

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 CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:33 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria (Room 301)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. Colleen Palmer presided until the election of the Chair, who presided for the remainder of the meeting.

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education elects Michael Gordon to serve as Chair of the Westport Board of Education, said election effective until the next annual Board of Education election of officers.

MOTION: Jeannie Smith
SECOND: Candice Savin
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0-1 (Michael Gordon abstaining)

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education elects Jeannie Smith to serve as Vice Chair of the Westport Board of Education, said election effective until the next annual Board of Education election of officers.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Karen Kleine
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0-1 (Jeannie Smith abstaining)

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education elects Elaine Whitney to serve as Secretary of the Westport Board of Education, said election effective until the next annual Board of Education election of officers.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Vik Muktavaram
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0-1 (Elaine Whitney abstaining)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: October 23, 2017, November 13, 2017 and November 14, 2017

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of October 23, November 13 and November 14, 2017; seconded by Michael Gordon and passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

NESDEC Ten-Year Enrollment Projections

Note: The following elected officials joined the Board of Education at the table for this discussion: First Selectman James Marpe; RTM Moderator Velma Heller; and Board of Finance members Michael Rea, John Hartwell, Sheri Gordon and Andrea Moore.

Overview of the Role of Learning Walks in the Westport Public Schools

DISCUSSION

Revised Homework Guidelines

UPDATES:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Policy Committee

Teaching and Learning Committee

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Gordon moved to adjourn at 10:20 p.m; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)