

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Elaine Whitney	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

Absent:

Michael McGovern

CALL TO ORDER: 6:20 p.m. in the Staples High School, Principal’s Conference Room, 1025C.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pending Litigation, Strategies for Negotiations

Moved to go into session by Elaine Whitney. Second by Brett Aronow. Mark Mathias and Michael McGovern were absent. Michael Rizzo, Marsha Moses, Elliott Landon and Marge Cion were there at the invitation of the Board. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:39 p.m. in the Staples High School cafeteria.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: of May 13, 2013 accepted.

The Board adjusted the agenda to move acceptance of gifts to the beginning of the agenda

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Acceptance of Gifts: Green’s Farms School PTA, The Kiev Foundation, Inc. and Long Lots School PTA Dr. Landon

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with gratitude and appreciation: a gift of \$2,800 from the Green’s Farms School PTA for the purchase of an electronic bulletin board; padding for the “rock climbing” playground activity at Coleytown Elementary School as offered by The Kiev Foundation, Inc. at a value of \$2,950; and, a gift offered by the Long Lots School PTA of a “360 Orbital Climber” to be constructed on the Long Lots School property, said gift estimate to cost \$3,569, plus the expenses associated with installation.

MOTION: Michael Gordon
SECOND: Brett Aronow
RESULT: 6-0
VOTE: Unanimous

PRESENTATION: Westport 2025 Update, 2025 Community Conversation, Ms. Comm
Hwa Chong Institution Initiative: Ms. Cion
Interrelated Developments Dr. Sawch

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Tuition Rates: 2013-14 School Year Dr. Landon
Ms. Harris

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the establishment of the tuition rates for the 2013-2014 school year, as set forth in a memo dated May 20, 2013 and appended to the Minutes of that Meeting.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Jennifer Tooker
RESULT: 6-0
VOTE: Unanimous

Authorization to Sign Contracts Dr. Landon

The Board of Education authorizes Elliott Landon, Superintendent of Schools, and Elio Longo, Director of School Business Operations, to sign contracts on behalf of the board of Education, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

MOTION: Jennifer Tooker
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: 6-0
VOTE: Unanimous

DISCUSSION:

School System Goals: July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013 Dr. Landon

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:33 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Call To Order: 9:44 p.m.

Strategies for Negotiations

Moved to go into session by Brett Aronow. Seconded by Jennifer Tooker. All Board members in attendance with the exception of Michael McGovern. Elliott Landon and Marge Cion were there at the invitation of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gordon, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)