

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

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| Elaine Whitney | Chair |
| Michael McGovern | Vice Chair |
| Michael Gordon | Secretary |
| Jennifer Tooker | |
| Brett Aronow | |
| Jeannie Smith | |

Administrators Present:

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| Elliott Landon | Superintendent of Schools |
| Nancy Harris | Asst. Superintendent Business |
| Marge Cion | Director of Human Resources |

Absent:

Mark Mathias

Executive Session:

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 5:13 p.m. in the Staples High School cafeteria. Moved by Michael McGovern, seconded by Brett Aronow. All Board members with the exception of Mark Mathias were in attendance. Guests of the Board included Police Chief Call, Deputy Police Chief Koskinas, Deputy Fire Chief Kepchar, all of whom were present until 8:00 p.m.; Elio Longo, present from 8:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.; and, Elliott Landon and Marge Cion, present for the entire executive session.. Representatives from three security firms also were present to meet with the Board at various times from 5:13 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Executive Session adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION RESUMED: 9:20 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES: April 8, April 23 approved.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Appointment of School Business Administrator

Be It Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the appointment of Elio Longo to the position of School Business Administrator of the Westport Public Schools for the period July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016, with an annual starting salary of \$185,000.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Michael McGovern
RESULT: 7-0
VOTE: Unanimous

Motion to Move Acceptance of Gift to next Item on Agenda:

MOTION: Jennifer Tooker
SECOND: Michael McGovern
RESULT: 7-0
VOTE: Unanimous

Acceptance of Gift: The Sandy Ground: Where Angels Play Project; Long Lots Playground

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the board of Education accepts with gratitude and appreciation from the New Jersey State Firefighters' Mutual Benevolent Association a gift of a children's playground, to be fully constructed and installed, on the site of the Long Lots Elementary School.

MOTION: Michael Gordon
SECOND: Michael McGovern
RESULT: 7-0
VOTE: Unanimous

Authorization for School Buildings Security Audit

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education selects Kroll Advisory Solutions to conduct a security assessment of the eight school buildings of the Westport Public Schools at an expense of \$98,000.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Brett Aronow
RESULT: 7-0
VOTE: Unanimous

S.T.E.M. for the Middle Schools, 2013-14 School Year

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education supports the implementation of the units of study for the 8th grade Design and Engineering Encore program for the 2013-14 school year as described in the memo of April 29, 2013 from the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education.

MOTION: Jeannie Smith
SECOND: Michael McGovern
RESULT: 7-0
VOTE: Unanimous

Non-Renewal of Certificated Employees

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 non-renews for the 2013-14 school year the teaching contract(s)/agreements with non-tenured teachers, long-term substitutes and permanent building substitutes employed during the 2012-13 school year, all of whom were identified in executive session on April 29, 2013, said action to be applicable on or before the end of the 2012-2013 school year; and,

Be It 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 29, 2013 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: Michael McGovern
SECOND: Jennifer Tooker
RESULT: 7-0
VOTE: Unanimous

Tennis Court Replacements at Staples High School

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to apply to the Board of Finance and the RTM for a joint capital expenditure in conjunction with the Parks & Recreation Department in the amount of \$320,000 to resurface the tennis courts at Staples High School.

MOTION: Brett Aronow
SECOND: Jennifer Tooker
RESULT: 7-0
VOTE: Unanimous

DISCUSSION: Quarterly Financial Report

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gordon, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)