

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
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

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: Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of December 5, 2016; January 5, 2017; January 6, 2017; January 9, 2017; and January 17, 2017; seconded by Michael Gordon, passed unanimously.

Michael Gordon moved to defer the discussion of Personalized Learning and the Innovation Fund to the end of the meeting; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

FY 2018 Proposed Budget of the Superintendent of Schools

Bus Safety Cameras

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Westport Public Schools to move forward to allow REDFLEX Student Guardian to conduct a route analysis on the district’s school buses to assess the frequency of stop arm passing incidents in the community.

Be it further resolved, that if the school bus pass rate meets the predetermined threshold of passing incidents per bus per day, the district will enter into contract negotiations with REDFLEX student Guardian to implement a fully automated safety camera system that monitors and detects drivers who illegally pass district school buses, and that such contract will include a review of the final contract by Shipman & Goodwin, LLP prior to execution of the contract so as to comply with all pertinent state laws.

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

DISCUSSION:

Personalized Learning

Innovation Fund

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Gordon moved to adjourn at 10:19 p.m; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)