

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Members Present:

Lee Goldstein Chair
Liz Heyer Vice Chair
Neil Phillips Secretary
Christina Torres
Robert Harrington
Kevin Christie

Administrators Present:

Thomas Scarice Superintendent of Schools
Anthony Buono Asst. Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
Michael Rizzo Asst. Superintendent, Pupil Personnel Services
Elio Longo Chief Financial Officer
John Bayers Asst. Superintendent, Human Resources and
General Admin.

Board Members Absent:

Dorie Hordon

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER: 6:10 p.m., Staples High School, Room 1025C

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Performance Evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools

Lee Goldstein moved at 6:10 p.m. to enter into executive session to discuss Performance Evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools; seconded by Kevin Christie and passed unanimously. All Board members participated. The executive session adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:05 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301)

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

Jamie Avellino, Beth Ballard, Harriet Carusi, Camille Eskell, Joyce Evans, Colin Forde, Deborah Gallon, Jewel Gould, Laurie Gray, John Horrigan, Karleen Hunter, Lynne Karmen, Josephine Lodewick, Lisa Loechner, Barbara Maisonnier, Susan Marnell, Aparajita Mathur, Terry Morgan, Adelina Parisi, Christine Pyrch, Kathleen Raby, Patricia Ruther, Joanne Samela, Caolyn Santella, A.J. Scheetz, Annette Tait, Jorge Vazquez, Kathleen Wolfe, Clare Woodman, Tracy Wright

RECOGNITION OF PTA CO-PRESIDENTS

Stefanie Shackelford, Elena Caggiano, Claudia Shaum, Tami Benanav, Michele Carey-Moody, Kerri Sorensen, Marisa Zer, Jill Dillon, Katie Hill, Amy Herrera, Julie Fitzpatrick, Lindsay Shurman, Jeni Bianco, Marisa Timperman, Robin Lewis, Elsa Morgan, Paula Soto, Jennifer Sydor, Wendy McConaghy

BREAK FOR RECEPTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: Neil Phillips moved to approve the minutes of June 6 and 7, 2022; seconded by Liz Heyer and passed unanimously.

Lee Goldstein moved to move up the Gifts agenda item to the first discussion/action item; seconded by Neil Phillips and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Gifts

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with gratitude and appreciation the following donations:

- **\$3,834.35 by the Saugatuck Elementary School PTA for the purchase of 65 additional audiobooks for the Saugatuck Elementary School Library;**
- **\$5,000.00 by the Coleytown Elementary School PTA for the purchase of diverse books for the Coleytown Elementary School book room and classrooms, and**
- **\$24,059.11 by the Coleytown Elementary School PTA for the purchase, delivery, and installation of a new sound system and projector system for Coleytown Elementary School.**

MOTION: Lee Goldstein
SECOND: Kevin Christie
RESULT: Passed unanimously
VOTE: 5-0-1 (Liz Heyer abstaining)

DISCUSSION

Strategic Plan

Christina Torres moved to continue with the final three agenda items as it was after 10:30 p.m.; seconded by Liz Heyer and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Holistic Recommendation for the Long Lots School Building

Be it Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to prepare the necessary documentation required to submit a grant application by June 30, 2023 for the replacement of the Long Lots Elementary School with a new facility located at the existing site. Such authorization includes, but is not limited to, the preparation of educational specifications, updated enrollment projections, project budgets, environmental site assessments, geotechnical borings, wetland assessments and other documentation or studies required by the state Department of Education and the Department of Administrative Services Office of School Construction Grants and Review (OSCGR).

Be it further Resolved, the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to solicit proposals to prepare such documentation and studies from qualified professionals in support of the grant

application. The Superintendent is also authorized and encouraged to engage with OSCGR in advance of the grant application to ensure the grant application is favorably received by them.

MOTION: Robert Harrington
SECOND: Liz Heyer
RESULT: Passed unanimously
VOTE: 6-0

2022-23 School Lunch Program

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Compass Group, Inc., by and through Chartwells, to serve as the Food Service Management Company for the Westport Public Schools for the 2022-2023 school year with the option for four (4) additional one-year renewals with mutual agreement, as specified in 22-012-RFP Food Services Management Companies.

Be It Further Resolved, the Board of Education authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to enter into contract with Compass Group, Inc., by and through Chartwells, to serve as the district's food service management company for the 2022-2023 school year.

MOTION: Lee Goldstein
SECOND: Christina Torres
RESULT: Passed unanimously
VOTE: 6-0

Authorization to Sign Contracts

The Board of Education authorizes Mr. Thomas Scarice, Superintendent of Schools, and Elio Longo, Chief Financial Officer, to sign contracts on behalf of the Board of Education, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

MOTION: Lee Goldstein
SECOND: Neil Phillips
RESULT: Passed unanimously
VOTE: 6-0

ADJOURNMENT: Liz Heyer moved to adjourn at 11:43 pm; seconded by Christina Torres and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Neil Phillips, Secretary
(Minutes written by Jennifer Caputo)