

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Administrators Present:**

Elliott Landon	Superintendent of Schools
Elio Longo	Director of School Business Operations
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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Staples High School, Room 333, Pupil Services Conference Room

Discussion of Specific Attorney-Client Communication  
Performance Evaluation of the Superintendent of School

At 5:25 p.m. Mark Mathias motioned to go into Executive Session seconded by Brett Aronow. Elliott Landon and Marge Cion attended a portion of the meeting at the invitation of the board. All Board members were in attendance. Executive Session adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

**RECOGNITION OF RETIREES**

Carmen Arciola, Clifford Bader, Andrea Beebe, Beth Billig, Lisabeth Comm, Dana Connell, Frank Corbo, Peter DiFranco, Debbie Fritz-Braden, Cynthia Gilchrest, Sarah Guterman, Julie Horowitz, Rowena Lindsay, Janice McElroy, Ann Radley, Karen Schwam, Hazel Shulman, Rebecca Squire, Carol Taney, Marguerite Tappan, Suzanne Ebeling-Urban, Juanita Watson, David Winer

**RECOGNITION OF PTA**

Sheila Flinn, Kerry Liles, Ginny McGovern, Deborah Parnes, Adrienne Tober, Sarah Adair, Anne Spencer, Stacey Henske, Sue Calger, Lily Bloomingdale, Mellissa Signorile, Andrea Moore, Ri Kennedy, Lisa Fierro, Denise Baer, Celeste Amlicke, Kris Gordon, Wendy Hunter, Catalina Salas,

Adjourn to reception at 8:17 p.m.

**RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 8:40 p.m. in the Staples High School cafeteria.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION**

**MINUTES:** June 9, 2014 minutes approved.

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

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

Public Comment Guidelines – deferred

Acceptance of Gifts

**Be It Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with thanks and appreciation gifts from the Coleytown Elementary School PTA (up to \$48,000), the Long lots School PTA (\$18,000), the Saugatuck Elementary School PTA (\$2,400), and one from the "Tame the Hill" collective represented by Scott Bennewitz in the amount of \$165,000, said gifts to be used to enhance the learning environment for students in accordance with the details of a memo to the Board of Education from Elliott Landon pertaining to these gifts and dated June 16, 2014.**

**MOTION:** Jeannie Smith  
**SECOND:** Mark Mathias  
**RESULT:** Unanimous  
**VOTE:** 7-0

Board of Education Goals/Objectives/Action Plans

**Be It Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the Westport Public Schools District Goals of Fiscal year 2015, as edited, amended and appended to the minutes of the meeting dated June 16, 2014.**

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

Motion by Jeannie Smith, seconded by Mark Mathias to continue with Agenda with the exception of NEASC as it was after 10:30

Appointment: Chartwells as District Food Management Co.

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Compass Group, Incl., by and through Chartwells, to serve as the Food Service Management Company for the Westport Public Schools for the 2014-15 school year in accordance with the materials accompanying this memorandum, and**

**Be It Further Resolved, That the Board of Education accepts the "Alternative Proposal" for implementation as described therein.**

**MOTION:** Jeannie Smith  
**SECOND:** Mark Mathias  
**RESULT:** Unanimous  
**VOTE:** 7-0

School Start Times: 2014-15 School Year

Approval: Changes to Teacher Evaluation Plan

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent or his designee to submit the recommended changes to Westport's Professional Development and Evaluation Plan set forth above to the Connecticut Department of Education no later than June 18, 2014.**

**MOTION:** Mark Mathias  
**SECOND:** Brett Aronow  
**RESULT:** Unanimous  
**VOTE:** 7-0

Non-Union Personnel Compensation: 2014-15 School Year

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the salaries for its non-represented employees in accordance with the schedule on file in the office of the Superintendent of Schools.**

**MOTION:** Elaine Whitney  
**SECOND:** Mark Mathias  
**RESULT:** Unanimous  
**VOTE:** 7-0

Employment Contract of the Superintendent

**Be It Resolved, That the Board of Education will maintain the total compensation for Dr. Elliott Landon, Superintendent of Schools, at the same level as the 2013-2014 school year. This includes a base salary of \$292,937.**

**MOTION:** Elaine Whitney  
**SECOND:** Jeannie Smith  
**RESULT:** Unanimous  
**VOTE:** 7-0

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 11:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gordon, Secretary  
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)