



## **Public Comment Responses Received During the WPS BOE Meeting on 9/21/2020**

Below is the public record of public comment responses received during the 9/21/2020 BOE meeting.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** - Public comments are posted exactly as received.

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<p>John Paprotna</p>	<p>230 North Ave</p>	<p>Greetings Board of Ed Members,</p> <p>I am John Paprotna, I live at 230 North Avenue in Westport. I am the Staples Field Hockey Booster Club President.</p> <p>I would like to start by thanking each and everyone of you for all your extraordinary work during such a trying time. You make us feel truly blessed to be Westport residents.</p> <p>Being the sitting president of the field hockey booster club, I have had many parents and board members reaching out to me with regards to the no parents at games, as suggested by CIAC. As a parent of kids that play Rec sports, I am seeing plenty of parents at these games also with siblings in tow. I am however incredibly grateful that the Lady Wreckers can have some sort of season. With the pandemic that we are all going through and the stress that it brings to the kids, the mere fact of playing a sport and being with their teammates is huge for the mental health aspect. As a parent that watched my daughter Hannah reach great success playing for Staples Field Hockey. I cannot imagine not being able to watch her play. I think at this point the mental health aspect most certainly applies to parents as well.</p> <p>The following are a few bullet points as to why and hope this can happen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- This can be done safely with the two-lanyard system per family. And if you felt you wanted numbers to be lower, one lanyard per family and parents can rotate home games. This is a great concept and the lanyard system can really work. No lanyard no game attendance.</li><li>- All parents must wear face masks and must maintain social distance. We can even put ribbons 7 feet apart along the fence so parents will know where to stand. Also, since soccer and field hockey will not be played at the same time, some of the parents can stand along the edge of the soccer field.</li><li>- No congregating before or after games. Upon completion of games all parents back away to the parking lot.</li><li>- Of course, there are always be booster club parents at games and can help assist that all this is being done safely.</li><li>- These kinds of numbers for an outdoor event are way below what the CT State has set as safe guidelines.</li></ul>
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		<p>- Right now, cases in the State are way low and staying flat. If cases were to go up in the future, this can be rolled back and go to one lanyard per family system.</p> <p>- Some neighboring towns are indeed allowing parents to attend.</p> <p>On behalf of entire Staples Field Hockey community, I am asking for your guidance and consideration on this matter. This especially breaks my heart for the senior parents, that will miss there last days of sport for their child. At the very least I would want them at games! Please feel free to reach out to me and would be happy to chat and I am always willing to help. Cannot thank you all enough!</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>John Paprotna SFHBC President 203-219-9918</p>
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**DISCUSSION/ACTION**

1. **Suspension of Bylaw 9324 and Regulation 1120** - No public comments were received on this item. One test response was received.

**DISCUSSION**

1. **Superintendent’s Report for the Start of the 2020-21 School Year** - No public comments were received on this item. One test response was received.
2. **Health Update** - No public comments were received on this item. One test response was received.
3. **Coronavirus Relief Funds** - No public comments were received on this item. One test response was received.
4. **Staffing Report** - No public comments were received on this item.
5. **Permanent Building Substitute Needs** - No public comments were received on this item.
6. **Superintendent’s Entry Plan** - Public comments are posted exactly as received.

First and Last Name	Address	Please state your comment/question regarding Superintendent’s Entry Plan.
John Bayers	test	test
Rana Hafiz	Tower Ridge	Is the Entry Plan available for review?
Rana Hafiz	7 Tower Ridge	I found the entry plan- Thanks

7. **Communication Strategy and Personnel** - Public comments are posted exactly as received.

First and Last Name	Address	Please state your comment/question regarding Communication Strategy and Personnel.
Cara Zimon	24 Jennie Lane	Naugatuck Public Schools is a great example of using social media well to both showcase their schools and to deliver strategic communication. <a href="https://instagram.com/naugatuckpublicschools?igshid=10r6pz5bamdas">https://instagram.com/naugatuckpublicschools?igshid=10r6pz5bamdas</a>

8. **Flexibility with Educator Evaluation Plans** - No public comments were received on this item.
9. **Updated BOE Calendar of Agenda Items** - No public comments were received on this item.
10. **Update from Policy Committee and First Reading of the Following Policies:** - No public comments were received on this item.
  - Policy 4118.22, “Code of Ethics” (New)
  - Policy 6171.2, “Preschool Students with Disabilities” (New)
  - Policy 4118.5, “Acceptable Computer Network Use” (Revision)
  - Policy 5132, “Dress and Grooming” (New)
  - Policy 4118.231/4218.231, “Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco” (Revision)
  - 6172.6, “Online Courses” (New)
  - 3514.1, “Computer Loan” (Revision)
  - 6172.4, “Title I Parental and Family Engagement Policy” (New)
11. **Health and Medical Insurance Revenue and Expenses FY21 as of August 31, 2020** - No public comments were received on this item.