

**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

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 p.m., Staples High School, Principal’s Conference Room 1025C.

Topic: Strategies for Negotiations

Moved to go into session by Brett Aronow, Seconded by Mark Mathias. All Board of Education members were present, with the exception of Jeannie Smith who had not yet been appointed or sworn in. Elliott Landon and Marge Cion joined the executive session at the invitation of the Board. Meeting Adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

New Board of Education Member:

Be It Resolved, That the Board of Education appoints Jeannie Smith as a Member of the Board of Education, filling the vacancy left by the resignation of James Marpe.

MOTION: Michael McGovern
SECOND: Michael Gordon
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 6-0

Swearing in of new Board of Education Member

Ms. Patricia Strauss, Town Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: December 3, 2012 and December 16, 2012 minutes were approved.

INFORMATION:

DISCUSSION:

1. Bus Transportation Policies and Procedures

PRESENTATION:

1. K-5 Benchmarking
 - o Elementary Class Size
 - o Kindergarten Scheduling
 - o Instructional Minutes – Academics and Special Areas
2. S.T.E.M.: Proposed Middle School Elective Offering

Motion to continue with next agenda item since it was after 10:30 p.m.:

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

1. Ratification of Contract with Westport Education Association

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the board of Education approves the Professional Agreement between the Westport Board of Education and The Westport Education Association, for the period July 1, 2013-June 30, 2016.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Brett Aronow
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 6-0 with Jeannie Smith abstaining

DISCUSSION:

2014-2015 Calendar: Deferred to January 7, 2013 BOE Meeting.

ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel Matter

10:54 p.m. Moved to go into Executive Session by Brett Aronow and Seconded by Michael McGovern. Elliott Landon and Marge Cion were in attendance at the invitation of the Board.

ADJOURNED: 11:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gordon, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)