

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

Elliott Landon	Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Harris	Asst. Superintendent Business
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

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:30 p.m. in the Staples High School cafeteria.

Moment of Silence for Lance Cpl. Roger W. Muchnick, Jr., USMC, Staples Class of 2008

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

MINUTES: March 18 & 19 approved

PRESENTATION: Common Core Standards - Mathematics

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Five Full Day Kindergarten

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the implementation of five day, full day Kindergarten in all schools effective with the start of the 2013-14 school year.

MOTION: Michael McGovern
SECOND: Jennifer Tooker
RESULT: Passed
VOTE: 6-1 Mark Mathias voted against

Motion to Continue with agenda since it was after 10:30 and to reorder the Agenda:

MOTION: Michael McGovern
SECOND: Brett Aronow
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 7-0

Acceptance of Gifts:

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with gratitude and appreciation gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Smith, Ms. Ann Chernow, Mr. Mark Greenstein, Ms. Ann Sheffer, Ms. Susan Malloy, the Coleytown Elementary School PTA and Sachin Lawande.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Michael Gordon
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 7-0

Motion to Continue with School Calendar:

MOTION: Michael McGovern
SECOND: Brett Aronow
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 7-0

School Calendar:

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the last day of school for students in the 2012-13 school year shall be a shortened one on Friday, June 21 and the last full day of the school year for teachers shall be Monday, June 24.

MOTION: Jeannie Smith
SECOND: Jennifer Tooker
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 7-0

Motion to Continue with Teacher and Administrator Evaluation System:

MOTION: Michael McGovern
SECOND: Mark Mathias
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 7-0

Teacher and Administration Evaluation System:

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves for submission to the Connecticut State Education Department the Westport Public Schools *Administrator Professional Development and Evaluation Plan* dated April 2013 and the *Teacher Professional Development and Evaluation Plan* dated April 2013.

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

Motion to Continue with Agenda:

MOTION: Michael McGovern
SECOND: Mark Mathias
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 7-0

Underground Fuel Tank Removal:

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the removal of 10,000 gallon steel underground oil storage tanks at Coleytown Elementary School, Long lots Elementary School and Coleytown Middle School; the installation of a generator tank at Long Lots Elementary School; and, repairs to the oil containment, fill and supply lines at Staples High School and Greens Farms Elementary School in the amount of \$112,400 as per the project budget contained in the materials accompanying the Board agenda of April 8, 2013 and,

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board authorizes that project approval and funding for this project be requested of the Board of Finance and the Representative Town Meeting, said request to include the designation of the Board of Education as the School Building Committee for this project.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Michael McGovern
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 7-0

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

STEM Program – Deferred

DISCUSSION:

Quarterly Financial Report – Deferred

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 11:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gordon, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)