

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)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Board Self-Evaluation

Jeannie Smith moved to go into executive session at 6:05 p.m. to discuss Board Self-Evaluation; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously. All Board members were present; Elaine Whitney arrived at 6:26 p.m. Dr. Colleen Palmer and Mr. Lyle Kirtman participated in the executive session at the invitation of the Board. The executive session adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

RESUME 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: March 12, 2018

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of March 12, 2018; seconded by Michael Gordon and passed unanimously (6-0-1, with Candice Savin abstaining).

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Discussion and Possible Vote on Adjustments to FY 2018-19 Board of Education Proposed Budget as Recommended by Administration

No action was taken.

Discussion and Possible Vote to Endorse the Inclusion of School Resource Officers in the Westport Public Schools

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education endorses the inclusion of School Resource Officers in its schools.

MOTION: Michael Gordon

SECOND: Jeannie Smith

RESULT: Passed

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

Changes to 2017-2018 School Calendar

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the proposed adjustments to the 2017-2018 school year, a copy of said adjusted calendar to be appended to the minutes of the meeting of March 26, 2018.

MOTION: Mark Mathias

SECOND: Michael Gordon

RESULT: Passed Unanimously

VOTE: 7-0

Acceptance of Gifts

Be it resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with gratitude and appreciation a donation of \$2,239.95 by the Bedford Middle School PTA to replace the school ceremonial banner and purchase eight sousaphone covers in customized BMS colors with the updated BMS bear logo.

MOTION: Mark Mathias

SECOND: Elaine Whitney

RESULT: Passed Unanimously

VOTE: 5-0 (Michael Gordon and Candice Savin were not in the room at the time of the vote and did not vote)

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 4112, Personnel – Certified: Appointment and Conditions of Employment (revision)
- 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 4112, Personnel – Certified: Appointment and Conditions of Employment in accordance with the agenda materials for the meeting of March 26, 2018.

MOTION: Karen Kleine

SECOND: Candice Savin

RESULT: Passed Unanimously

VOTE: 7-0

Note: Action was deferred by consensus on the other policies listed above in order to allow time for certain edits to be made.

UPDATES:

Health and Medical Insurance Revenues and Expenses; Projected Year-End Balance in Health Reserve Account

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Gordon moved to adjourn at 10:21 p.m; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)