



Public Comment Responses Received During the WPS BOE Meeting on 11/2/2020

Below is the public record of public comment responses received during the 11/2/2020 BOE meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - No public comments were received on this item.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. **Approval of Tentative Agreement with the Westport Association of Educational Secretaries, United Public Services Employees Union** - No public comments were received on this item.
2. **Approval of FY 2022 Budget Preparation Calendar** - No public comments were received on this item.

DISCUSSION

1. **Health Update** - Public comments are posted exactly as received

First and Last Name	Address	Please state your comment/question regarding Health Update.
Steven Seltzer	18 church st s	<p>Given COVID transmission is 7% in Westport, extremely low, when will kids go back full time?</p> <p>Since it's now established that COVID isn't transmitted in school, what concrete steps have been taken to plan for return to full time?</p> <p>How long will it take to implement full time once it's decided to return?</p>
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David Turchi	15 Colony Road	Certainly, things are continuing to unfold on a daily basis. Irrespective of whether the schools continue to move toward normalcy or return to a full remote model, is there a plan regarding whether distance learners' teachers will not be reassigned during the course of this school year? We are concerned that losing consistency on top of everything else would be especially difficult.
Jenn Weber	267 Sturges Hwy	What happens at the elementary level if a student needs to quarantine but the entire class does not? Will the student have access to live instruction for that 2 week period?

2. Tri-State Report - Public comments are posted exactly as received

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Test	Test	Test
Natalie- test	Carrignan -test	test
		<p>If transmissions rates in schools have shown to be very rare and Westport continues to stay in the low range, why are our schools still not following CT State Metrics and recommendations to open our schools in full? Other schools in our DERG have opened successfully since September and Trumbull and Stratford open in full in the next week. What is Westport's plan to open in full? We've had 8 lost weeks of in person full learning for all our students K-12 already—why do we need another 4-6 weeks to consider it and not plan for it now? There was also no discussion about the possibility of opening our Middle schools in full when CMS opens in December. Why is this? It feels like Westport's intention is to stay in Hybrid all year!</p> <p>From the Tri State report about how things are going by schools, think the District really needs to poll every student. Polling 42 students out of 5,000 doesn't get a good sampling of how our students are truly feeling especially our high school students. Many are struggling academically trying to teach themselves, emotionally, and socially and the stress levels are rising (hence why the District feels the need to hold 2 parent virtual meetings with the District psychologists) this should be a major concern for our students especially heading into winter months. Giving families a choice to send their children full time needs to be highly considered as other families have the choice for Hybrid and DL.</p>
Brooke Petrosino	11 Grove Point	Also why are elementary school students silently reading in class for 30 mins when that can be done at home? Would

		<p>think 30mins could be used more effectively in the 2.5 hours they are in there in school. What are the plans for differentiating Math in 5th grade now that there is no high math? There seems to be no plans for children who are ready to move ahead.</p> <p>Thanks for your time</p> <p>Best, Brooke</p>
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3. **Chromebook Request** - No public comments were received on this item.
4. **Health and Medical Insurance Revenue and Expenses FY21 as of September 31, 2020** - No public comments were received on this item.
5. **Facilities Committee Update** - No public comments were received on this item.
6. **Teaching and Learning Committee Update** - No public comments were received on this item.
7. **Policy Committee Update and First Reading of the Following Policies:** - No public comments were received on this item.
 - 6159, "Individualized Education Instruction Program" (Revision)
 - 5112, "Ages of Attendance" (Revision)
 - 5141.21, "Administration of Medications" (Revision)
 - 5145.15, "Disclosure of Directory Information" (Revision)
 - 5145.41, "Non-Discrimination" (Revision and Renumbering to 5145.4)
 - 4118.237/4218.237/5141.8, "Face Masks/Coverings" (New)
 - 5144, "Physica