

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Jeannie Smith Vice Chair
Elaine Whitney Secretary
Mark Mathias
Karen Kleine
Vik Muktavaram
Candice Savin

Administrators Present:

Colleen Palmer Superintendent of Schools
Elio Longo Dir. of School Business Operations
Jennifer Allen Dir. of Secondary Ed. & Research
Julie Droller Dir. of Elementary Education
John Bayers Dir. of Human Resources & General Admin.
Michael Rizzo Director of Pupil Services

Absent:

Michael Gordon

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Personnel Matter: Discussion with Long Lots Elementary School Interim Principal Dr. Michael Cicchetti

Jeannie Smith moved and Mark Mathias seconded to go into executive session to discuss personnel matter; passed unanimously (5-0). All Board members were present except Michael Gordon; Vik Muktavaram arrived at 7:12 p.m.. Colleen Palmer, John Bayers and Michael Cicchetti were present at the invitation of the Board. The executive session adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:43 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria (Room 301)

Jeannie Smith moved to defer the agenda items on the calendar and the strategic planning process to the end of the meeting; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of January 30, 2017 and February 6, 2017; seconded by Candace Savin and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

ZREC Application for Solar Installation (CES)

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves that the Green Task Force submits on behalf of the Board of Education an application to Eversource for a ZREC grant.

MOTION: Candace Savin
SECOND: Vik Muktavaram
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0

Acceptance of Gifts

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

- **Two cellos with a combined value of \$2,000, donated by Elizabeth Massoud;**
- **A Yamaha Arius Digital Piano with a value of \$1,699, donated by Mr. James Kavetas; and**
- **An anonymous donation of a Becker quarter-size bass with bow and a Meisel bass stand with a total value of \$1,490.**

MOTION: Karen Kleine
SECOND: Mark Mathias
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0

UPDATES:

Update on State Budget Matters

Health and Medical Insurance Revenues and Expenses; Projected Year-End Balance in Health Reserve Account

Quarterly Financial Report: July 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

DISCUSSION:

Faculty Calendar 2017-18 and Development of 2018-19 School Year Calendar

UPDATE:

Strategic Planning and Process

ADJOURNMENT: Elaine Whitney moved to adjourn at 9:39 p.m; seconded by Mark Mathias and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)