

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Michael Gordon      Chair  
Jeannie Smith      Vice Chair  
Elaine Whitney      Secretary  
Mark Mathias  
Brett Aronow  
Karen Kleine  
Paul Block

**Administrators Present:**

Elliott Landon      Superintendent of Schools  
Elio Longo      Dir. of School Business Operations  
James D'Amico      Dir. of Secondary Ed & Research  
Julie Droller      Dir. of Elementary Education  
Marge Cion      Director of Human Resources  
Michael Rizzo      Director of Pupil Services

**PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:04 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301).

**RECOGNITION:**

Recognition of Retirees, Westport Public Schools Staff, June 2015:

Jack Bestor, Joseph Caruso, Fred Choromanski, Diane Connolly, John Dodig, Diann Drenosky, Sheila Finnegan, Deborah Goodman, Florberto Jimenez, Rex Jones, Lynn Klauser, Jeanne Lott, Susan Morosko, Donna Nelson, Jacqueline O'Brien, Thomas Owen, Aladino Rivera, Joanne Rogers, Marco Saravia, Laura Schwartz, Patricia Stephen, Susan Vick and Wendy Winkler

Recognition of PTA Co-Presidents, 2014-15 School Year:

Kerry Liles, Sue Calger, Sheila Flinn, Adrienne Tober, Christine Kurpiel, Sarah Adair, Michele Carey Moody, Stacey Henske, Missy Zahler, Melissa Signorile, Candace Banks, Andrea Morre, Andrea Berkley, Lisa Fierro, Lily Bloomingdale, Celeste Amlicke, Kathleen Doyle, Wendy Morgan Hunter and Sue Rubin

The Board recessed at 8:11 p.m. for a reception for the honorees; the public session was resumed at 8:34 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION**

**MINUTES:** Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of May 26, June 1 and 2, 2015; seconded by Michael Gordon; passed unanimously.

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

Implementation of Fifth Domain in Westport 2025 Lens

Collaborative Efforts with the Town of Westport: 7/1/2014-6/15/2015

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

Acceptance of Gifts

Michael Gordon moved to address this topic as the first Discussion/Action item; seconded by Brett Aronow and passed unanimously.

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with thanks and appreciation: (1) a gift from the Coleytown Elementary School PTA in the amount of \$12,000 for the upgrade and makeover of the multipurpose room at CES; (2) a gift of \$4,650 from the Greens Farms School PTA for significant physical improvements the garden area at GFS; (3) four new highly valuable works of art from WSPAC for the Permanent Art Collection; (5) a gift of \$5,000 from Lauren Tarshis and David Dreyfuss for the purchase of audio visual equipment at KHS; (6) a gift of \$13,850 from the Long Lots School PTA for outdoor recess equipment; and, (7) a gift from an anonymous donor to improve, enhance and upgrade essential equipment for our theater arts programs at Staples, Bedford and Coleytown Middle School in the amount of \$36,000.**

**MOTION:** Elaine Whitney  
**SECOND:** Michael Gordon  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 7-0

Approval: Policy P6161.13, Permanent Art Collection

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education designates the Westport Schools Permanent Art Collection Committee as the entity responsible for managing the Westport Schools Permanent Art Collection (WSPAC) and for making recommendations to the Board of Education regarding WSPAC, in accordance with Policy 6161.13, Permanent Art Collection. The designation of the WSPAC Committee for this role replaces that of the Art Advisory Council under the Westport PTA Council and is effective for the 2015-2016 school year.**

**MOTION:** Elaine Whitney  
**SECOND:** Mark Mathias  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 7-0

Board of Education Goals/Objectives/Action Plans

No action was taken, as the 2015-2016 Goals had been approved in the previous meeting.

Transfers of Funds: 2014-15 Board of Education Budget

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an intra-year budget transfer of funds in the total amount of \$765,000 for the purpose of funding remaining high-priority school security enhancements, in accordance with the memorandum dated June 11, 2015 and appended to the minutes of that meeting.**

**MOTION:** Michael Gordon  
**SECOND:** Jeannie Smith  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 7-0

Approval of Monthly Health and Medical Insurance Report

No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Michael Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary  
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)