

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING**

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: 8:18 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria (Room 301)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Board of Education's Request for Funding from the RTM

1. Be It Resolved, That the Board of Education elects to seek restoration from the Representative Town Meeting of \$222,000 of its FY 2018-2018 operating budget request.

MOTION: Vik Muktavaram

SECOND: Mark Mathias

RESULT: Failed

VOTE: 3-4 (Mark Mathias, Karen Kleine, and Vik Muktavaram in favor; Michael Gordon, Jeannie Smith, Elaine Whitney, and Candice Savin opposed)

2. Be It Resolved, That the Board of Education elects to not seek restoration from the Representative Town Meeting of any funds from the Board of Education's FY 2018-2018 operating budget request not restored by the Board of Finance at its April 25, 2017 meeting.

MOTION: Michael Gordon

SECOND: Jeannie Smith

Motion to amend:

Be It Resolved, That the Board of Education elects to seek restoration from the Representative Town Meeting of \$170,000 of its FY 2018-2018 operating budget request.

MOTION: Karen Kleine

SECOND: Vik Muktavaram

RESULT: Failed

VOTE: 2-5 (Mark Mathias and Karen Kleine in favor; Michael Gordon, Jeannie Smith, Elaine Whitney, Vik Muktavaram and Candice Savin opposed)

Return to vote on original motion:

RESULT: Passed

VOTE: 6-1 (Karen Kleine opposed)

3. Be It Resolved, That the Board of Education elects to reduce its FY 2018-2018 operating budget request to the RTM by \$1,128,000.

Be It Further Resolved, That the Board of Education will inform the Representative Town Meeting of a revised Board of Education FY 2018-2019 operating budget request in the amount of \$116,173,800, reflecting an increase of 1.57% from FY 2017-2018.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney

SECOND: Jeannie Smith

RESULT: Passed Unanimously

VOTE: 7-0

DISCUSSION

Discussion of Mitigation Strategies

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Gordon moved to adjourn at 9:59 p.m; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)