

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Michael Gordon      Chair  
Jeannie Smith      Vice Chair  
Elaine Whitney      Secretary  
Mark Mathias  
Brett Aronow  
Karen Kleine  
Vik Muktavaram

**Administrators Present:**

Elliott Landon      Superintendent of Schools  
Elio Longo      Dir. of School Business Operations  
James D'Amico      Dir. of Secondary Ed. & Research  
Julie Droller      Dir. of Elementary Education  
John Bayers      Dir. of Human Resources & General Admin.  
Michael Rizzo      Director of Pupil Services

**PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:30 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria (Room 301)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Colleen Palmer was welcomed at her first Westport board of Education meeting as Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Jennifer Allen was welcomed as interim Director of Secondary Education. Brett Aronow announced her resignation as a Member of the Board of Education effective September 30, 2016 due to her planned relocation and the associated end of her status as a Westport Resident, which was anticipated to occur on October 1, 2016.

**MINUTES:** Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of the meetings of June 2, 2016; seconded by Michael Gordon and passed 7-0.

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

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Summer Maintenance Projects Completed

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

Transfer of Funds to Board of Education carryover Account

**Be it Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$328,190.00 from account 400's Property Services to 700's Equipment.**

**MOTION:** Elaine Whitney  
**SECOND:** Jeannie Smith  
**RESULT:** Unanimous  
**VOTE:** 7-0

2015-16 End-of-Year Financial Report

**Be it Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2015-2016 End-of-Year Financial Report as prepared by Elio Longo. Be it further resolved, that the Board of Education agrees to return the amount of \$920,000.31 to the Town of Westport and requests of the Board of Finance that the remaining estimate surplus balance in the amount of \$513,957.00 be deposited in the board of Education Carryover Account.**

**MOTION: Elaine Whitney  
SECOND: Michael Gordon  
RESULT: Unanimous  
VOTE: 7-0**

Acceptance of Gifts:

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with great appreciation two very generous gifts for the Westport Public Schools; namely, a steinway and Sons piano from Mr. and Mrs. Boley valued at \$8,000, and a Hofner Deluxe Electric Bass valued at \$3,000.**

**MOTION: Vik Muktavaram  
SECOND: Jeannie Smith  
RESULT: Unanimous  
VOTE: 7-0**

**DISCUSSION:**

Superintendent Update for that Start of the 2016-71 School Year

Brown Bag Follow-Up

Calendar of Board of Education Agenda Items: September 2016 - June 2017

**ADJOURNMENT:** Michael Gordon moved to adjourn 8:41 p.m; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary  
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)