

**WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL
Board of Education**

DATE: December 22, 2009
KIND: Special Meeting & Board Member Election
TIME: 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
PLACE: Westport Central School – Lobby Outside Bulles Auditorium

The Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the Westport Central School District, Essex County, New York was called to order at 12:00 PM, prevailing time, by Chairperson, Jana Atwell for the purpose of voting on (1) the proposed capital project which includes the renovation, reconstruction and improvement of school district buildings and facilities, including the acquisition, construction and installation of an emergency power system, security system improvements, telephone system improvements and refurbishment of tennis courts, including the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection therewith, at a total estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$500,000 or so much as may be necessary, and obtain the necessary funds by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the School District to be collected in annual installments in the years and in the amounts as the Board of Education shall determine in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law, and in anticipation of such tax shall the School District be authorized to issue up to \$500,000 of obligations of the School District, as approved by the Board of Education, and (2) to elect a member of the Board of Education for the remainder of a five (5) year term commencing December 22, 2009 and expiring on June 30, 2011 created by the resignation of Kathleen carterMartinez.

At 9:00 PM, prevailing time, the Chairperson announced that all qualified voters present in the polling place had been allowed to vote and thereby declared the polls closed.

Immediately upon the close of the polls, the following Inspectors and Clerks of Election proceeded to canvass the vote: Norma Arsenault, Robin Stoddard, Brenda McCooey, Nicole Sudduth and Jana Atwell.

The ballots which were cast between the hours of 12:00 PM and 9:00 PM were tallied first, followed by the absentee ballots, which were opened, shuffled and left remaining in a folded position until the count was taken.

The following report was made by the District Clerk and Chairperson, Jana Atwell:

Total number of ballots cast regarding the capital project: 406
(This figure includes 31 absentee ballots.)

Number of yes votes in favor of the capital project: 165
Number of no votes opposed to the capital project: 239
Number of ballots declared as VOID: 1
Number of ballots left blank: 1

TOTAL: 406

The proposed **capital project was declared to be** not approved.

Total number of ballots regarding the election of a school board member: 407
(*This figure includes 32 absentee ballots.*)

Number of votes cast in favor of Thomas D. Kohler: 221
Number of votes cast in favor of Ulrich V. Hoffmann: 168
Number of write-in votes in favor of Elizabeth Lee: 1
Number of write-in votes in favor of Elizabeth Frum: 1
Number of write-in votes in favor of Ike Tyler: 1
Number of write-in votes in favor of Ernest LaPine: 1
Number of ballots declared as VOID: 6
Number of ballots left blank: 8

TOTAL: 407

Thomas D. Kohler **was elected** to the Board of Education for the remainder of a five (5) year term commencing December 22, 2009 and expiring on June 30, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Date approved by the BOE: January 14, 2010

Jana Atwell, District Clerk