

March 4, 2019

A meeting of the Westfield School Committee was held on Monday, March 4, 2019, at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 59 Court Street, Westfield, MA. Members present by roll call were: Mr. Ramon Diaz, Mrs. Diane Mayhew, Mr. Tim O'Connor, Mr. Bo Sullivan, Mrs. Cindy Sullivan, Mrs. Heather Sullivan, and Chairman Brian Sullivan.

At 7:00 pm Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Sullivan asked if anyone was taping the meeting and if so, please state your name and address:
Boy Scout Troop 303

2. Public participation, excluding personnel:

Jason Russell, Hillcrest Circle, Westfield

Mr. Russell voiced his concerns about the use of marijuana, dab-pens, vapes and edibles. He read a statement. (enclosed)

Cindy Sullivan replied that we must follow the law and some of the suggestions are great. We are aware of this situation, it is a community problem, and national problem.

Heather Sullivan stated that this was not new problem and is not something unique to our community but other communities are facing the same challenges.

Superintendent Czaporowski reported that the Bock Harrison survey was administered two years ago and will be administered to students again. Also, we have a Drug Trask Force (led by Kathleen Sitler), School Resources Officers, and dedicated counselors all working together regarding this problem.

Ryder Courtney, Otis Street, Westfield

Ryder spoke to the committee about the outdated history books. Ryder is a member of Boy Scout Troop 303.

Mr. Czaporowski thanked Ryder and reported that we are getting new textbooks.

3. Above and Beyond Certificate:

Superintendent Stefan Czaporowski presented Emmett Morrill with the *Above and Beyond Certificate*.

4. Westfield Middle School presentation:
Mr. Paul Newton, Ms. Jessica Kennedy, Mrs. Karoline Kells, and Mr. Pete Lurgio were in attendance and shared a Powerpoint presentation about the school year at Westfield Middle School. (enclosed)
5. Westfield High School student representative:
An update was provided by Aidan Chisholm.
6. Approval of regular School Committee meeting minutes, February 4, 2019:
Cindy Sullivan moved, Ramon Diaz seconded to approve the regular School Committee meeting minutes, February 4, 2019. All were in favor. Motion passes.
7. Approval of a foreign exchange student to attend Westfield High School for the 2019-2020 school year:
Ramon Diaz moved, Heather Sullivan seconded to accept Woohyun Park from Korea as a foreign exchange student at Westfield High School for the 2019-2020 school year pending the receipt of his JI Visa and on the condition that involves no financial obligations on the part of the Westfield Public Schools and if there any such obligations, this acceptance is rescinded. All were in favor. Motion passes.
8. 2nd final/reading, by title only, of Policy File: KI Visitors to the Schools
Diane Mayhew moved, Heather Sullivan seconded a 2nd/final reading, by title only, of Policy File: KI Visitors to the Schools. All were in favor. Motion passes.
9. Approval of home school applications HE120-1819 to HE124-1819 for the 2018-2019 school year:
Ramon Diaz moved, Heather Sullivan seconded to approve home school applications HE120-1819 to HE124-1819 for the 2018-2019 school year. All were in favor. Motion passes.
10. Curriculum & Instruction updates (grades 7-12):
Mrs. Dargie introduced the following Supervisors:
Kate Perez, Supervisor of Mathematics
Lauren Figy, Supervisor of Science, Technology and Engineering
Jay Taylor, Supervisor of Social Studies
Mary Keane, Supervisor of English Language Arts
A Powerpoint presentation was shared. (enclosed)
11. Report of the weekly signed warrants
Cindy Sullivan reported that the following warrants were signed:
February 1, 2019 = 17 batches totaling \$318,394.85
February 8, 2019 = 19 batches totaling \$403,232.74
February 15, 2019 = 19 batches totaling \$357,246.82
February 22, 2019 = 16 batches totaling \$600,994.66

12. Acceptance of Special Revenue Accounts:

Ramon Diaz moved, Tim O'Connor seconded to accept the Special Revenue Accounts, as presented.

The following roll call vote was taken:

	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	
Heather Sullivan	X		
Diane Mayhew	X		
Tim O'Connor	X		
Bo Sullivan	X		
Cindy Sullivan	X		
Ramon Diaz	X		
Chairman Sullivan	<u>X</u>		
	7	-	<u>0</u> motion passes

13a. Budget Transfer

Ramon Diaz moved, Cindy Sullivan seconded to approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$61,959 from account 572284330/533020 Vocational Transportation to 53930211/531000 Curriculum Contracted Services.

The following roll call vote was taken:

	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	
Diane Mayhew	X		
Tim O'Connor	X		
Bo Sullivan	X		
Cindy Sullivan	X		
Heather Sullivan	X		
Ramon Diaz	X		
Chairman Sullivan	<u>X</u>		
	7	-	<u>0</u> motion passes

13b. Ramon Diaz moved, Cindy Sullivan seconded to approve the following budget transfers:

Amount	From Account	Into Account
\$25,000	56523230/511300 SPED FT Professional	56523230/531000 SPED Contracted Services
\$74,344	52919232/511300 WMS Speech Professional	56523230/531000 SPED Contracted Services
\$14,000	52123233/511100 FrAve SPED FT Hourly	56523230/531000 SPED Contracted Services
\$38,992	52623232/511100 PM – SPED FT Other	56523230/531000 SPED Contracted Services
\$30,000	52223230/511200 Highland SPED FT Professional	56523230/531000 SPED Contracted Services
\$13,771	52523232/511100 Munger Hill SPED FT Hourly	56523230/531000 SPED Contracted Services
\$23,117	53023232/511100 WHS SPED FT Hourly	56523230/531000 SPED Contracted Services

The following roll call vote was taken:

	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>
Tim O'Connor	X	
Bo Sullivan	X	
Cindy Sullivan	X	
Heather Sullivan	X	
Diane Mayhew	X	

Ramon Diaz	X				
Chairman Sullivan	<u>X</u>				
	7	-	<u>0</u>		motion passes

14. Superintendent's Reports:

a. Acceptance of gift/donation

Tim O'Connor moved, Ramon Diaz seconded to accept the following gifts/donations:

- Westfield Public Schools, Westfield 350 Board of Directors, donated a commemorative book to each school library, approximate value \$560.00, school use
- Abner Gibbs Elementary School, Your Cause, \$10.00, educational purposes, gift account
- Southampton Road Elementary School, PTO two filtered bottle filling stations, approximate value \$2,274.27, school use
- Westfield Technical Academy, donated to the Horticulture Department in memory of Anne Bannish,
 - Marlene Bannish, \$25.00
 - Catherine & Robert O'Sullivan \$50.00
 - Christine Frappier, \$30.00
 - Andrew & Nancy Banas, \$50.00
 - Helen Romanski & Kathleen Tassinari, \$50.00
 - Karen Aborjaily Simm, \$100.00
- Westfield Technical Academy, UBS Matching Gifts Program, \$150.00, donation made possible by the 10+ hours of volunteering done by Lorena Dubois-Dondley for non-profit and charitable organizations, educational purposes, gift account

The following roll call vote was taken:

	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>		
Bo Sullivan	X			
Cindy Sullivan	X			
Heather Sullivan	X			
Diane Mayhew	X			
Tim O'Connor	X			
Ramon Diaz	X			
Chairman Sullivan	<u>X</u>			
	7	-	<u>0</u>	motion passes

b. Other:

Superintendent Czaporowski updated the committee regarding the following: WE2BA Career Symposium at Westfield Middle School, digital literacy curriculum at Westfield High, Countdown to Kindergarten event, alternative plans for graduation, and the NEASC report regarding Westfield High School.

15. Mayor's update: no update

16. School Committee update: no update

17. Items for referral to subcommittees:
Diane Mayhew moved, Tim O'Connor seconded to refer the following policies to the Human Resources & Policies subcommittee:
File: EFD Meal Charging (MASC sample)
File: JICG Tobacco Use by Students
Teen Dating Violence
18. Old business: none
19. Subcommittee Reports/Recommendations
a. Reports: Diane Mayhew reported that a joint subcommittee of the Instruction and Curriculum and HR Policy Subcommittee met earlier this evening to review graduation requirements and policy file: IKF Graduation Requirements.
b. Minutes: none
20. Other items not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting:
Heather Sullivan moved, Diane Mayhew seconded to refer the suggestion of doing a Survey Monkey to the Instruction & Curriculum Subcommittee. All were in favor. Motion passes.
21. Next regular School Committee meeting: March 18, 2019

At 8:57 pm Cindy Sullivan moved, Ramon Diaz seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Mr. Stefan Czaporowski, Superintendent of Schools
Clerk – Westfield School Committee

A true copy, Attest:



Cindy Sullivan, Secretary
Westfield School Committee

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Westfield School Committee Meeting 3.4.19 Public Participation.

My name is Jason Russell, 149 Hillcrest Circle, Westfield.

Good evening Mr. Mayor, and members of the School Committee.

My wife Jenifer and I have been residents of Westfield for over 20 years. Many of you know me from my time serving as an elected official on the Westfield City Council. We have three teenage children, (a recent grad and 2 currently enrolled in Westfield High School) all products of the Westfield public school system.

My wife is a public school teacher and we are supporters of the public education system.

The reason for my visit tonight is to voice our concerns about, and to ask what your plan is, to attack the marijuana epidemic in Westfield High School.

When marijuana was legalized for recreational use in Massachusetts, and now that we have dispensaries opening up all over Western Mass (including soon in Westfield), the stigma of the harmful effects has dramatically changed. Not only among adults, but also among our adolescents as well. There is a now, resounding and misguided opinion that marijuana use in teens "ok" and not harmful or addictive despite countless studies from the National Institute of Health which prove regular Marijuana use in a developing adolescent brain is harmful and could cause permanent damage to the frontal cortex (the area of the brain that controls executive function).

Well, we have over 1000 of those developing teenage brains running around the high school who are, ultimately, under your care.

Massachusetts, like many states has 'drug free' Zone laws which simply state any possession, use, distribution, or sale of drugs within 300 feet of a school is a prosecutable offense. We have kids breaking this law daily.

This brings me back to the epidemic we face. Our kids at Westfield High School are subject to an unhealthy environment where in-school marijuana runs rampant. With the ease of use and availability of "dab-pens", vapes and edibles, some kids at WHS are not only getting high in the parking lot before and after school, but in the halls and bathrooms during school.

Did you know athletes on certain sports teams who know where to go pee in the woods during practice because they know there are dab-pens stashed for a quick hit of pot. (Imagine how dangerous it is when kids playing contact sports are practicing high)

I have had conversations with administration, teachers, school resource officer and the athletic director and all say, there is little they can do to curb this epidemic.

Many children, just looking for an education in a safe environment at Westfield High School are scared due to the widespread use of Marijuana at the school. Is this what we want at our school and for our youth?

So what do we do?

Here are my suggestions:

Number 1.

Bring drug-sniffing K-9 units into the school on a regular basis and not only canvas the cars in the student lot, but have the dogs screen backpacks, lockers and the kids themselves. Those students who are caught should be suspended and/or prosecuted.

Number 2.

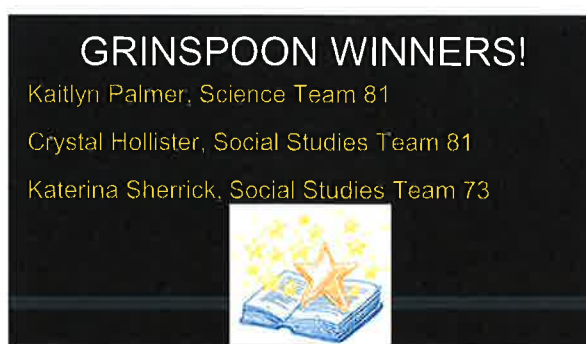
Drug screen all athletes who want to participate on MIAA teams. Those who fail, shall forfeit their RIGHT to participate.

Number 3.

Invest in and install the latest technology of sensors that detect vaping emissions in our upper schools. Other local school districts such as Chicopee have them to curb the vaping epidemic in school. Why don't we?

In summation, pot use is rampant at Westfield High School. If the police and school administration are unable to stop this epidemic, then it falls squarely on your shoulders (the representatives of the people) to take the bold steps to stop illegal Marijuana use in our school!

I challenge you....what is your plan?



NEW PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

- 1) Westover/Wesfield Partnership
- 2) Firion-Adams Creativity and Innovation Award
- 3) Career Symposium
- 4) Youth Vote
- 5) U.S. First Robotics
- 6) Generation Leadership



INCLUSION UPDATE

- 1) Inclusion teachers on every team co-teaching in five content areas
- 2) All substantially separate special education programs now are included in regular education classes for over 75% of their day. We are moving to service based support, from program based.
- 3) Students receiving services within the inclusion setting with grade-level peers
- 4) DESE Inclusive Network



TRANSITION UPDATE

- 1) Smooth transition into Westfield Middle School
- 2) Summer programs
- 3) Five person teams
- 4) >300 students in Spanish
- 5) Community investment




QUESTIONS?




Curriculum and Instruction Updates

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Curriculum and Instruction Department



Sean Duggan
Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Caroline Fioresi
Secretary


- **PreK - 12 Support with Instructional Coach**
Erika Masciadrelli, Technology
- **K - 6 Support with Instructional Coaches**
Melissa Vadnais, Mathematics
Rena P.ori, Mathematics
Kelly O Sullivan, Literacy
Amy Martin, Literacy
- **7-12 Support with Content Supervisors**
Lauren Figy, Science, Technology & Engineering
Mary Keane, English Language Arts
Kate Perez, Mathematics
Jay Taylor, Social Studies

Supervisor Team Grades 7-12



- **Lauren Figy**
Supervisor of Science, Technology and Engineering
- **Mary Keane**
Supervisor of English Language Arts
- **Kate Perez**
Supervisor of Mathematics
- **Jay Taylor**
Supervisor of Social Studies

Content Specialists



- Participate in Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Networks
- Attend and provide relevant professional development
- Collaborate with administrators to share content-specific knowledge

Teaching and Learning




- Instructional Coaching
- Classroom Observations & Walkthroughs
- High-Leverage Feedback

Teaching and Learning




- Curriculum Maps
- Common Assessments
- Academic & Career Pathways

Family and Community Engagement



- Math Circle
- Western Mass Math Partnership
- STEM Showcase
- Congressman Richard Neal
- Youth Vote
- Criminal Justice Pathway
- Engineering Pathway
- STE Fair and Family Night
- MCAS Parent Letter & Student Contract
- WE2BA

Future



- 2019 Summer Curriculum Summit
- MCAS Enrichment and Support
- Continue to support teachers in the creation of quality, innovative, and rigorous opportunities to ensure that students are college and career ready

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!