

Wellesley Public Schools
School Committee Meeting
July 27, 2022
Remote Online Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:02pm by L.Eizenberg.

It was verified that the call in line is open.

Those present included:

Leda Eizenberg, School Committee Chair
Linda Chow, School Committee Vice Chair
Craig Mack, School Committee Secretary
Catherine Mirick, School Committee Member
Melissa Martin, School Committee Member
David Lussier, Superintendent
Cindy Mahr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Ivria Fried, Legal Counsel
Jeff DAmico, Compass

DISCUSSION

M.Martin shared the design development for the Hardy project. The modules were shared that will take us through the close out of the project.

D.Lussier shared his appreciation for the work and thanked Compass for their work and the work with the MSPA.

J.D'Amico shared his thanks for everyone who has collaborated on this project.

C.Mirick shared an update on the progress for the Hunnewell project. Everything is on schedule. They are working on the curb cuts in the area and other abatement issues.

L.Chow asked about the concerns that we heard about the Middle School paving project.

L.Eizenberg shared that the DPW followed up with the contractor and the neighbors with concern. The DPW acknowledged that there was work that was starting earlier than it should have been.

L.Eisenberg shared that for future School Committee meetings, the community can join in via zoom and not the call in (telephone) line.

D.Lussier thanked School Committee members for joining for the WPS administrator retreat. Also, thank you to Babson for providing space and food for the retreat.

D.Lussier is looking forward to resuming the negotiations with the WEA. He indicated a brief statement will be sent out via email about the negotiations.

D.Lussier spoke about the Middle School project. The work continues around the district office entrance area.

D.Lussier thanked C.Mahr for her help with the problem with the freezer unit compressor at the Middle School.

C.Mahr shared that the meat products were moved to the High School. Other products were moved to other refrigerators. Approximately \$2,500 worth of food was lost.

M.Martin introduced Jeff Damico from Compass to share an updated about the Hardy Road easement.

I.Fried shared that there needs to be a 16' way to allow for buses and other pick-up and drop-off.

J.DAmico shared that they will be adding a third lane. There is a need to grant additional footage from the School Committee to the Town, via the Planning Board. The School Committee will still have care, custody, and control of the property.

The School Committee will need to authorize approval for a way to be laid out, the Planning Board will take it to the Town to vote. The DPW will build the way and maintain the way.

I.Fried spoke about the Williams Street bus turnaround. The Nines housing complex does not have sufficient space for a bus turnaround. The owner of the neighboring property will permit the bus turnaround to occur on their property. We are requesting a license for special permission to grant space for a safe turnaround until the School Committee and Town Meeting can obtain approval of an easement to do so. I.Fried provided a draft license agreement and a draft easement language.

At 1:30pm, L.Eizenberg entertained a motion to enter into executive session under MGL 30A, §21(A), exemption #2, strategy for contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (David Lussier, Superintendent) because the Chair declares that to discuss this in open session would have a detrimental effect upon the negotiating position of the Committee and to not return to open session at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

MOVED BY: M. Martin

SECONDED: L.Chow

ROLL CALL:

C.Mirick – Yes

C.Mack – Yes

M. Martin – Yes

L.Chow – Yes

L.Eizenberg – Yes

Motion Carried 5 – 0