

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 CALL TO ORDER: 6:07 p.m., Staples High School, Room 333, Pupil Services Conference Room

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Strategies for Negotiations

Karen Kleine moved and Brett Aronow seconded to go into executive session to discuss possible ratification of the Tentative Agreements with (1) Nurses and Health Assistant, (2) Westport School Maintenance Employees, and (3) Westport School Custodians. All Board members were present except Vik Muktavaram; Elaine Whitney arrives at 6:55 p.m. Colleen Palmer, John Bayers and Elio Longo were present at the invitation of the Board. The executive session adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:10 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria (Room 301)

RECOGNITION/RECEPTION: 2017 Westport Teacher of the Year: Mary Elizabeth Fulco

Nominees: Alycia Dadd SHS, Priscilla Jones KHS, Amy Koppe GFS, Susan O'Hara SHS, Sarah O'Mahoney BMS, Lisa Thomas GFS, Jamie Viesselman KHS, and Janet Zmary SHS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Westport Board of Education recognizes Mary Elizabeth Fulco as the Westport Public Schools' 2017 Teacher of the year, and recognizes Alycia Dadd, Priscilla Jones, Amy Koppe, Susan O'Hara, Sarah O'Mahoney, Lisa Thomas, Jamie Viesselman, and Janet Zmary as nominees.

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

Break for Reception (30 minutes)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: Deferred by consensus

PRESENTATIONS:

Summer Maintenance Projects Completed

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Approval of Tentative Agreement with Nurses and Health Assistants – Deferred pending ratification of the tentative agreement by the bargaining unit

Approval of Tentative Agreement with Westport School Maintenance Employees

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tentative agreement dated August 31, 2016, between the Westport Board of Education and the Westport School Maintenance Employees, Local 1303-225 of Connecticut Council #4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, a copy of which will be appended to the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of September 12, 2016.

MOTION: Karen Kleine
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 7-0

Approval of Tentative Agreement with Westport School Custodians - Deferred pending ratification of the tentative agreement by the bargaining unit

DISCUSSION:

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

Health and Medical Insurance Revenue and Expenses FY16 End of Year Report

Health and Medical Insurance Revenue and Expenses FY17 as of July 31, 2016

Update on Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Plans 2016-2017

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Gordon moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)