

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

Board Members Present:

Michael Gordon Chair
Jeannie Smith Vice Chair
Elaine Whitney Secretary
Mark Mathias
Brett Aronow
Karen Kleine
Vik Muktavaram

Administrators Present:

Elliott Landon Superintendent of Schools
Elio Longo Dir. of School Business Operations
James D’Amico 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

PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:30 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria (Room 301)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Colleen Palmer was welcomed at her first Westport board of Education meeting as Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Jennifer Allen was welcomed as interim Director of Secondary Education. Brett Aronow announced her resignation as a Member of the Board of Education effective September 30,2016 due to her planned relocation and the associated end of her status as a Westport Resident, which was anticipated to occur on October 1, 2016.

MINUTES: Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of the meetings of June 2, 2016; seconded by Michael Gordon and passed 7-0.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

PRESENTATIONS:

Summer Maintenance Projects Completed

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Transfer of Funds to Board of Education carryover Account

Be it Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$328,190.00 from account 400’s Property Services to 700’s Equipment.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 7-0

2015-16 End-of-Year Financial Report

Be it Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2015-2016 End-of-Year Financial Report as prepared by Elio Longo. Be it further resolved, that the Board of Education agrees to return the amount of \$920,000.31 to the Town of Westport and requests of the Board of Finance that the remaining estimate surplus balance in the amount of \$513,957.00 be deposited in the board of Education Carryover Account.

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

Acceptance of Gifts:

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with great appreciation two very generous gifts for the Westport Public Schools; namely, a Steinway and Sons piano from Mr. and Mrs. Boley valued at \$8,000, and a Hofner Deluxe Electric Bass valued at \$3,000.

**MOTION: Vik Muktavaram
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 7-0**

DISCUSSION:

Superintendent Update for that Start of the 2016-71 School Year

Brown Bag Follow-Up

Calendar of Board of Education Agenda Items: September 2016 - June 2017

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Gordon moved to adjourn 8:41 p.m; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)