

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
Special Meeting**

Board Members Present:

Jeannie Smith* Acting Chair
Elaine Whitney Secretary
Mark Mathias
Karen Kleine
Vik Muktavaram
Candice Savin

Administrators Present:

Colleen Palmer Superintendent of Schools
John Bayers Director of Human Services
Anthony Buono Asst. Superintendent for Teaching & Learning
Tina Mannarino Asst. Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services

*Arrived at 7:41 p.m.

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER: 7:37 p.m., Town Hall, Room 307/309

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Discussion and Possible Vote on Strategies for Funding Three School Resource Officers for the 2018-2019 School Year and Subsequent Years

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education requests of the Board of Finance and the Representative Town Meeting that the funding currently allocated by the Town of Westport for the D.A.R.E. officer be reallocated to fund one (1) school resource officer at Staples High School for FY 2018-2019 and subsequent years.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Candice Savin
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education requests that, for FY 2018-2019, the Board of Finance and the Representative Town Meeting fund the two (2) additional school resource officers (SROs) requested by the Board of Education through a special appropriation.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and if approved by the Board of Finance and the Representative Town Meeting, the Board of Education will allocate in monies returned to the Town any unexpended funds from the operating budget for FY 2019-2020, and for each subsequent year, up to a 60% share of the projected costs for the upcoming fiscal year for the two (2) additional school resource officers requested by the Board of Education.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney

SECOND: Candice Savin

RESULT: Passed

VOTE: 4-2 (Jeannie Smith, Elaine Whitney, Vik Muktavaram and Candice Savin in favor; Mark Mathias and Karen Kleine opposed)

DISCUSSION:

District Update

ADJOURNMENT: Jeannie Smith moved to adjourn at 9:13 p.m; seconded by Candice Savin and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)