WESTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA
January 18, 2022
Location: Millennium's Conference Room B

****Per Westford Board of Health requirement (effective 8/9/2021), all attendees at this meeting must be masked.****

All members of the public are invited to participate remotely (including public comment) by registering in advance or at any time prior to the conclusion of this meeting by accessing the Zoom link https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_z3lB7PoBTeKgCT0PGB34Fw on your computer, smartphone or tablet. Registration requires only that you provide a name and email address.

This meeting may be viewed on the Westford CAT website (www.westfordcat.org), on their YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/c/WestfordCAT), or by tuning into Channel 9 (Comcast) or 34 (Verizon) on CATV.

The School Committee welcomes community members to attend meetings and to speak on matters within its purview. To promote equitable opportunities to be heard, speakers will be limited to two minutes in their comments. The overall duration of the public comment period will be predetermined on the meeting agenda but may be extended at the discretion of the Chair.

Note: The School Committee agenda is based on an estimated timeline. Please plan attendance accordingly.

PUBLIC SESSION

7:00 PM **1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. RECOGNITIONS - *None*

7:02 **3. CONSENT AGENDA** – *Votes Required*

1. **Warrants**
   Payroll Warrant #2230sp & Expense Warrant #2230SE dated January 20, 2022
2. **Meeting Minutes**
   Regular Session Minutes: 12/20/2021 & 1/10/2022
   Executive Session Minutes (Not for Public Release): 12/20/2021
3. **Other**
   Increase Principal Aide, Food Services & Substitute Custodian salaries to $14.25 per hour, retroactively effective January 1, 2022

7:05 **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

7:15 **5. INFORMATIONAL UPDATES**

1. Superintendent Updates
2. School Committee Updates
3. Student Representatives

6. BUSINESS

7:30 1. Celebrating Diwali - Student Presentation — *W.A. Students, N. Strauss & S Tadakamalla*
How Westford Academy can better celebrate Diwali

7:50 2. Westford Education Association Informational Update — *K. Jussaume/H. Hider*

8:05 3. FY23 Budget Discussion — *C. Chew*

8:35 4. COVID Update — *C. Chew*
Testing in Schools / COVID Case #'s / DESE COVID-19 Guidance

7. PERSONNEL – *Next Update 2/14/2022*

8:45 **8. ADJOURNMENT** to Executive Session to discuss a strategy with respect to Units A, B, C, E and AFSCME collective bargaining, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position. The Committee will not return to Public Session.