

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

Board Members Present:

Michael Gordon Chair
Jeannie Smith Vice Chair
Elaine Whitney Secretary
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

Absent:

Mark Mathias

PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:33 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 the meetings of March 14, 2016; seconded by Michael Gordon and passed unanimously.

Elaine Whitney moved to defer the discussion and vote on the student and faculty calendars for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years in order to allow time for a written legal opinion from the Board’s attorney on whether the recommended calendar adjustments were permissible under Connecticut Public Act 13-247.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney

SECOND: Karen Kleine

RESULT: Failed

VOTE: 2-4 (Elaine Whitney and Karen Kleine in favor; Michael Gordon, Jeannie Smith, Brett Aronow, and Vik Muktavaram opposed; Mark Mathias absent)

REVIEW:

Health and Medical Insurance Projected Revenues and Expenses and Projected year End Balance in Health Reserve: 2015-16 and 2016-17 Fiscal Years

No action was taken.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL:

Policy Governing the Organizational Relationship between the Board of Education and the Westport Schools Permanent Art Collection Committee (WSPAC)

No action was taken.

Adoption: Student and Faculty Calendars: 2016-17 and 2017-18 School Years

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education amends the 2016-17 calendar approved previously on March 16, 2015 that is listed as Option #2 and approves a school calendar for the 2017-18 school year that is listed as Option #3, both of which are dated March 28, 2016 and may be found appended to the Minutes of the Meeting of March 28, 2016.

MOTION: Jeannie Smith

SECOND: Vik Muktavaram

RESULT: Passed

VOTE: 4-0-2 (Michael Gordon, Jeannie Smith, Brett Aronow, and Vik Muktavaram in favor; Elaine Whitney and Karen Kleine abstaining; Mark Mathias absent)

Request to Board of Finance for Expenditure Beyond Aggregate Limit in Board of Education Carryover Account

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to expend \$200,000 from the Carryover Account towards the completion of the projects outlined in the Memorandum on this subject dated March 14, 2016, said Memorandum to be appended to the Minutes of the meeting of March 28, 2016; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to seek authorization from the Board of Finance at the Board of Finance meeting of April 6, 2016 to expend additional funds

in the amount of \$22,949 from the Carryover Account towards the completion of said projects, so as to meet the conditions necessitated by the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement dated August 31, 2015 between the Board of Education and the Board of Finance creating the Carryover Account.

MOTION: Brett Aronow
SECOND: Elaine Whitney
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Gordon moved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)