

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING**

Board Members Present:

Michael Gordon Chairman
Jeannie Smith Vice Chair
Elaine Whitney* Secretary
Karen Kleine
Mark Mathias
Vik Muktavaram
Candace Savin

Administrators Present:

Colleen Palmer Superintendent of Schools
John Bayers Director of Human Services
Elio Longo Director of School Business Operations
Julie Droller Dir. of Elementary Education
John Bayers Dir. of Human Resources

*Arrived at 8:46 p.m.

Absent:

Michael Rizzo Director of Pupil Services

PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 8:33 p.m., Staples High School

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (15 MINUTES)

MINUTES: April 2, 2018

Michael Gordon moved to approve the minutes of April 2, 2018; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously (6-0; Elaine Whitney not present).

DISCUSSION/ACTION

School Resource Officers

Note: At the invitation of the Board, the following members of the Westport Police Department participated in the discussion of this topic: Chief Foti Koskinas, Deputy Chief Samuel Arciola, Captain David Ferrell, and Captain Ryan Paulsson.

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a request to the Board of Finance and the Representative Town Meeting for a special appropriation to hire three School Resource Officer(s) to be deployed in the Westport Public Schools for the 2018-19 school year, with the understanding that one of said School Resource Officers will be funded through the reallocation of funds currently allocated for the D.A.R.E. Officer.

MOTION: Jeannie Smith
SECOND: Karen Kleine
RESULT: Passed
VOTE: 6-1 (Vik Muktavaram opposed)

DISCUSSION

Budget Update

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Gordon moved to adjourn at 10:38 p.m; seconded by Vik Muktavram and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)