.org>, Alyson Muzila <muzilaa@weston.org>, Danielle Black <blackd@weston.org>, Attia Linnard <linnarda@weston.org>

Good Morning,

Below is the 'Recommended Budget' for tonight's meeting. We got it down to 2.5%. This is the number that will be voted on next Monday, the 7th.

FY'23 School Committee Recommended Budget	FY'21 Expended	FY'22 Original Budget	FY'22 Approved Budget	FY'23 Recommended	FY'23 Financial Change	Percentage Change
01 - Districtwide	\$ 5,095,823.04	\$ 5,113,484	\$ 5,113,484	\$ 6,085,821	\$ 972,337	19.02%
11 - Country School	\$ 4,240,043.52	\$ 4,251,878	\$ 4,251,878	\$ 4,427,689	\$ 152,037	4.13%
12 - Woodland School	\$ 3,986,642.81	\$ 4,136,379	\$ 4,136,379	\$ 4,129,985	\$ (6,394)	-0.15%
14 - Field School	\$ 4,319,942.79	\$ 4,416,220	\$ 4,416,220	\$ 4,375,501	\$ (40,719)	-0.92%
21 - Middle School	\$ 8,297,914.66	\$ 8,520,256	\$ 8,520,256	\$ 8,540,450	\$ 20,194	0.24%
31 - High School	\$ 11,711,861.58	\$ 12,042,314	\$ 12,042,314	\$ 12,017,108	\$ (25,206)	-0.21%
42 - Buildings & Grounds	\$ 666,765.64	\$ 602,126	\$ 602,126	\$ 636,126	\$ 34,000	5.65%
70 - Special Ed - Out of District	\$ 2,012,549.37	\$ 2,827,537	\$ 2,827,537	\$ 2,963,683	\$ 136,146	4.82%
71 - Special Ed PreSchool	\$ 307,287.51	\$ 232,441	\$ 232,441	\$ 219,702	\$ (12,739)	-5.48%
73 - Woodland PreSchool	\$ 256,207.94	\$ 230,433	\$ 230,433	\$ 219,039	\$ (11,394)	-4.94%
81 - Transportation	\$ 1,354,054.25	\$ 1,444,849	\$ 1,444,849	\$ 1,296,332	\$ (148,517)	-10.28%
91 - Food Services	\$ 388,985.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
BUDGET BALANCES	\$ 42,638,078.13	\$ 43,817,917	\$ 43,817,917	\$ 44,911,436	\$ 1,069,745	2.50%

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Weston Public School Policy re: High School Graduation and Physical Education Requirements

1. Weston High School (HS) Graduation requirements shall be determined by HS and District leaders with final approval by the Superintendent and School Committee. Requirements shall be posted in the HS Program of Studies, with any changes to be approved by the School Committee.

Additionally,

2. Seniors (students expected to graduate at the end of the current school year) involved in an interscholastic sport during their senior year may request that their participation in interscholastic sports substitute to satisfy their physical education course requirement for the year, in lieu of taking a physical education class that year. (Hereinafter “sports substitution”)
 - a. Requests must be signed by the student and their parent or guardian before submission to the Athletic Director.
 - b. The Athletic Director shall verify that each student’s participation satisfies requirements before signing the request form. The form shall then be sent to the student’s guidance counselor after approval for the student’s guidance records.
 - c. Any student receiving approval, and ultimately satisfying requirements, for “sports substitution” will be deemed to have satisfied physical education credit requirements for their senior year.
 - d. Typically students must be registered for an interscholastic sport their senior year to qualify for “sports substitution.” If course registration decisions need to be made prior to sports registration window opening (i.e. Spring Athlete picking Fall classes, etc.), participation as a Junior in WHS interscholastic sports will pre-qualify students to select courses by assuming “sports substitution” approval.
 - e. Students who do not complete a full interscholastic sports season their Junior year may still qualify for “sports substitution” if they participate in Fall Sports as a senior.
 - f. Students should submit the “**Sports Substitution Application Form**” (to be posted to the school website) to their guidance counselor by the second week of the semester in question.
 - g. The student must be at required activities throughout the season unless an excused absence is provided. If a student fails to participate fully in the sports season or withdraws from the team, they will be required to enroll in the required class immediately.

APPROVED: 3/7/2022

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Certificate of the Secretary

I, the undersigned Secretary of the School Committee of the Town of Weston, Massachusetts (the "Committee"), hereby certify that the following is a true copy of excerpts from the minutes of a (regular) (special) meeting of the Committee duly called and held on March 7th at 5:00 p.m., this meeting will be held remotely, in Weston, MA, pursuant to due and proper notice of time, place and purpose of said meeting (the "Meeting") given to each member of the Committee. The meeting was attended by Ms. Alyson Muzila, Ms. Attia Linnard, , Ms. Anita Raman, Mr. Kenneth Newberg, Ms. Danielle Black(), of the five (5) members of the Committee, constituting a quorum, which members were present and voting throughout; and the following vote was duly adopted by vote of _____ () yeas and _____ () nays (the "Vote").

The Meeting considered the approval of the warrants for the payment of the normal operating expenses of the Weston Public Schools. The Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Sheri Matthews, reported that that she had reviewed each of the items for payment set forth in more detail in Appendix A to this vote, that the total amount of all such warrants for payment is \$467,530.74 and that she had approved payment for each of such warrants. After full discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

"VOTED: That the warrants for payment attached to this vote as Appendix A, totaling \$467,530.74 approved for payment by the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations of the Weston Public Schools, be and hereby are approved, within the meaning of Chapter 41, Section 56 of the General Laws."

I further certify that the aforesaid vote has not been in any respect amended or rescinded and each remains in full force and effect.

WITNESS my hand as of this 7th day of March 2022.

Secretary

Type	Warrant Number	Warrant Date	Amount
			\$ -
Payroll Sub-Total:			\$ -
Accounts Payable	36	2/22/2022	\$ 12,928.89
Accounts Payable	36	2/23/2022	\$ 18,200.91
Accounts Payable	36	2/23/2022	\$ 2,868.61
Accounts Payable	36	2/23/2022	\$ 58,422.53
Accounts Payable	36	2/23/2022	\$ 39,464.20
Accounts Payable	37	3/1/2022	\$ 2,066.00
Accounts Payable	37	3/2/2022	\$ 26,632.19
Accounts Payable	37	3/2/2022	\$ 2,521.25
Accounts Payable	37	3/2/2022	\$ 103,424.04
Accounts Payable	37	3/2/2022	\$ 4,436.18
Accounts Payable	37	3/2/2022	\$ 196,565.94
Accounts Payable Sub-Total:			\$ 467,530.74
Total Warrant Amount for Approval			\$ 467,530.74