

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

**Board Members Present:**

Elaine Whitney	Chair
Michael McGovern	Vice Chair
Michael Gordon	Secretary
Jim Marpe	
Mark Mathias	
Jennifer Tooker	
Brett Aronow	

**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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Called to order at 6:04 p.m. All Board members were present. Dr. Landon and Marge Cion were there as guests of the Board. Adjourned to Public Meeting: 6:53 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:08 p.m. in the Staples High School cafeteria.

**INFORMATION:** Jim Marpe announced his resignation from the BOE effective Noon on November 13, 2012.

**ACTION: Election of Officers of the Board of Education**

Election of the Chair of the Board of Education: Jim Marpe nominated Elaine Whitney. There were no other nominations.

**MOTION:** Jim Marpe  
**SECOND:** Mark Mathias  
**RESULT:** Unanimous with Elaine Whitney abstaining  
**VOTE:** 6-0

Ms. Whitney assumed the chairmanship of the Board.

Election of the Vice Chair of the Board of Education. Elaine Whitney nominated Michael McGovern. There were no other nominations.

**MOTION:** Elaine Whitney  
**SECOND:** Jennifer Tooker  
**RESULT:** Unanimous with Michael McGovern abstaining  
**VOTE:** 6-0

**Election of the Secretary of the Board of Education.** Mark Mathias nominated Michael Gordon. There were no other nominations.

**MOTION:** Mark Mathias  
**SECOND:** Jennifer Tooker  
**RESULT:** Unanimous with Michael Gordon abstaining  
**VOTE:** 6-0

**PRESENTATION:**

Westport 2025: The Teachers College, Columbia University/Westport Public Schools Partnership

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION:**

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

**MINUTES:** of October 22, 2012 were approved.

**DISCUSSION:**

Proposed Modification to the 2012-13 Calendar.  
Discussion but no resolution, will continue on December 3, 2012

Motion to continue with next agenda item since it was after 10:30 p.m.:

**MOTION:** Mark Mathias  
**SECOND:** Michael McGovern  
**RESULT:** Unanimous  
**VOTE:** 7-0

Policies P4118.24 and P5145.5 Complaint Procedures for Students.

Use of Schools Facilities: Updated Report – held until next session.

Motion for adjournment and to resume Executive Session:

**MOTION:** Jennifer Tooker  
**SECOND:** Brett Aronow  
**RESULT:** Unanimous  
**VOTE:** 7-0

**ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 10:42 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Strategies for Negotiation. The entire Board was present; Dr. Landon and Marge Cion were guests of the Board.

**ADJOURNED:** 11:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gordon, Secretary  
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)

