

WESTWOOD SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Westwood, Massachusetts

MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 2022

Attendance and Call to Order

The meeting, held remotely¹, was called to order at 10:38am by Vice Chair Anthony Mullin. Also present were: Chair Charles Donahue; Clerk Amanda Phillips; Maya Khuri Plotkin; and Dorothy Parmelee. Superintendent Emily Parks; Assistant Superintendent Allison Borchers; and Director of Business and Finance Lemma Jn-baptiste were present on behalf of the district. Charles Donahue arrived at 10:40am.

John Cianciarulo recorded the minutes.

Westwood Media Center, which provided a live-stream of the meeting and also recorded it for later viewing on their platforms, was recognized.

Superintendent's Report

Collective Bargaining Updates

There are three agreements that expire this spring. Negotiations with the Administrative Assistants and Custodians are in progress.

The third bargaining unit with an agreement that expires this spring is the teachers. The School Committee and the Westwood Teachers' Association (WTA) have engaged in collective bargaining since February and have continued to negotiate throughout the spring. While the teams have twice reached tentative agreements, each failed ratification by the full WTA. Negotiations will resume in the fall.

Action Item

Executive Session

MOTION made by Maya Plotkin to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Westwood Administrative Assistants Association, Westwood Teachers' Association, and Westwood Schools' Custodians and Maintenance Personnel (SEIU Local 888) and not to reconvene in Open Session. Motion seconded by Dorothy Parmelee.

Roll-call vote:

Charles Donahue: **Yes**
Anthony Mullin: **Yes**
Amanda Phillips: **Yes**
Maya Plotkin: **Yes**
Dorothy Parmelee: **Yes**

Result: 5-0-0 – Approved

Executive Session

The Committee adjourned to Executive Session at 10:42am.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Documents/Exhibits Used at Meeting

- None

¹ Remote meeting held in accordance with an Act relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the State of Emergency.