

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Administrators Present:**

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

Absent:

Paul Block

**CALL TO ORDER:** 5:30 p.m. in the Staples High School Conference Room 1028

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

School Security Matters, Litigation, Evaluation of the Performance of Individual Members of the Board of Education

All members with the exception of Paul Block were in attendance. Brett Aronow moved and Jeannie Smith seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss School Security Matters, Litigation, Evaluation of the Performance of Individual Members of the Board of Education. Elliott Landon was there at 5:30 p.m. at the invitation of the BOE. Foti Kotskinas, Deputy Chief Westport Police Dept., Dale Call, Chief of Police, Elio Longo and Marge Cion joined the meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the invitation of the BOE. Deputy Chief Kotskinas and Chief Call left at 7:17, Executive Session adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

**RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:36 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION**

**MINUTES:** June 16 and August 8, 2014 Minutes accepted

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

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

Modifications to Board Meeting Calendar, 2014-15

Dr. Landon

**Be It Resolved, That Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the additions and modifications to the 2014-2015 Board of Education meeting calendar as detailed in the memorandum on this topic dated August 25, 2014, said memorandum to be appended to the minutes of the meeting.**

**MOTION:** Michael Gordon

**SECOND:** Brett Aronow

**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously

**VOTE:** 6-0

Board of Education Goals/Objectives/Action Plans and Mapping

Dr. Landon

Of Action Dates for Completion

Mr. Longo

No action taken

Request for Appropriation: School Security

Dr. Landon  
Mr. Longo

**Be It Resolved, That Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to make a request of the Board of Finance and the RTM for an appropriation not to exceed \$750,000 for security projects in the area of communications at all of the Westport Public Schools, the purpose of which is to upgrade all internal communication systems to better link the schools with all Town of Westport First Responders and better protect students and staff from internal and external threats.**

**Be it Further Resolved, That Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to make all final recommendations to the Board of Education based on the Kroll report by February 15, 2015.**

**MOTION:** Elaine Whitney  
**SECOND:** Michael Gordon  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 6-0

**DISCUSSION:**

End-of-Year Financial Report: July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014

Mr. Longo

Proposed Policy P3431: Health and Medical Insurance

Dr. Landon

Five Year Operating Budget Forecasts: FYE 2015-20

Dr. Landon  
Mr. Longo

Capital Projects Reporting Procedures

Mr. Longo

Revisions to Policy P0521, Nondiscrimination;  
Policy P5131.911, Bullying Prevention and Intervention  
Policy P5131.912, Safe School Climate Plan; and  
Policy P6173, Homebound Instruction

Mr. Rizzo

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gordon, Secretary  
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)