

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Don O'Day	Chair
James Marpe	Vice Chair
Elaine Whitney	Secretary
Mark Mathias	
Michael McGovern	
Michael Gordon	
Jennifer Tooker	

Administrators Present:

Elliott Landon	Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Harris	Asst. Superintendent Business
Lis Comm	Dir. of Secondary Ed. & Research
Cynthia Gilchrest	Dir. of Pupil Svc. & Elem. Ed.
Marge Cion	Director of Human Resources

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 p.m. in the Staples High School cafeteria

Pending Litigation/Personnel Matter: All Board members were in attendance; Jim Marpe arrived at 7:25 p.m. At the invitation of the board, Dr. Landon, Nancy Harris, Derek Mogck of Shipman & Goodwin, Russ Knuth of Consulting Engineering Services (CES), Mike Zubareve of Brooks Environment Consulting and Russ Blair, Building Committee member, were in attendance until 7:52 p.m., and Dr. Landon and Marge Cion were in attendance for the remainder of the session.

Executive Session Adjourned at: 8:12 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 8:21 p.m. in the Staples High School cafeteria.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Introduction of Michael Rizzo, incoming Director of Pupil Services

RECOGNITION: Board of Education Appreciation

PRESENTATION: Westport 2025 Update (Encl.) Lis Comm
 Trudy Denton
 JoAnne Fasciolo
 Jennifer Giudice
 Tanya Kaplan
 Sarah White

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Underground Fuel Oil Tank Removal and Upgrades (Encl.) Ms. Harris

Be it Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the board of Education approves the Underground Oil Tank Removal and Re-Piping Plans as described in the memorandum from Nancy Harris to Elliott Landon dated March 15, 2012 as appended to the Minutes of the Meeting of March 19, and

Be it further resolved, That the Board approves the Educational Specifications for this project and the associated expenditure not to exceed \$269,000; directs the Administration to request project approval and funding from the Board of Finance and Representative Town Meeting; and, requests the Representative Town Meeting to designate the Town of Westport Public Site and Building Committee and the Board of Education as the joint School Building Committee for this project. The \$269,000 being requested may be able to be reduced by 1) repairing (rather than replacing) the Staples High

School oil tank, 2) purchasing a smaller oil tank for the back-up generator for Long Lots Elementary School, and 3) selling the previously purchased oil.

MOTION: Don O'Day
SECOND: Mike McGovern
RESULT: Passed
VOTE: Unanimous

Don O'Day moved to continue with the agenda since it was after 10:30. Seconded by Jim Marpe.
Passed Unanimously

Non-Renewal of Certificated Employees

Dr. Landon
Ms. Cion

Be it Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 10-151, the Westport Board of Education non-renews for the 2012-13 school year the teaching contract(s)/agreements with non-tenured teachers, long-term substitutes and permanent building substitutes employed during the 2011-12 school year, all of whom were identified in executive session on March 19, 2012, said action to be applicable on or before the end of the 2011-12 school year; and,

Be it Further Resolved, That the Superintendent of Schools be directed to communicate this action of the Board in writing to the non-tenured, teachers, long-term substitutes and permanent building substitutes identified in executive session on March 19, 2012 and be authorized to respond on behalf of the board of Education for data which may be forthcoming from them and/or their representatives pursuant to applicable provision of the Connecticut General Statutes 10-151.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Michael McGovern
RESULT: Passed
VOTE: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)