

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, April 20, 2026

Town Hall Main Meeting Room

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Lawrence, called the meeting to order (7:02 PM).

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steven Lawrence, Chair; Lynn Piascyk, Vice Chair; Sarah Beth Del Prete, Secretary (7:08 PM); Jackie Cappiello; Megan Conaster; Jeff Hughes; Dr. Michael Strambler; and Saurabh Vilekar.

**STAFF:** Christopher Montini, Superintendent; Analisa Sherman, Principal; Matthew Madruga, Assistant Principal; Carrie Borcharding, Special Services Director; Donna Coonan, Director of Business Services/Operations; and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**MOTION #1 – CONSENT AGENDA** Move that we approve the consent agenda as presented. (*Piascyk/Strambler Unanimous*)

*Superintendent Report* – Superintendent Montini indicated that enrollment has remained steady at 875 students with one less than last year at this same time. Nursing Supervisor, Robin Froehle, has resigned to accept a position at a university. Interviews will commence tomorrow for her replacement. Postings will occur shortly for the replacement of the two retirements. Kindergarten registration is underway with screenings occurring through mid-May. The 2026/27 budget remains at a 2.89% increase with the Preliminary Budget Hearing occurring on April 28 and the ratification at the annual Town Meeting on May 18. Teacher/staff appreciation will occur the week of May 4-8. The last day of school is June 17.

*Technology Presentation* – Ms. Ciarleglio and Ms. Robinson noted that technology serves as a tool to advance district project based learning activities that align with common core standards to create high-impact, equitable student-driven learning opportunities. Technology is only one tool that augments and enhances/supplements intentional lessons to create transferable skills and is not a replacement for thinking and/or learning. Topics taught include coding, hardware/software, robotics, 3D printing, internet safety, typing/presentation skills, AI and digital creation, storytelling and citizenship. Lessons are scaffolded for grade level appropriateness and understanding. Students utilize technology to conduct research projects, engage in inquiry and problem-solving collaboration methods that develop communication and ownership of learning skills. Students are able to create and demonstrate learning through multimedia presentations, video production, digital publishing, interactive applications, 3D modeling and conceptual assessment understanding beyond traditional learning measures. Grade level teachers are dedicated to the process and provide consistent communication and collaboration that embrace student choice to open their minds to the possibilities and opportunities they have to be independent, self-directed and analytical. Questions were raised relative to the use/integration of AI, copyrights/source credits, incorporation of community engagement with student learning projects, device breakage/insurance options and policy development.

*BRS Update* – Ms. Sherman noted the CARES activity at the end of March, the annual MAG 4<sup>th</sup> year Feast, sunflower planting as part of the PTO Farm to Table initiative, the annual Grade 3 Thesaurus event sponsored by the Rotary Club, commencement of SBA student testing the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May at 9:00 AM, the Grade 5 Flamingo dance/drummer activity as part of the World Language program and Unicorn Day.

*BIUBC Committee* – Mr. Hughes noted this committee is dissolved as it fulfilled its charge. At the April 8 BOS meeting, the new BRS Building Committee was formed and will continue the work of the prior committee through completion of the referendum. Voting members include Steven Lawrence and Lynn Piascyk with non-voting members inclusive of Superintendent Montini, Donna Coonan, Vito Esparro, Analisa Sherman and Teresa Ramia.

*Curriculum Committee* – Dr. Strambler noted this committee met on April 1 and received a preview of the Technology presentation.

*Finance Committee* – Mr. Lawrence reviewed the April 6 meeting, which included a review of the standard monthly reports. Currently, there is a projected surplus of \$76,000 and the Board has agreed to fund the communications consultant approved at the March regular meeting from the 2025/26 budget.

*Policy Committee* – Ms. Piascyk reviewed the policy changes approved under the Consent Agenda earlier in the meeting and presented the policies currently under 30-day review for adoption.

**MOTION #2 – POLICY 1000** Move that we adopt Policy 1000 Concept and Roles in Community Relations as revised. (*Piascyk/Conaster Unanimous*)

**MOTION #3 – POLICY 1100** Move that we adopt Policy 1100 School/Community Relations as revised. (*Piascyk/Hughes Unanimous*)

**MOTION #4 – POLICY 1110** Move that we adopt Policy 1110 Communications among the WBOE, Administration, Parents and Staff at BRS as revised. (*Piascyk/Conaster Unanimous*)

**MOTION #5 – POLICY 1110.1** Move that we adopt Policy 1110.1 Parent Involvement as revised. (*Piascyk/Strambler Unanimous*)

**MOTION #6 – POLICY 1111** Move that we adopt Policy 1111 Use of Education Television Channel as revised. (*Piascyk/Cappiello Unanimous*)

**MOTION #7 – POLICY 1112** Move that we adopt Policy 1112 News Media Relationships (Public Press, Radio & TV) as revised. (*Piascyk/Del Prete Unanimous*)

**MOTION #8 – POLICY 1120** Move that we adopt Policy 1120 Public Participation at WBOE Meetings as submitted. (*Piascyk/Vilekar Unanimous*)

**MOTION #9 – POLICY 1210** Move that we adopt Policy 1210 School/Community Associations as submitted. (*Piascyk/Conaster Unanimous*)

**MOTION #10 – POLICY 1212** Move that we adopt Policy 1212 School Volunteers and Student Interns as revised. (*Piascyk/Strambler Unanimous*)

**MOTION #11 – POLICY 1220** Move that we adopt Policy 1220 - Citizens' Advisory Committees as revised. (*Piascyk/Cappiello Unanimous*)

**MOTION #12 – POLICY 1250** Move that we adopt Policy 1250 - Visits to Schools as revised. (*Piascyk/Hughes Unanimous*)

**MOTION #13 – POLICY 1251** Move that we adopt Policy 1251 - Loitering or Causing Disturbances as revised. (*Piascyk/Del Prete Unanimous*)

**MOTION #14 – POLICY 1311.1** Move that we adopt Policy 1311.1 - Political Activities of School Employees as submitted. (*Piascyk/Vilekar Unanimous*)

*CABE Liaison Report* – Ms. Del Prete noted the Legislative Wrap-Up on May 12 at 9:00 AM; and the CABE/CAPSS Convention on November 20.

*Upcoming Meeting Presentations* – Facilities on May 7 at 7:30 AM, the Staff Appreciation Ice Cream Truck on May 7, Finance on May 12 at 4:30 PM and the regular WBOE Meeting on May 19 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall with the CAPSS Student Leadership Awards and an update on summer programs.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** 8:25 PM (*Conaster/Vilekar Unanimous*)

Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board