

## WHPS Board of Education Meeting Summary

<b>Representative for WHEA:</b>  Tom Hine	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>  11/15/22
<b>Type of meeting</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Agenda <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> Committee	<b>Agenda:</b> <a href="#">link</a>

### Attendees

<b>Board Members in Attendance:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Lorna Thomas-Farquharson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clare Naseralla <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jason Oliver Chang <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Ari Steinberg <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Lorna Thomas-Farquharson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Gayle Harris <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ethan Goldman	<b>Administrators Present:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Morrow <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Vicinus <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roszena Haskins <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne McKernan <input type="checkbox"/> Julio Duarte  <b>Student Rep:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hall: Caitlin Sxtriff Cave <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conard: Meghan Murphy  <b>Others Present:</b>  Meeting was sparsely attended.
<b>Press Present/Reporters' Names:</b>	

### Notes

**Public Comments: (Three)** Two parents aired grievances with the superintendent regarding their lack of satisfaction with elementary principals' dealings with their children. The nature of these dealings was kept private although one had to do with

gender identity. A third parent complained about a gender identity themed book in the stacks of an elementary library.

#### Unfinished Business:

The Board adopted the [following policies](#) with some debate and an abstention over 5610:

#### Student series:

**5521 Drug and Alcohol Use by Students**

**5310 Student Attendance, Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism**

**5610 Administration of Medication in the Schools (State law prohibits administration of medications without parental consent. Dr, Gayle Harris objected that a student could die while waiting for 911 to arrive, The administration implied without stating it that this would not be allowed to happen.)**

**5680 Child Sexual Abuse and Assault Response Policy and Reporting Procedures**

#### Personnel series:

**4011 Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace**

**4250 Prohibition on the Recommendation for Psychotropic Drugs**

#### New Business:

**Staff Communications & Reports:**

The revised curriculum on “[Native American History and Culture](#)” was explicated and examined at length. The BOE was very favorable and congratulated the authors.

**Routine Matters:**

Election of officers, all unopposed:  
Dr. Lorna Thomas-Farquharson, Chairperson  
Dr. Ari Steinberg, Vice Chairperson  
Dr. Jason Oliver Chang, Secretary  
Clare Nesoralla, Financial examiner (Dem)  
Ethan Goldman, Financial examiner (Rep)

**Information & Reports:**

Andrew Morrow congratulated Jeff Sousa on his appointment to superintendent of New Hartford’s 432 student school system. Also congratulated was the Braeburn interim principal, Kim Ambroise.

Andrew noted that he was present in Washington, D.C. for the awarding of Whiting Lane’s Blue Ribbon Award.

West Hartford Teacher of the Year Michelle Haggerty from Smith School was congratulated, among other individuals recognized for their achievements.

The Election Day in-service day for teachers went very well.

Friday, December 23 will be a Wednesday early release day.

**Future Business**

**Comments from Visitors:**