

Action: Kathleen carterMartinez nominated by Dwayne Stevens, seconded by Jim Carroll. Nominations closed.

Motion: Dwayne Stevens Seconded: Jim Carroll Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

- D.** The oath of office was administered by the District Clerk to the newly elected Vice President.
- E.** The District Clerk administered the School Board Member Code of Ethics to Board Members, Alice LaRock, Kathleen carterMartinez, Dwayne Stevens, Jim Carroll, and Sue Russell.
- F.** The oath of office was administered by the District Clerk to the Interim Superintendent of Westport Central School District.
- G.** The oath of office was administered by the District Clerk to the Principal of Westport Central School District.

7. Appointment of School Officers and Representatives

- A.** Resolved that the Superintendents of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the reappointment of Cynthia Moody as District Treasurer as a component of the Shared Business Office Cross Contract with Franklin-Essex-Hamilton (FEH) BOCES for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion: Kathleen carterMartinez Seconded: Jim Carroll Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

- a)** The oath of office was administered by the Board President to the District Treasurer.
- B.** Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the reappointment of Kathi Desjardins as Assistant Treasurer for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion: Dwayne Stevens Seconded: Kathleen carterMartinez Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

- C.** Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the appointment of Sue Reaser as the BOCES Board of Education Representative for the Westport Central School District.

Motion: Jim Carroll Seconded: Dwayne Stevens Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

- D.** Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the reappointment of Janet Hoff as Internal Claims Auditor for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion: Kathleen carterMartinez Seconded: Dwayne Stevens Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

- E.** Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the

appointment of the following representatives/alternates for the 2009-2010 school year:

- 1) Essex County School Board Representatives (2)
 - Alice LaRock
 - Jim Carroll
- 2) Youth Commission Representative – Dwayne Stevens
Youth Commission Alternate – Sue Russell
- 3) WPTO Representative – Sue Russell
WPTO Alternate – Dwayne Stevens
- 4) Joint Study Committee Representative (2)
 - Kathleen carterMartinez
 - Sue Russell
 - Alice LaRock (alternate)
- 5) Technology Committee Representatives (2)
 - Jim Carroll
 - Alice LaRock
- 6) Buildings & Grounds/Safety Committee Representatives (2)
 - Dwayne Stevens
 - Jim Carroll
- 7) Character Education Committee Representatives (2)
 - Kathleen carterMartinez
 - Jim Carroll
- 8) Municipal Garage Representatives (2)
 - Alice LaRock
 - Sue Russell

Motion: Dwayne Stevens Seconded: Kathleen carterMartinez Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

8. Other Appointments

A. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the reappointment of the Elizabethtown Community Hospital as medical provider at a rate of \$3,152 for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion: Kathleen carterMartinez Seconded: Dwayne Stevens Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

B. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the appointment of Conroy, Boulrice, Telling & Trombley, P.C. for School Auditor for the 2009-2010 school year at a rate of \$7,750 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

Motion: Jim Carroll Seconded: Kathleen carterMartinez Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

C. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the reappointment of the law firm of Stafford, Owens, Piller, Murnane & Trombley PLLC at a rate of \$160 per hour as the school attorneys for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion: Jim Carroll Seconded: Kathleen carterMartinez Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

D. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the reappointment of Nancy Boyle for School Tax Collector at a rate of \$2,300 for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion: Kathleen carterMartinez Seconded: Dwayne Stevens Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

E. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the reappointment of the following positions for the 2009-2010 school year:

- 1) Attendance Officer, School Nurse
- 2) Staff Attendance Record Keeper, District Clerk
- 3) Title IX Officers, School Nurse, Guidance Counselor, Superintendent and Principal
- 4) Records Management Officer, Superintendent
- 5) DEO Officer (Designated Education Official), Superintendent and Principal
- 6) HIPAA Compliance Privacy Officials, Superintendent
- 7) Asbestos (LEA) Designee, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds
- 8) Fingerprint Coordinator, District Clerk
- 9) Pesticide Control Officer, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds
- 10) Purchasing Agent, Superintendent
- 11) Records Access Officer, Superintendent
- 12) Section 504 & Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator, Principal
- 13) Homeless Liaison Designee, Guidance Counselor and Principal
- 14) Committee on Special Education (CSE) & Committee on Preschool Special Education Chairperson (CPSE), Principal
- 15) Chief Information Officer (CIO), NERIC, Superintendent – Alternate

Motion: Jim Carroll Seconded: Dwayne Stevens Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

F. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the reappointment of the substitutes as listed (see attached) and the approval of the non-certified substitute teacher pay rate of \$60 per day and certified substitute teacher pay rate of \$70 per day.

Motion: Dwayne Stevens Seconded: Kathleen carterMartinez Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

G. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the appointment of the members (see attached list) to the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE).

Motion: Kathleen carterMartinez Seconded: Dwayne Stevens Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

9. Designations

A. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to continue with Champlain National Bank and New York Liquid Assets Fund as the official bank depositories for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion: Kathleen carterMartinez Seconded: Sue Russell Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

B. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the regular monthly Board of Education meetings begin at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted and to establish the meeting dates as the second Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion: Kathleen carterMartinez Seconded: Jim Carroll Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

C. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the designation of the Press Republican and the Valley News as the official newspapers for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion: Kathleen carterMartinez Seconded: Sue Russell Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 1-Stevens **Accept**

D. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the designation of the bulletin board located in the hallway corridor outside the main office as the official bulletin board for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion: Dwayne Stevens Seconded: Kathleen carterMartinez Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

10. Authorizations

A. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the following as specified:

- 1) Superintendent to be responsible for:
 - a) Certifying payroll
 - b) Approving conferences, conventions, and workshop attendance if appropriate and identified as consistent with District goals and priorities for continuous improvement
 - c) Approving budget transfers up to \$2,500
 - d) Signing all applications and forms required for federal programs and grants
- 2) Assistant Treasurer to maintain a \$100 Petty Cash Fund
- 3) Extracurricular Activity Fund Treasurer and the Superintendent or Assistant Treasurer (in the absence of the Superintendent) to sign Extracurricular Activity Fund Checks
- 4) Superintendent and/or the Board of Education to approve the community Use of School Facilities and Equipment Loaning requests
- 5) Bonding of the following person for the amount indicated:
 - a) Tax Collector \$1,000,000
 - b) District Treasurer \$1,000,000
 - c) Assistant Treasurer \$1,000,000
 - d) All Employees \$25,000*
 - e) Activity Fund Treasurer \$25,000*
 - f) District Clerk \$25,000*
 - g) Internal Claims Auditor \$25,000*
 - h) Superintendent \$25,000*

**Blanket coverage in District Liability Insurance Policy*

Motion: Dwayne Stevens Seconded: Kathleen carterMartinez Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

Resolved that the Board of Education recommends increasing the Petty Cash Fund from \$100 to \$200 for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion: Jim Carroll Seconded: Dwayne Stevens Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

B. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to authorize the Assistant Treasurer or Superintendent in the absence of the District Treasurer, to sign checks for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion: Kathleen carterMartinez Seconded: Dwayne Stevens Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

11. Other

A. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the re-adoption of all current Westport Central School District Policies, Procedures, Code of Ethics and Plans in effect during the 2008-2009 school year.

Motion: Jim Carroll Seconded: Kathleen carterMartinez Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

B. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the adoption of the Academic Intervention Services (AIS) Plan Revised June 2008.

Motion: Dwayne Stevens Seconded: Kathleen carterMartinez Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

C. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the adoption of the revised Technology Plan 2008 – 2011.

Motion: Jim Carroll Seconded: Dwayne Stevens Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

D. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to maintain the mileage reimbursement rate at 50 cents per mile for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion: Kathleen carterMartinez Seconded: Jim Carroll Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

E. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the proposed prices for the 2009-2010 school year:

MEAL	K – 6 Grade	7 – 12 Grade	Adult
Complete Breakfast	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$2.00
Breakfast Single Entrée	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.25
Complete Lunch	\$1.75	\$2.00	\$3.50
Lunch Single Entrée	\$1.60	\$1.85	\$2.00
Single Milk	\$.40	\$.40	\$.40

Motion: Jim Carroll Seconded: Kathleen carterMartinez Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

F. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the continuation of the reciprocal agreement with Camp Dudley concerning sharing of facilities in the event that either Camp Dudley or the school must evacuate their present location.

Motion: Dwayne Stevens Seconded: Kathleen carterMartinez Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

G. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the continuation of the payment of a \$3,500 stipend to the Principal as Coordinator of Title I A, D, Title II A, D, Title IV A and Title V grants.

Motion: Jim Carroll Seconded: Kathleen carterMartinez Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

12. Adjournment for Regular Meeting

Time: 7:15 PM

Motion: Jim Carroll

Seconded: Dwayne Stevens

REGULAR MEETING **MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

at: 7:26 PM

by: President LaRock

A. Roll Call

√ Alice LaRock

√ Kathleen carterMartinez

√ Dwayne Stevens

√ Jim Carroll

√ Sue Russell

B. Introduction of Attendees

Also Present: John W. Gallagher, Interim Superintendent

Visitors: Ulrich Hoffman

Jana Atwell, District Clerk

Daniel McCormick

Michele Friedman, Principal

Rick Martinez

Cindy Moody, District Treasurer

2. Public Comment (5 minutes)

Our agenda offers two Public Comment sections, one at the beginning of the meeting and the other at the end. At this time we have set aside a 5 minute period giving anyone in the audience time to share their thoughts with us. Your opinions, ideas and concerns will be considered and taken under advisement. Questions or concerns needing an explanation or further information will be addressed at our next regular meeting.

Dwayne Stevens extended a thank you to the Board for the use of the gym for Sunday night basketball. The participants are most appreciative.

Mr. McCormick asked if the Board considered thanking David Goldwasser for his service as a Board of Education member.

Principal Friedman thanked Jim Carroll for setting up the live stream for viewing of the 2009 graduation ceremony.

Mr. Hoffman suggested the Board pass a resolution thanking Coach McKinley for donating a portion of his coaching stipend back to the District.

3. Executive Session

(#5) Collective negotiations pursuant to article 14 of the Civil Service Law and (#6) the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

In: 7:30 PM Motion: Dwayne Stevens Seconded: Kathleen carterMartinez Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0
Accept

Out: 7:55 PM Motion: Jim Carroll Seconded: Dwayne Stevens Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0
Accept

No action taken.

4. Board Statement to Public Comment (June 11, 2009 meeting)

This year, Westport Central School District was faced with the two most daunting tasks that a Board of Education must address: Budget Season and the Search for a New Superintendent. At the time that the Superintendent search was initiated, the budget preparation season was already in process. Typically, these are two very distinct processes that are usually independent of one another. However, taken together the budget preparation season and the superintendent search provided common ground from which to address significant District issues.

This year, the current state of economic and fiscal crisis on both a Federal and State level created a sense of urgency and a climate of fiscal uncertainty during the budget season. These concerns were addressed by a group of concerned representatives of the community who gave a voice to these issues at the budget session portion of the Board meetings. In addition to these community members, other groups of concerned parents found different avenues from which to address and discuss their concerns with the Board.

As members of the Board of Education and as Officers of the State, the Board felt a sincere responsibility to carefully consider the issues and concerns of the collective community. Therefore, consideration was given to all components of the issues brought forth from the superintendent stakeholders committee, concerned citizens, parents and faculty regarding the budget and the need for the district to look for creative, innovative fiscally responsible solutions to the budget and to the issue of District Leadership

Although the candidates held the appropriate and necessary credentials the Board of Education carefully weighed its options before reaching a decision based upon what they felt is best for the District.

Therefore, the Board of Education is pleased to announce that Dr. John Gallagher will be continuing with Westport School as the Superintendent.

Superintendent Appointment

Resolved, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Dr. John Gallagher as Superintendent of Schools. The President of the Board is authorized to enter into a contract with the Superintendent in accord with Education Law Section 1711, and which provides for compensation up to (180 x daily rate); is terminable upon 45 days notice; and other usual and customary terms as recommended by the School District attorney.

Motion: Dwayne Stevens Seconded: Kathleen carterMartinez Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

Roll Call Vote: Stevens – yes, Carroll – yes, Russell – yes, LaRock – yes, carterMartinez – yes

Authorization of Superintendent Duties

Resolved, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, grants Principal, Michele Friedman, Acting Superintendent duties during any temporary absence from the District of John Gallagher, Superintendent, effective July 1, 2009, and continuing until such authorization is revoked.

Motion: Dwayne Stevens Seconded: Kathleen carterMartinez Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

Roll Call Vote: Carroll – yes, Russell – yes, LaRock – yes, carterMartinez – yes, Stevens - yes

5. Financial

Resolved that the Board of Education accepts and approves the following financial reports:

- Warrant Report 12A
- Warrant Report 12B
- Warrant Report 12C
- Multi-Fund Bank Account Reconciliation as of 5/31/09
- Cafeteria Profit & Loss Statement SY2008-2009
- Treasurer's Report for Multi-Fund Month of May 2009

Motion: Jim Carroll Seconded: Dwayne Stevens Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

6. Reports/Presentations

A. Superintendent's Report

- Articulation Agreement – WCS has formally added Marketing to our articulation agreement with North Country Community College's "Bridge Program". WCS will now be offering four college level business courses. The "Bridge Program" will now allow students to earn up to 14 SUNY credits upon graduation from high school that will transfer with ease. In the 2007-2008 school year 70 overall college credits were earned by 16 students. In the 2008-2009 school year 89 overall college credits were earned by 25 students.

B. Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds Report

- Conroy & Conroy will be working on the chimney repair mid July.
- Summer cleaning has begun as well as cleaning of the bus garage.
- Applications will be accepted until July 10, 2009 for the vacant mechanic/bus driver position.

- Discussion evolved regarding the maintenance of the baseball and softball fields.
- C. Board Committee Reports** (none at this time)

7. Long Range Planning

- Administrative Structure
- Non-Resident Students
 - A report will be provided in August regarding the impact of non-resident students on the budget over the last three years.
- Shared Services
 - We are continuing to work with David Whitford from AES regarding a generator. Contact has been made with Senator Gillibrand and Schumer's office for assistance in obtaining funding for a generator.
 - Monies will be available for upstate infrastructure upgrades. Schools will be eligible to apply for this grant.

8. Minutes

Resolved that the Board of Education does hereby approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education held on - **June 11, 2009** (Regular Meeting) as presented

Motion: Kathleen carterMartinez Seconded: Dwayne Stevens Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 1-Russell **Accept**

9. Unfinished Business

A. Twenty Day Emergency Fingerprint Clearance

Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the approval of a twenty day emergency conditional fingerprint clearance for the following:

- Kathleen Desjardins
- Deanna Marcotte

Motion: Jim Carroll Seconded: Dwayne Stevens Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

10. New Business

A. Personnel

1. Extracurricular Appointments

Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the following extracurricular appointments for the 2009-2010 school year at the stipend per the current Westport Education Association Contract:

- Boys' Modified Soccer Coach – John Doyle
- Boys' Modified Soccer Assistant Volunteer Coach – Jason Fiegl
- Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach – Michael Davis
- Girls' Modified Soccer Coach – Laura Napper
- Girls' Varsity Soccer Coach – Bradley Rascoe
- Girls' Varsity Soccer Assistant Volunteer Coach – Elizabeth Lee
- Boys' Modified Basketball Coach – Daniel McCormick
- Boys' Modified Basketball Assistant Volunteer Coach – John Thompson
- Boys' Jr. Varsity Basketball Coach – Michael Tyler
- Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach – Bradley Rascoe

- Girls' Modified Basketball Coach – Paul Mudie
- Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach – Thomas McKinley
- Modified Baseball Coach – Steven Hudson
- Varsity Baseball Coach – Donald Markwica
- Golf Coach – Daniel McCormick
- Golf Assistant Volunteer Coach – John Thompson
- Freshman Class Advisor – Kim Matthews
- Freshman Class Advisor – Laura Napper
- Sophomore Class Advisor – Jason Fiegl
- Sophomore Class Advisor – John Thompson
- Junior Class Advisor – Adam Facticeau
- Junior Class Advisor – Vicki Wolinsky
- Senior Class Advisor – Cheryl Phillips
- Senior Class Advisor – John Thompson
- Talent Show Co-Advisor – Scott Gibbs
- Athletic Coordinator – Bradley Rascoe
- Senior Play Advisor – Scott Gibbs
- Detention Monitor – Cathy Brankman
- Quiz Bowl Advisor – Daniel McCormick
- Honor Society Advisor – Daniel McCormick
- Activity Fund Treasurer – Paul Mudie
- Weight Room Monitor – Paul Mudie
- Newspaper Co-Advisor – Scott Gibbs
- Newspaper Co-Advisor – Paul Mudie
- End of Year Slideshow Advisor – Paul Mudie
- Yearbook Advisor – John Thompson
- Public Speaking Advisor – Theresa Lindsay
- Student Council Advisor – Cheryl Phillips
- Basketball Game Timer – John Thompson
- Basketball Game Chaperone – Janet Hoff
- Soccer Game Timer – Gwen Sherman
- Band Director – Heather Olson

Motion: Kathleen carterMartinez Seconded: Jim Carroll Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

2. Appointments – Welch, Sherman

- a) Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the probationary appointment of Amy Welch in the tenure area of elementary education at a total salary of \$41,732 which includes \$38,619 (Step I) and \$3,113 (11 credit hours). The date of commencement of probationary service will be September 8, 2009 with the expiration date of the appointment being June 30, 2011 (one year of Jarema credit given for 2008-2009 long-term substituting).

Motion: Dwayne Stevens Seconded: Jim Carroll Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

- b) Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of

Education the appointment of Gwen Sherman as a Teacher Assistant at an annual rate of \$24,293 effective September 8, 2009.

Motion: Dwayne Stevens Seconded: Jim Carroll Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

3. Intent to Retire (none at this time)
4. Tenure (none at this time)
5. Child Rearing Leave (none at this time)
6. Leave of Absence Request (none at this time)
7. Termination (none at this time)
8. Elimination of Position (none at this time)
9. Request to End Employment (none at this time)

B. Miscellaneous

1. Inventory Disposal

Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the approval to dispose of the following textbooks:

- Math Course 3, Glencoe © 1998
- Mathematics, Addison-Wesely © 1991
- Mathematics, Riverside © 1987
- Mathematics, Silver, Burdet, Ginn © 1998
- American Nation, Holt © 1995
- Passports, Houghton © 1979
- Mathematics, Addison-Weseley © 1987
- New York Yesterday, Silver, Burdett, Ginn © 1985
- We the People, Center for Civic Education © 1995
- Impressions, Houghton © 1979
- The Capital, Congress © 1975
- Basic Programming, Brenen © 1984
- Discovering the American Past, Wheeler © 1998
- Life Science, Holt © 1982
- Science, Silver, Burdett © 1987
- Economics, Miller © 1995
- World History, McDougal Little © 1997
- Literature, Prentice Hall © 1989

Motion: Kathleen carterMartinez Seconded: Dwayne Stevens Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

2. Facility Use Request

Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the approval of the *Facility Use Request* as submitted by the Westport Youth Commission for the use of the fields for the purpose of biddy soccer practice from 10 AM to 12 PM on Saturdays, August 15, 22, 29 and September 5, and from 5:30 PM to 7 PM on either (Tuesdays) August 18, 25 and September 1 or (Wednesdays) August 19, 26 and September 2, 2009.

Motion: Dwayne Stevens Seconded: Kathleen carterMartinez Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

3. Section VII Merger Application

Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the approval of the Section VII Merger Application with Keene Central School for Varsity Baseball for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion: Jim Carroll Seconded: Kathleen carterMartinez Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

4. St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Program

Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the approval of the following resolution: **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Westport Central School District Board of Education agrees to participate in the St. Lawrence/Lewis BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Programs in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the "Cooperative Purchasing Agreement" for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion: Kathleen carterMartinez Seconded: Jim Carroll Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Accept**

C. Policy (none at this time)

11. Additional Items to Discuss

None at this time.

12. Public Comment (5 minutes)

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Jim Carroll suggested reviewing our practice for public comment. Dr. Gallagher will poll other Districts for their procedures regarding public comment.

Mr. Hoffman requested a response to questions posed during the June Board of Education meeting regarding the superintendent search and posting agendas online. The Board addressed the matter of the superintendent search in a verbal statement read earlier in the meeting which will also be included in the minutes for this meeting. Agendas will be available on the WCS website (effective with this meeting). Mr. Hoffman questioned whether the District is prepared for the upcoming changes in pension funds. He also questioned what consideration was given to the vacant teaching positions and replacing or revising these positions. Mr. Hoffman stated that he observed no school participation in the local 4th of July parade.

Mr. McCormick advised that there was student participation in the parade and post-parade activities.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13th at 6:30 PM in the library. If an executive session is necessary, executive session will begin at 6 PM followed by the regular session at 6:30 PM.

13. **Executive Session** (if needed)

14. **Adjournment**

Time: 8:55 PM

Motion: Jim Carroll

Seconded: Dwayne Stevens

Date approved by the Board of Education: August 13, 2009

Jana Atwell, District Clerk