

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Call To Order 6:18 p.m. Staples High School, Room 1025C, Principal's Conference Room

Strategies for Negotiations

Moved to go into session by Brett Aronow, Seconded by Jennifer Tooker. All Board Members were in attendance, Mark Mathias arrived at 7:30 p.m. Elliott Landon and Marge Cion were there as guests of the board. Executive Session Adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

**RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:52 p.m. in the Staples High School cafeteria.

**ANNOUCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

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

**RECOGNITION:** Board of Education Appreciation

**MINUTES:** February 4, 2013 minutes approved.

**PRESENTATION:** Common Core Standards: Literacy Across The Disciplines

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

1. Instructional Minutes and Special Area Scheduling: Kindergarten-Grade 5

**The Board of Education voted to add a formal vote on five day full day kindergarten to the Board's agenda of April 8, 2013, to be preceded by a discussion of this matter at the meeting of March 18, 2013. The Board also agreed to vote on the proposal to eliminate five (5) minutes twice per week from physical education in the fifth grade at the meeting of March 18, 2013.**

**MOTION:** Michael McGovern  
**SECOND:** Jennifer Tooker  
**RESULT:** Passed  
**VOTE:** 6-1, Mark Mathias voted against

Motion to continue with agenda as it was after 10:30 p.m.

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

2. Policy P6151: Class Size Guidelines

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts Policy P6151, 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 March 4, 2013 and the Westport Public Schools website.**

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

Motion to continue with agenda as it was after 10:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** Elaine Whitney  
**SECOND:** Jennifer Tooker  
**RESULT:** Unanimous  
**VOTE:** 7-0

3. Health Insurance Reserve: Agreement with Board of Finance – Tabled

Motion to continue with agenda as it was after 10:30 p.m.

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

## **DISCUSSION**

CES Dismissal: Alternative Solutions, Including Elementary and Middle School Start Time Options

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 11:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gordon, Secretary  
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)