

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – Approved

Board Members Present:

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| Don'O'Day | Chair |
| James Marpe | Vice Chair |
| Faith Taylor | Secretary |
| Mark Mathias | |
| Elaine Whitney | |
| Michael McGovern | |

Administrators Present:

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| Elliott Landon | Superintendent of Schools |
| Nancy Harris | Asst. Superintendent Business |
| Brian Fagan | Asst. Superintendent Curriculum |
| Marge Cion | Director of Human Resources |
| Cynthia Gilchrest | Director of Pupil Services |

Board Members Absent: Sandy DeFelice

Others Present: Robert Pernicka, Senior Vice President, The Segal Company. Present for the Work Session were Members of the Board of Finance: Helen Garten, Chair, Allyson Stollenwerk, Vice Chair, Charles Haberstroh, Edward Iannone, Brian Stern, and Ken Wirfel.

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Staples High School, Cafeteria B

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:06 p.m., Don O'Day motioned and was seconded by Faith Taylor to go into executive session to discuss Strategies for Negotiations. Elliott Landon and Nancy Harris joined the executive session at the invitation of the Board. The executive session ended at 7:31. All BOE members except Sandy DeFelice attended the executive session

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION: 7:40 in the Staples High School cafeteria.

WORK SESSION WITH BOARD OF FINANCE:

Review of health and medical insurance – Mr. Pernicka.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Board of Education Goal-Related Action Plan: Explore Mandarin Chinese as World Language Course Offering at Middle School Level.

BE IT RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the introduction of Mandarin Chinese as a three-year sequential world language program at the middle school level effective with the start of the 2010-11 school year.

- MOTION: Elaine Whitney**
- SECOND: Mark Mathias**
- RESULT: Passed**
- VOTE: Unanimous**

Amendment to the Westport Public Schools 403(b) Retirement Plan.

BE IT RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the 2010-First Plan Amendment of the Westport Public Schools 403(b) Retirement Plan, said amendment to be effective as of January 1, 2010, in order to provide for Board-paid employer discretionary contributions into the Plan on behalf of one or more specified employees participating in the Plan, said contributions and employees to be determined in the Board's sole discretion or as necessary to comply with the terms of an employee's employment agreement between the employee and the Board, and said contributions may be calculated either as a specific dollar contribution (including zero), or as a percentage (including zero) of said employee's salary or wages for such Plan Year, and, pursuant to the Board's discretion, the Board may set a different amount or percentage for each such specified eligible employee, and

Be It Further Resolved, That the Superintendent, or his designee, is authorized on behalf of the Board, to execute the aforementioned 2010-First Plan amendment to the Westport Public Schools 403(b) Retirement Plan document, and to execute such further documents as may be necessary or desirable to effect the aforementioned Resolution.

MOTION: James Marpe
SECOND: Michael McGovern
RESULT: Passed
VOTE: Unanimous

DISCUSSION:
2010-11 Proposed Budget of the Superintendent of Schools.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Faith Taylor, Secretary
(Minutes written by Jennifer Robson)