

WESTWOOD SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Westwood, Massachusetts

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 14th, 2024**

**Attendance and Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Chair Tony Mullin. Also present were: Maya Khuri Plotkin, Dorothy Parmelee, Amanda Phillips; and JoAnna French. Superintendent Tim Piwowar and Assistant Superintendent Allison Borchers were present on behalf of the district.

Westwood Media Center was recognized for providing a recording of the meeting.

Harley Pease recorded the minutes.

**Superintendent's Report**

*Westwood Alumni Association Presentation*

Athletic Director Matt Gillis introduced Mike Griffin and Joe Vinci to the Committee. Mike Griffin and Joe Vinci announced that they will be donating \$7,500 to the athletic department in order to benefit all student athletes, pending school committee approval.

*Winter Athletics Update*

Superintendent Piwowar provided an update to the Committee on the winter sports season, highlighting some accomplishments.

*Assistant Superintendent Search*

Superintendent Piwowar announced the Assistant Superintendent search is underway. The goal is to have a candidate to the committee by the next school committee meeting.

*Pine Hill Principal Search*

Superintendent Piwowar announced that Pine Hill Principal Josh Baumer will be leaving the district at the end of the school year. As a result, the search for the next principal is underway, with a target goal of finding a principal by May 1.

*Facilities Study RFQ Update*

Superintendent Piwowar announced that the RFQ proposal window opened yesterday, 3/13. Supt. Piwowar thanked Michelle Miller at Town Hall for her help in the process.

**Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**School Committee Chair Update/Liaison Reports**

*Pine Hill Project Update*

Chair Mullin announced that the next school committee office hours will be on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Mullin announced that he, Supt. Piwowar, and Dir. Of Finance and Operations Lemma Jn-baptiste attended the Finance and Warrant Commission meeting this past Tuesday. The Commission was supportive of the school's budget, according to Chair Mullin.

Chair Mullin announced that he and member JoAnna French are working on publishing the norms of the Committee.

**Discussion Items**

*Pine Hill Update*

Maya Plotkin provided a final review to the committee about the Pine Hill Elementary School Project from start to finish.

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**Action Items**

**MOTION** made by Amanda Phillips to approve the eclipse glasses donations. Motion seconded by Maya Plotkin.

Roll-call vote:

Anthony Mullin: Yes  
Amanda Phillips: Yes  
Maya Plotkin: Yes  
Dorothy Parmelee: Yes  
JoAnna French: Yes

**Result: 5-0-0 (Approved)**

**MOTION** made by Maya Plotkin to approve the February 8, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Amanda Phillips.

Roll-call vote:

Anthony Mullin: Yes  
Amanda Phillips: Yes  
Maya Plotkin: Yes  
Dorothy Parmelee: Yes  
JoAnna French: Yes

**Result: 5-0-0 (Approved)**

**MOTION** made by Dori Parmelee to approve the academic decathlon field trip. Motion seconded by Maya Plotkin.

Roll-call vote:

Anthony Mullin: Yes  
Amanda Phillips: Yes  
Maya Plotkin: Yes  
Dorothy Parmelee: Yes  
JoAnna French: Yes

**Result: 5-0-0 (Approved)**

**MOTION** made by Maya Plotkin to accept a donation of \$7,500 from Westwood Athletic Alumni. Motion seconded by Amanda Phillips.

Roll-call vote:

Anthony Mullin: Yes  
Amanda Phillips: Yes  
Maya Plotkin: Yes  
Dorothy Parmelee: Yes  
JoAnna French: Yes

**Result: 5-0-0 (Approved)**

**MOTION** made by Amanda Phillips to approve Non-Bargaining Rates. Motion seconded by JoAnna French.

Roll-call vote:

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Anthony Mullin: Yes  
Amanda Phillips: Yes  
Maya Plotkin: Yes  
Dorothy Parmelee: Yes  
JoAnna French: Yes

**Result: 5-0-0 (Approved)**

**New Business**

Dori Parmelee announced that the next Conversations with Caregivers, hosted by the School Engagement Committee, will be on March 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION** made by Maya Plotkin to adjourn. Motion seconded by Amanda Phillips.

Roll-call vote:

Anthony Mullin: Yes  
Amanda Phillips: Yes  
Maya Plotkin: Yes  
Dorothy Parmelee: Yes  
JoAnna French: Yes

**Result: 5-0-0 (Approved)**

The Committee adjourned at 7:06pm.