

**MINUTES OF THE REMOTE REGULAR WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**Monday, August 16, 2021**

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**Meeting Number: 146 820 3200**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Piascyk, Chair called the meeting to order (7:03 PM).

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ms. Lynn Piascyk, Chair; Dr. Jay Dahya; Ms. Sarah DelPrete, Secretary; Ms. Brooke Hopkins; Mr. Jeff Hughes; Ms. Maria Madonick, Vice Chair, Dr. David Ross; Dr. Michael Strambler; and Ms. Erin Williamson.

**STAFF:** Dr. Jonathan Budd, Superintendent; Richard Huot, Interim Director of Business Services / Operations; and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

**GUESTS:** Sheila McCreven, BOS Liaison; Daniel Cowan, Jeffrey Luck, Kristen Turkosz and Allison Valsamis, community.

Chair Piascyk welcomed Erin Williamson, who was appointed by the Board of Selectmen on August 11, 2021 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Joyce Shavers.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Ms. Piascyk noted the Board received communication from a parent regarding protocols and procedures that will be in place for the reopening of school. Dr. Budd has responded to the parent inquiry.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kristen Turkosz was pleased with the addition to the health screening procedures policy that parents will receive written notification prior to administration of the visual, hearing and postural screenings. It was also her hope that optional Covid testing would not be conducted at BRS. She believed medical testing procedures should be the sole responsibility of parents. As this virus will not be going away, she hoped things would return to normal sooner rather than later.

Jeffrey Luck – asked the Board to share the meeting link with all parents via Swift K12 to ensure true parent participation and hoped in the future Amity and BRS would work together to safeguard against their meetings occurring on the same night. As many students are participating in various sporting activities, a parent survey should be conducted and there should be a plan in place for the removal of masks.

Allison Valsamis – was happy to see that masks will be used in the beginning of the school year as it is this age group that is not currently eligible to receive the vaccination. While there may be broader discussions at a future point in time, it is a moot point when children do not have access to the vaccine.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION #1 – CONSENT AGENDA**

Move that we approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ms. Madonick

Second by Ms. DelPrete

It was noted that in accordance with Roberts Rules, Board members do not need to abstain on voting of minutes if they were not in attendance at the meeting.

**IN FAVOR:** Dr. Dahya, Ms. DelPrete, Ms. Hopkins, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Madonick, Ms. Piascyk,  
Dr. Ross and Dr. Strambler

**ABSTAIN:** Ms. Williamson

***MOTION PASSES 8-0-1***

**REPORTS**

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Budd noted the hiring of new staff, professional development activities next week with the return of staff, scheduling of various parent / staff google meet forums on the *Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan*, the wearing of masks in accordance with current Executive Orders, the possible viability of operating the EDay program and the work of assorted committees in the coming year, e.g., Ad Hoc Student Culture, Community Diversity, Safe School Climate etc.

It was noted that the Board established two temporary committees – Finance and Policy while awaiting the appointment of the new member by the Board of Selectmen. Permanent committee appointments will be shared in September.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on August 6 and discussed a 2021/22 line item transfer as well as 2020/21 line item transfers as part of the reconciliation process of the 2020/21 budget.

**MOTION #2 – 2021/22 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER**

Move that we approve the 2021/22 line-item transfer as presented.

Dr. Dahya  
Second by Ms. Hopkins  
**UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION #3 – 2020/21 LINE-ITEM TRANSFERS**

Move that we approve the 2020/21 line-item transfers as presented.

Ms. DelPrete  
Second by Ms. Hopkins  
**UNANIMOUS**

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee met on August 11 and reviewed several revised policies. The policies are presented for adoption by the Board to ensure compliance prior to the commencement of the 2021/22 school year.

**MOTION #4 – POLICY ADOPTION (4118.237 / 5141.8)**

Move that we adopt Policies 4118.237 and 5141.8 - Face Masks/Coverings (Staff and Students) as revised.

Ms. Piascyk  
Second by Dr. Ross  
**UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION #5 – POLICY ADOPTION (5113)**

Move that we adopt Policy 5113 - Attendance / Excuses / Dismissal as revised.

Ms. Hopkins  
Second by Dr. Strambler  
**UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION #6 – POLICY ADOPTION (5141) / RESCINION (5141.3)**

Move that we adopt 5141 - Student Health Services as revised and rescind Policy 5141.3 - Health Assessments and Immunizations.

Ms. Piascyk  
Second by Ms. Williamson  
**UNANIMOUS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Superintendent Budd apprised the Board that the Connecticut State Department of Education has recommended that local districts consider implementing “flexibilities” in teacher and administrator evaluation process for the 2021-22 school year. This decision is by mutual agreement between a school district's Professional Development and Evaluation Committee (PDEC) and their Board of Education. The Woodbridge PDEC has reviewed the recommended “flexibilities,” and supports the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board mutually agree to implement the “flexibilities.”

**MOTION #7 – FLEXIBILITIES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE CT GUIDELINES FOR EDUCATOR EVALUATION 2017**

Move that we adopt Flexibilities for Implementing the *CT Guidelines for Educator Evaluation 2017* for the 2021/22 School Year.

Dr. Dahya  
Second by Ms. Madonick  
**UNANIMOUS**

The Board requested a complete copy of the current Educator Evaluation Plan.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sheila McCreven, BOS Liaison, apprised the Board that referendum bonding for the proposed roof replacement / refurbishment would not occur next month as originally anticipated as a result of in-person voting logistics.

Daniel Cowan encouraged the Board to seek funding for the roof from other sources than the CSDE to maintain their own decision-making authority. If the Board self-funds it is not beholden to CSDE mandates.

The Board entered Executive Session (8:28 PM).

**MOTION #8 – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Move that we enter Executive Session, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes 1-200, for discussion concerning the evaluation of the Superintendent and invite the Superintendent.

Ms. Piascyk  
Second by Dr. Dahya  
**UNANIMOUS**

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**STAFF:** Dr. Jonathan Budd, Superintendent

The Board reviewed specifics related to the process for evaluation of the Superintendent.

**MOTION #9 – PUBLIC SESSION**

Move that we return to Public Session (10:07 PM).

Dr. Ross  
Second by Ms. Hopkins  
**UNANIMOUS**

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**STAFF:** Dr. Jonathan Budd, Superintendent; Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** (10:08 PM)

Dr. Ross  
Second by Ms. Madonick  
**UNANIMOUS**

Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board