

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**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

**Absent:**

Candice Savin

**PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 6:05 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria (Room 301)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Matters Pertaining to Security

Jeannie Smith moved to go into executive session at 6:05 p.m. to discuss Matters Pertaining to Security; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously. All Board members were present except Candice Savin; Michael Gordon arrived at 6:54 p.m., and Elaine Whitney arrived at 6:58 p.m. At the invitation of the Board, the following school and town officials were present: Westport Public Schools: Dr. Colleen Palmer, John Bayers, Elio Longo, Michael Rizzo, and Ted Hunyadi; Westport Police Department: Chief Foti Koskinas, Deputy Chief Sam Arciolo, Captain Dave Farrell, and Captain Ryan Paulsson; Westport Fire Department: Inspector Nate Gibbons. The executive session adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

**RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** 7:43 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria (Room 301)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION**

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**MINUTES:** February 26, 2018 and March 2, 2018

Approval of the minutes was deferred by consensus.

**Motion to add an agenda item:** Michael Gordon moved to add an agenda item for discussion and possible action to consider a change to a position within our administration; seconded by Vik Muktavaram and passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION**

## Budget Update

- Health Care
- Employee Buyouts
- Contract Negotiations
- Superintendent Comments

## Changes to 2017-2018 School Calendar

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

#### Student and Faculty Calendar 2019-20 School Year

**Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the school calendar for the 2019-20 school year, as dated February 26, 2018, as amended during the Board meeting of March 12, 2018, and to be appended to the minutes of March 12, 2018.**

**MOTION:** Mark Mathias  
**SECOND:** Karen Kleine  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 6-0

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

- Policy 3320, Business and Non-Instructional Operations: Purchasing Policy
- Policy 2111, Administration: Equal Employment Opportunity
- Policy 4118.11/4218.11, Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified: Nondiscrimination

**Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the amendment of Policy 3320, Business and Non-Instructional Operations: Purchasing Policy and the deletion of Policy 2111, Administration: Equal Employment Opportunity, and Policy 4118.11/4218.11, Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified: Nondiscrimination.**

**MOTION:** Karen Kleine  
**SECOND:** Mark Mathias  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 6-0

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### First Reading of the Following Revised Westport Board of 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 4112, Personnel – Certified: Appointment and Conditions of Employment (revision)
- Policy 5131.7, Students: Weapons and Dangerous Instruments (deletion)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Policy Committee

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Updated Leadership Position for Pupil Personnel Services

**Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation for the elimination of the position of Director of Pupil Services effective July 1, 2018 and the creation of the position of Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services commencing July 1, 2018.**

**MOTION:** Michael Gordon  
**SECOND:** Jeannie Smith  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 6-0

**ADJOURNMENT:** Michael Gordon moved to adjourn at 9:21 p.m; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary  
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)