

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – Approved

Board Members Present:

Don O'Day	Chair
James Marpe	Vice Chair
Faith Taylor	Secretary
Sandy DeFelice	
Mark Mathias	
Elaine Whitney	
Michael McGovern	

Administrators Present:

Elliott Landon	Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Harris	Asst. Superintendent Business
Brian Fagan	Asst. Superintendent Curriculum
Marge Cion	Director of Human Resources

Others Present: Janna Bell, CES Assistant Principal

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 6:00 p.m., Staples High School, Principal's Conference Room

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:30 Don O'Day motioned and was seconded by Faith Taylor to go into executive session to discuss Interviews of Candidates for Position of Principal at Coleytown Elementary School and Strategies for Negotiations. Elliott Landon, Nancy Harris, Brian Fagan, Marge Cion and Janna Bell joined some or all of the executive session at the invitation of the Board. The executive session ended at 7:35. All BOE members were present at the executive session.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION: 7:45 in the Staples High School cafeteria.

MINUTES: Minutes of May 3rd were accepted.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Appointment of Principals: Coleytown Elementary School and King's Highway School

Be it Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Janna Bell to the position of Principal of Coleytown Elementary School effective July 1, 2010 and,

Be it Further Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Dr. Susie DaSilva to the position of Principal of King's Highway School effective July 1, 2010.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Michael McGovern
RESULT: Passed
VOTE: Unanimous

Expansion of Three Day Full Day Kindergarten

Be it Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the implementation of a five day full day Kindergarten program in the Westport Public Schools effective with the start of the 2010-11 school year.

MOTION: None

Be it Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves the implementation of a five day full day kindergarten program in the Westport Public Schools effective with the start of the 2010-11 school year, and

Be it Further Resolved, that for the 2010-11 school year only, for those parents who wish to have their children attend full day Kindergarten only three days per week, buses will be provided to transport these children home on Mondays and Fridays at the existing 2009-10 scheduled ending times, and

Effective with the 2011-12 school year, all students attending Kindergarten will be required to attend five full days for the entire school year.

MOTION: Michael McGovern
SECOND: James Marpe
RESULT: Failed
VOTE: Yes – James Marpe
No - Don O’Day
Sandy DeFelice
Mark Mathias
Elaine Whitney
Faith Taylor
Michael McGovern

Be it Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the implementation of a five day full day Kindergarten program in the Westport Public Schools effective with the start of the 2011-12 school year.

MOTION: Faith Taylor
SECOND: Don O’Day
RESULT: Failed
VOTE: Yes - Faith Taylor
James Marpe
Michael McGovern
No - Don O’Day
Mark Mathias
Sandy DeFelice
Elaine Whitney

Be it Resolved, That the Board of Education approves the implementation of a five-day full day Kindergarten program in the Westport Public Schools effective in the 2011-12 school year and that at the beginning of each school year, the program will be three full days and two extended days as is now in effect for the 2009-10 school year and, beginning on or about October 15th in each year, all children will attend Kindergarten for five full days.

MOTION: Faith Taylor
SECOND: Don O’Day
RESULT: Failed
VOTE: Yes - Faith Taylor
James Marpe
Michael McGovern
No - Don O’Day
Mark Mathias
Sandy DeFelice
Elaine Whitney

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the implementation of a five day full day Kindergarten program in the Westport Public Schools effective with the start of the 2011-12 school year, and

Be it Further Resolved, That, for those parents who wish to have their children attend full day Kindergarten only three days per week, buses will be provided to transport these children home from the 5-day full day Kindergarten program on Mondays and Fridays at the existing 2009-10 scheduled ending times

MOTION: Sandy DeFelice
SECOND: Elaine Whitney
RESULT: Ms. DeFelice withdrew the motion prior to a vote

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education approves a modification to the existing Kindergarten program in the Westport Public Schools effective with the start of the 2011-12 school year, in which all students will attend Kindergarten for 3 full days and two extended days, with all Kindergarten students attending the current extended day hours together, as full classes, all Kindergarten students attending one full day on the same day, and approximately one half of each class attending one of two sets of two afternoons in small groups in order to provide more individualized instruction.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Sandy DeFelice
RESULT: Ms. Whitney withdrew the motion so that the Board could review this modification during the discussion of Board goals.

Motion was made to continue with the agenda since it was past 10:30 p.m.

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

Budget reductions to the Board of Education's Proposed Budget for the 2010-11 School Year

Be it Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes reductions to its proposed 2010-11 budget in the amount of \$500,000 as shown on the document entitled, "Superintendent's Recommended 2010-11 Budget Reductions as a Result of BOF/RTM \$500,000 Reduction" that is appended to the Minutes of the Meeting of May 17, 2010.

MOTION: Don O'Day
SECOND: Sandy DeFelice
RESULT: Failed
VOTE: Yes - Don O'Day
Sandy DeFelice
No - Michael McGovern
Faith Taylor
James Marpe
Mark Mathias
Elaine Whitney

Phase II Race to the Top (RTTP) Grant

Be it Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Chair of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to sign the Race to the Top Memorandum of Understanding as requested by the Connecticut State Board of Education.

MOTION: James Marpe

SECOND: Faith Taylor

RESULT: Passed

VOTE: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Faith Taylor, Secretary
(Minutes written by Jennifer Robson)