

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Michael Gordon	Chair
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
Julie Droller	Dir. of Elementary Education
John Bayers	Dir. of Human Resources
Michael Rizzo	Director of Pupil Services
Absent:	
Jennifer Allen	Dir. of Secondary Ed. & Research

**PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:34 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria (Room 301)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION**

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**MINUTES AND AGENDA:**

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of May 8 and May 20, 2017; seconded by Michael Gordon and passed unanimously.

Michael Gordon moved to add an agenda item on Superintendent’s Update at the end of the meeting; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

Acceptance of Gifts

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**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with gratitude and appreciation the donation of \$3,000 by Mr. and Mrs. Smithson to help sponsor the Westport Pops Concert.**

**MOTION:** Karen Kleine  
**SECOND:** Jeannie Smith  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 7-0

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Specific Mitigation Strategies to Adjust Operating Budget to a Reduction of \$494K Per the New Overall Operating Budget of \$114,377,346

& Adoption: 2017-18 Budget of the Board of Education

Note: The above two agenda items were merged by consensus into a single discussion and vote.

**Be It Resolved, That the Board of Education authorizes additions and deletions to the Proposed 2017-2018 Budget of the Board of Education (\$115,351,346; +2.44%) totaling a net decrease of \$974,000, to achieve a final budget in the amount of \$114,377,346 (+1.57%), as follows:**

- to **increase** and to **decrease** various budget lines in accordance with the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools, as detailed in the May 22nd Alternate Mitigation Proposal, a copy of which is to be appended to the minutes of May 22, 2017, said amount representing a total net reduction of \$494,890 across all accounts other than line 210;
- to **decrease** line 210: Health Insurance by \$479,110, for a FY18 target reserve of 5%.

**Be It Further Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Westport Board of Education adopts a final budget for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$114,377,346, said amount representing a 1.57% increase from the 2016-2017 budget, as approved by the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Westport on May 2, 2017.**

**MOTION:** Mark Mathias  
**SECOND:** Michael Gordon

**Motion to amend the original motion to reduce the proposed allocation to the Innovation Fund (within line 323) by \$26,762 and to offset that reduction with an increase to maintenance items as follows: an increase of \$18,762 to line 435 and an increase of \$8,000 to line 734.**

**MOTION:** Vik Muktavaram  
**SECOND:** Karen Kleine  
**RESULT:** Failed  
**VOTE:** 2-5 (Vik Muktavaram and Karen Kleine in favor; Michael Gordon, Jeannie Smith, Elaine Whitney, Mark Mathias, and Candice Savin opposed)

**Vote on original motion:**

**RESULT:** Passed  
**VOTE:** 6-1 (Karen Kleine opposed)

Possible Vote on 2018-2019 School Year Student and Faculty Calendar

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Westport Board of Education approves the school calendar for the 2018-19 school year that is dated May 8, 2017 and is appended to the minutes of the meeting of May 22, 2017.**

**MOTION:** Elaine Whitney  
**SECOND:** Michael Gordon  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 7-0

2016-17 Healthy Food Certification

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education votes that it will not certify that all food items sold to students separately from reimbursable meals in the schools under its jurisdiction will meet the nutrition standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education.**

**MOTION:** Elaine Whitney  
**SECOND:** Karen Kleine  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 7-0

**DISCUSSION:**

First Reading of Proposed Revised Board Policy 5111 and Regulations 5111 (a), (b) and (c):  
Eligibility of Students to Attend the Westport Schools

Superintendent's Update

**ADJOURNMENT:** Michael Gordon moved to adjourn at 10:20 p.m; seconded by Vik Muktavaram and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary  
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)