

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Elaine Whitney Chair
Jeannie Smith Vice Chair
Brett Aronow
Karen Kleine
Paul Block

Administrators Present:

Elliott Landon Superintendent of Schools
Elio Longo Director of School Business Operations
Lis Comm Dir. of Secondary Ed. & Research
Cynthia Gilchrest Dir. of Elementary Ed.
Marge Cion Director of Human Resources
Michael Rizzo Director of Pupil Services

Absent:

Michael Gordon
Mark Mathias

EXECUTIVE SESSION/CALL TO ORDER: 6:34 p.m. in the Staples High School, Room 333, Pupil Services Conference Room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Non-Renewal of Certified Staff, Strategies for negotiations

At 7:05 p.m. Brett Aronow motioned and was seconded by Jeannie Smith to go into executive session to discuss Non-Renewal of Certified Staff and Strategies for negotiations. Brett Aronow, and Jeannie Smith attended from the BOE, Elliott Landon, Elio Longo and Marge Cion joined the executive session at he invitation of the board. All Board members with the exception of Michael Gordon and Mark Mathias were in attendance at the Executive Session. The executive session ended at 7:28 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:40 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: April 7, 2014 minutes approved.

PRESENTATION:

School Climate
Progress of the District Safe School Climate Committee
Short and Long Term Plans for Ethical Digital Citizenship
Modifications to Social Skills Curriculum, K-12
Mental Health Services, K-12

Mr. Rizzo
Dr. Babich
Ms. Bodell
Ms. Schwartz
Ms. Clarke

Update: Special Education Program Improvements, 2008-13

Mr. Rizzo
Dr. Babich
Ms. Bodell
Ms. Curran

Elaine Whitney moved to continue with the agenda, non-renewals, approval of nurse's contract and approval of custodian contract as it was after 10:30 p.m. Brett Aronow seconded, Paul Block voted against, Karen Kleine, and Jeannie Smith voted to continue.

DISCUSSION:

Proposed Board Policy P 3431: Health and Medical Insurance -
Delayed until future meeting

Dr. Landon
Mr. Longo

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Health Insurance Reserves – delayed until future meeting

Mr. Longo

Green Task Force Solar Panel Installation Proposal – delayed until future
meeting

David Mann

Non-Renewal of Certified Staff

Ms. Cion

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 10-151, the Westport Board of Education on-renews for the 2014-15 school year the teaching contract(s)/agreements with non-tenured teachers, long-term substitutes and permanent building substitutes employed during the 2013-14 school year, all of whom were identified in executive session on April 28, 2014, said action to be applicable on or before the end of the 2013-2014 school year; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That the Superintendent of Schools be directed to communicate this action of the Board in writing to the non-tenured teachers, long-term substitutes and permanent building substitutes identified in executive session on April 28, 2014 and be authorized to respond on behalf of the board of Education for data which may be forthcoming from them and/or their representatives pursuant to applicable provisions of Connecticut General Statutes 10-151.

MOTION: Brett Aronow

SECOND: Jeannie Smith

RESULT: Passed Unanimously

VOTE: 5-0 – Michael Gordon and Mark Mathias not in attendance

Approval of Contract: Registered Profession Nurses/Health Assistants

Ms. Cion

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the collective bargaining agreement between the Westport Board of Education and Local 1303, Chapter 153 of Council #4, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFLS-CIO, for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.

MOTION: Brett Aronow

SECOND: Jeannie Smith

RESULT: Passed Unanimously

VOTE: 5-0 – Michael Gordon and Mark Mathias not in attendance

Approval of Contract: School Custodians

Ms. Cion

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the collective bargaining agreement between the Westport Board of Education and the National Association of Government Employees Covering Westport School Custodians, for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.

MOTION: Brett Aronow
SECOND: Karen Kleine
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 5-0 – Michael Gordon and Mark Mathias not in attendance

Authorization for Capacity Studies at All Schools - delayed until further meeting

Dr. Landon

DISCUSSION:

Productivity and efficiency - delayed until further meeting

Mr. Block

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gordon, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)