

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	Director of Secondary Education
Cynthia Gilchrest	Director of Elementary Education
Marge Cion	Director of Human Resources
Michael Rizzo	Director of Pupil Services

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER: 6:11 p.m. Staples High School, Room 1025C, Principals Conference Room

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:11 p.m. Brett Aronow motioned and was seconded by Karen Kleine to go into executive session to discuss School Security Matters; Strategies for Negotiations. Dale Call, Chief of Police, Foti Koskinas, Deputy Chief of Police, Robert Kepchar, Deputy Chief of Fire Department were in attendance for the discussion on School Security Matters, Elliott Landon, Elio Longo and Marge Cion joined the entire executive session at the invitation of the Board. The executive session ended at 7:29 p.m. All members of the BOE were in attendance.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:42 p.m. in the Staples High School cafeteria.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

Karen Kleine was appointed to the Bus Parking Subcommittee. Joining Mark Mathias

RECOGNITION: Board of Education Appreciation

MINUTES: February 4 and 10, 2014 approved.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Acceptance of Gifts

Dr. Landon

Be IT Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with thanks and appreciation a gift from the Coleytown Middle School PTA of a Hewlett Packard wide-format printer valued at \$3,000; a gift from the Long Lots School PTA of outdoor tables for the Outdoor Classroom valued at \$3,005; and, a gift of thirty (30) artworks with valued at \$49,100 from ten donors for the Westport Schools Permanent Art Collection.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Karen Kleine
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 7-0

Approval of Westport Intermediate Administrators Association Contract:
July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017

M. Cion

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the collective bargaining agreement between the Westport Board of Education and the Westport Intermediate Administrators' Association, for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017.

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

Modification of Teacher Evaluation Plan

M. Cion

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of education authorizes the superintendent or his designees to present the recommended changes to Westport's Professional Development and Evaluation Plan set forth above to the Professional Development Committee and to submit these changes to the Connecticut department of Education in the "Connecticut Educator Evaluation and Support System: 2013 - 2014 Flexibility Request Submission Form" attached to this Memorandum.

MOTION: Jeannie Smith
SECOND: Brett Aronow
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 7-0

DISCUSSION:

Student and Faculty Calendar: 2015-16 School Year

Dr. Landon

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Security

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, The Board of Education changes the position of Director of Facilities to Director of Security and Facilities, effective July 1, 2014, with the understanding that the job description for this position will require certification and/or experience in a responsible security position, e.g., law enforcement, and significant experience in the area of facilities, to include maintenance, construction, skilled trade experience, or the equivalent.

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

Motion to go forward with request for appropriation for locks

And, Be It Further Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to prepare and submit to the

Board of Finance and the RTM a request for appropriation in the amount of \$200,000, subject to 20.7% reimbursement through the Connecticut School Security Grant Program, for a net cost to the Town of Westport of approximately \$160,000, for the purchase of storeroom locksets for all interior doors in all school buildings.

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

PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 9:32 p.m.

Strategies for negotiations

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

Elliott Landon, Elio Longo and Marge Cion attended the Executive Session at the invitation of the Board of Education. All BOE members were in attendance

ADJOURNMENT: 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gordon, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)