

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: 6:09 p.m. in the Staples High School, Room 1025C, Principal’s Conference Room

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pending Litigation

Moved to go into session by Brett Aronow. Seconded by Mark Mathias. All Board members in attendance. Elliott Landon, Nancy Harris, Attorneys Andy Zeitlin and Alison Baker of Shipman & Goodwin were there at the invitation of the Board. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:41 p.m. in the Staples High School cafeteria.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: of January 22, 23 and 28th accepted.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Revision to the 2013-2014 School Calendar attachment

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2013-14 school calendar, as revised, said calendar to be appended to the Minutes of the Meeting of February 4, 2013.

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

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts R6151, Class Size Guidelines effective with the start of the 2013-14 school year, said document to be appended to the Minutes of the Meeting of February 4, 2013.

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

Be It Resolved, That the Board of Education authorizes additions and deletions to the Proposed 2013-14 Budget of the Superintendent of Schools, as follows:

- Vote to increase salaries by \$71,000 and benefits by \$10,000 in order to add a class in second grade.

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

- Vote to adjust health insurance reserves by removing \$500,000 of the \$1,000,000 increased that had been proposed by the Superintendent.

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

- Vote to transfer \$127,000 of demutualized funds into insurance reserves.

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

- Vote to reduce the special education tuition by \$100,000, special education out placed tuition, to reflect a projected reimbursement from the state of 70%.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Jennifer Tooker
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 7-0

- Vote to reduce supplies and/or equipment by \$50,000.

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

And, Be It Further Resolved, That the Board of Education approves for submission to the Board of Finance a Proposed 2013-14 Budget that incorporates said additions and deletions in the amount of \$104,181,153 or 3.95%, with a copy of the completed proposed budget to be appended to the Minutes of the Meeting of February 4, 2013.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gordon, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)