

**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: 7:02 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria (Room 301)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES: Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of the meetings of May 23, 2016; seconded by Michael Gordon and passed 6-0-1 (Vik Muktavaram abstaining).

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES:

Alice Addicks, Mary Bernhardt, Gary Bertrum, Sandy Berman, Cheryl Bliss, Juan Cintron, Johanna Driscoll, Bobbi Essagof, Donna Galante, Angela Galbo, Tina Granata, Nancy Garzone, James Honeycutt, Denise Honeycutt, Ed Huydic, Susan Jukna, Victoria Lally, Karyn Morgan, Victor Petruzzelli, Christina Richardson, Valerie A. Roffe, Lynn Sakuma, Judy Savitt, Heidi Scheckler, Joanne Stefkovich, Barbara Wong, William Walsh, Mike Zito

RECOGNITION OF PTA CO-PRESIDENTS

Anne Spencer, Kerry Liles, Sue Calger, Christine Kurpiel, Carrie Howard, Abby Tolan, Missy Zahler, Candace Banks, Carolyn Caney, Elise Gabriele, Michele Carey Moody, Carolyn Evans, Andrea Berkley, Regina Engler, Lily Bloomingdale, Ruth Mannes, Kathleen Doyle, Anne Marie Fox, Sue Rubin

Dr. Elliott Landon was recognized for his 17 years of dedicated service as Superintendent of the Westport Public Schools. He was presented with a certificate of recognition from the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, a plaque which will be permanently placed in the auditorium lobby at Staples High School in appreciation for his steadfast support for the arts, and accolades from members of the Board, PTA Council leadership, and many others who have worked with him over the years.

Break for Reception (25 minutes)

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

2016-17 Goals of the Board of Education:

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the document entitled “2016-17 Goals of the Board of Education,” a copy of which shall be included with the Minutes of the Meeting of June 13, 2016.

MOTION: Michael Gordon
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

School Food Services Contract:

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the food services contract with Chartwells, Inc. for the period from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019; 4 years of repeating renewals with Chartwell as permitted under Connecticut law.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Karen Kleine
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

Approval: Tuition Rates for 2016-17 School Year:

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the establishment of the tuition rates for the 2016-2017 school year, as set forth in a memo dated June 13, 2016 and appended to the Minutes of that Meeting.

MOTION: Michael Gordon
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

Authorization to Sign Contracts:

The Board of Education authorizes Colleen Palmer, Superintendent of Schools, and Elio Longo, Director of School Business Operations, to sign contracts on behalf of the Board of Education, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

MOTION: Michael Gordon
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
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 sound system for the gymnasium at Long Lots School from the LLS PTA valued at \$8,550 and \$3,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Franchon Smithson for funding to enable us to participate in the Best Buddies Special Education Leadership Conference being held at Indiana University.

MOTION: Michael Gordon
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

UPDATES:

1. Health and Medical Insurance Revenues and Expenses; Projected Year-End Balance in Health Reserve Account
2. Educator Evaluation Plans

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Gordon moved to adjourn into executive session to discuss at 10:17 p.m; seconded by Mark Mathias and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)