

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Michael Gordon* Chair
Jeannie Smith Vice Chair
Karen Kleine
Mark Mathias
Vik Muktavaram
Candice Savin

Administrators Present:

Colleen Palmer Superintendent of Schools
Elio Longo Dir. of School Business Operations
Julie Droller Dir. of Elementary Education
John Bayers Dir. of Human Resources
Michael Rizzo Director of Pupil Services

Absent:

Elaine Whitney

*Michael Gordon participated in the meeting until 9:13 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:40 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria (Room 301)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES:

Michael Gordon moved to approve the minutes of September 11, 2017; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

UPDATES:

Staffing Report

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Teacher Evaluation Plan Approval

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the amended language in Westport's Professional Development and Evaluation Plan for teachers for the 2017-2018 school year, contingent upon review and approval by the Connecticut State Department of Education.

MOTION: Candice Savin
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0

Anticipated Vote on Establishment of Two Ad Hoc Committees

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education establishes two ad hoc committees to commence immediately and to sunset on August 31, 2018. One ad hoc committee will be named the "Policy Committee," which will focus its work on the review and updating of Board of Education policies. Policy Committee membership shall be comprised of Karen Kleine, Mark Mathias, and Candice Savin, with Karen Kleine as Committee Chair. The second ad hoc committee will be named the "Teaching and Learning Committee," which will focus its work on the educational goals of the District, including those encompassed by the District's Strategic Plan. Teaching and Learning Committee membership shall be comprised of Jeannie Smith, Elaine Whitney, and Vik Muktavaram, with Elaine Whitney as Committee Chair.

MOTION: Michael Gordon
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0

DISCUSSION:

Review of Proposed Strategic Plan

Discussion of Review of Proposed Board Policies

ADJOURNMENT: Jeannie Smith moved to adjourn at 9:30 p.m; seconded by Candice Savin and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary (based on notes provided by Karen Kleine and video recording)
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)