

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Administrators Present:**

Colleen Palmer	Superintendent of Schools
Elio Longo	Dir. of School Business Operations
Julie Droller	Dir. of Elementary Education
John Bayers	Dir. of Human Resources
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:** January 29, February 9, February 26 and March 26, 2018

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of January 29, February 9, February 26 and March 26, 2018; seconded by Michael Gordon and passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**

DATTCO Contract Extension

**Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education waives its bidding requirement (Policy 3320) for student transportation services for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, and be it further resolved that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools or her designee to modify the current service contract with Dattco to reflect a 3-year contract extension and annual rate percentage increases, as follows:**

- FY 2018-2019: 0.00%*
- FY 2019-2020: 6.50%*
- FY 2020-2021: 3.50%*
- FY 2021-2022: 5.50%*
- FY 2022-2023: 5.25%*

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

**Be it resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes reductions to the Board of Education Proposed 2018-2019 Budget, as follows:**

- **to decrease line 260: Workers' Compensation Insurance by \$44,912 for a lowered total insurance premium resulting from additional pricing negotiations.**
- **to decrease lines 510, 511, 512, and 513: Transportation accounts by \$245,000 spread proportionately to account for FY 2019 savings resulting from a 3-year contract extension with Dattco.**
- **to decrease various Equipment, Supplies and Facilities/Grounds accounts (TBD) by a total of \$400,000 as a reduction to planned FY 2019 purchases and projects that will be fast tracked to FY 2018 and funded with projected year-end surplus.**

**Be it further resolved, that the Board of Education approves for submission to the Board of Finance and Representative Town Meeting a REVISED Proposed 2018-2019 Budget of the Board of Education in the amount of \$118,223,800, which incorporates said reductions, and which reflects a budget-to-budget increase of \$3,846,454, or 3.36%.**

**MOTION:** Vik Muktavaram  
**SECOND:** Elaine Whitney  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 7-0

Approval of Capital Project: Coleytown Middle School and Greens Farms School Cooling Tower Replacement

No action was taken.

Second Reading of the Following Revised Westport Board of Education Policies:

- Policy 5144, Students: Discipline (deletion)
- Policy 5114, Students: Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (revision)
- Policy 5144.3, Students: Discipline of Students with Disabilities (deletion)
- Policy 5131.7, Students: Weapons and Dangerous Instruments (deletion)

**Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the amendment of Policy 5114, Students: Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process. Be it also resolved that the Board of Education approves the deletion of 5144, Students: Discipline; Policy 5144.3, Students: Discipline of Students with Disabilities; and Policy 5131.7, Students: Weapons and Dangerous Instruments.**

**MOTION:** Karen Kleine  
**SECOND:** Candice Savin  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 7-0

**ADJOURNMENT:** Michael Gordon moved to adjourn at 8:28 p.m; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary  
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)