

**Wellesley Public Schools
School Committee Meeting
May 16, 2023
5:30 PM
Remote Online Meeting**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. Those present included Chair Leda Eizenberg, Vice Chair Linda Chow, Secretary Craig Mack, member Christina Horner and Catherine Mirick; Superintendent David Lussier, Assistant Superintendent Sandy Trach, Director of Human Resources, Monica Visco, Student representative Armika Hamrah.

Ms. Eizenberg announced that the meeting is being held remotely and recorded by local media and broadcast live by Wellesley Media.

Public Comments

There were no public comments

Reports

School Committee

Christina Horner shared what a wonderful Bridge Program we have at the high school. David Lussier added that the program will be aired on WBZ this week with our very own Katrina Kincade.

Craig Mack wishes good luck to all the students and educators wrapping up the year.

Catherine Mirick acknowledges the hard work of our community from past and present students.

Linda Chow updates on the Hunnewell Track and Field - the lacrosse wall on the Sprague field is up and being used often. The public bathrooms details are being ironed out, the expectation is next spring for them to be up and running. The WPC will receive the peer review report from BSC this week. More information will be coming at the June 6th meeting.

The Recreation Commission is exploring options for relocations for pickleball courts.

Leda Eizenberg shared on the Upham Color Dash Event last weekend, it was well attended, full of joy, fun and very inclusive.

Superintendent

We are searching for substitutes, any past students home from school please consider applying.

Congratulations to Wellesley High senior Katherine Liu, who last week was named the winner of two prestigious awards, the U.S. Presidential Scholar award and the National Merit Scholarship Award.

Our sixth graders went offsite to the Islamic Temple in Wayland. As part of our world religions curriculum, WMS students expanded their understanding of their own beliefs and traditions, or those of others. We feel these experiences help to build the empathy we want to see in our students, as they grow into young adults in our greater world.

WMS successfully oriented over 300 Grade 5 students to the middle school. A big shout out to all staff who participated as well as our Grade 8 student tour guides. We received positive reviews from our 315 soon-to-be middle school students. Many enjoyed seeing our classrooms, gyms, makerspaces and cafeteria. They have a better idea of the support and care they will receive next year. All in all, there is much to look forward to at WMS in 2023-24!

Students

Armika Hamrah- Key Club Induction was a big success last week and the National World Language Honor Society Induction is coming up. 10th graders are finishing up MCAS and finals are rolling in.

Consent Agenda

No items

Action/Discussion

Update on the WEA Contract

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our bargaining teams, the mediator and the entire WPS community, we are eager to begin with healing relationships and move forward together. This was a huge life and we look forward to our great collaboration in the future.

Friday, May 12, 2023 a Memorandum of Agreement was drafted:

Pursuant to the provision of Chapter 150E of the General Laws of Massachusetts, this Memorandum of Agreement is made and entered into by the School Committee of the Town of Wellesley and the Wellesley Educators Association. Except as indicated herein, the agreement between the parties effective July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2022 will continue in full force and effect...[read more](#)

Motion: The Wellesley School Committee adopt and ratify the MOA signed by the representatives of Wellesley School Committee on May Wellesley Educator Associations on May 12, 2023 and ratified by the membership of the Wellesley Educators Association on the same date which sets forth the changes that will be included in the successors bargaining agreement in effect through June 30, 2026 for all units of the Wellesley Educators Association.

Moved - Mirick

Seconded - Chow

Roll Call - Horner - Y, Mack - Y, Mirick - Y, Chow -Y and Eizenberg - Y

Motion Carried: 5-0

The next step is to pull the Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA) together, the committee Chair will need to sign on the committee's behalf

Motion for the Wellesley School Committee to delegate to the chair of the School Committee the authority to approve and sign the final CBA that incorporates the the agreed upon changes contained in the MOA ratified by the WEA on May 12, 2023 and ratified by the Wellesley School Committee on May 16, 2023

Moved - Chow

Seconded - Mirick

Roll Call - Horner - Y, Mack - Y, Mirick - Y, Chow -Y and Eizenberg - Y

Motion Carried: 5-0

Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Lussier updates the community on the framework of the Strategic Plan and reviews Review Strategic Planning Priorities, Process, and Schedule; [see here](#) for more.

A template of steps and areas of focus was shared to preview the long range plan and priorities; [see here](#) for more.

Appointment of David Lussier to the ACCEPT Collaborative

The ACCEPT Collaborative uses the collective power of member school districts to provide programs and services that maximize the potential of students, their families, educators, and communities. They anticipate and respond to evolving educational needs with innovative, forward-thinking, high-quality, best-in-class programs and services and complement and extend in-district options by leveraging our expertise, utilizing economies of scale, and building strength through collaboration. Each Superintendent of a district is a member of the board and each school committee must appoint them.

Motion: appoint Superintendent of Schools Lussier as the Wellesley School Committee representative to the ACCEPT Board of Directors for the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved - Mack

Seconded - Chow

Roll Call - Horner - Y, Mack - Y, Mirick - Y, Chow -Y and Eizenberg - Y

Motion Carried: 5-0

This concludes the open session of this meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN - Eizenberg

Moved - Mack

Seconded- Chow

Roll Call - Horner - Y, Mack - Y, Mirick - Y, Chow -Y and Eizenberg - Y

Adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Mack, Secretary

Documents and Exhibits Used:

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Strategic Plan Update

Strategic Plan Template