

**Westport Central School District
Special Board of Education Meeting**

Place: Superintendent's Office

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

Time: 8:30 AM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

at: 8:32 AM

by: President LaRock

A. Roll Call

√ Alice LaRock √ Kathleen carterMartinez (exited 10:05 AM) David Goldwasser-absent
√ Dwayne Stevens √ Jim Carroll (entered 8:36 AM)

B. Introduction of Attendees

Also Present: Karen B. Tromblee, Superintendent Visitors: Craig King, District Superintendent
Jana Atwell, District Clerk

Louise Jackstadt
Sam Sherman
Alvin Reiner
Ulrich Hoffman
Daniel McCormick
Cheryl Phillips

C. Pledge of Allegiance

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.

Mr. Sam Sherman stated how pleased he was that the District was using the services of the District Superintendent's Office for the superintendent search process. Mr. King addressed concerns regarding new regulations related to a superintendent remaining as an employee of the District after retirement.

3. New Business

Superintendent Search Discussion

A District Superintendent Search Agenda and tentative search timeline were distributed by Mr. King for review. Other items distributed for review included samples of an announcement of vacancy brochure, an application, previous advertisements used by the District during a superintendent search, an interview schedule, and a listing of superintendent vacancies and salary ranges.

The agenda provided an outline of areas (i.e. advertisements, brochure, application, interview committee structure, salary and contract) for further discussion.

President LaRock and District Clerk Jana Atwell will be the contact persons for communication with Mr. King.

Mr. King suggested that the District submit a letter to join CO-SER 606 (a shared service designed to provide assistance in recruiting certified personnel).

4. Additional Items to Discuss

None at this time.

5. Public Comment (5 minutes)

Mr. Hoffman reiterated his concerns voiced at a previous Board of Education meeting regarding school taxes. Mr. Hoffman suggested the Board consider the possibility of not hiring a new superintendent but review the possibility of sharing this position with another district.

Discussion ensued regarding the combining of school districts and survey information from meetings held years past. Mr. Sam Sherman advised that he has information regarding this survey.

Mr. McCormick questioned Mr. King regarding the number of other districts in New York that share the services of a Superintendent. This information was not readily available but will be provided.

6. Executive Session

(#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.

Mr. King was invited to attend executive session.

In: 9:27 AM Motion: Dwayne Stevens Seconded: Kathleen carterMartinez Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0
Accept

Out: 10:21 AM Motion: Jim Carroll Seconded: Dwayne Stevens Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain: 0
Accept

No action taken.

7. Adjournment

Time: 10:22 AM Motion: Dwayne Stevens Seconded: Jim Carroll

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 13, 2008 Regular Meeting 6:30 PM Library

Date approved by the Board of Education: November 13, 2008

Jana Atwell, District Clerk