

**WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Board of Education**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**DATE:** May 15, 2018

**KIND:** Annual Meeting, Budget Vote & Board Member Election

**TIME:** 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**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 School District Budget for the 2018-2019 school year as approved by the Board of Education, **(2)** to elect one Board of Education member for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2018 and expiring on June 30, 2023, and **(3)** to authorize the transfer to the Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Reserve Fund from the existing Capital (Bus) Reserve Fund the amount of \$74,772.15 which Capital (Bus) Reserve Fund shall also be liquidated and dissolved by this proposition as the original purpose of the Capital (Bus) Reserve Fund is no longer desirable for School District purposes and authorize to appropriate and expend the maximum estimated amount of \$60,000.00 from the Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Reserve Fund for the purchase of the following equipment: a heavy duty body truck with V-plow and sander, and a mower.

At 8:00 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 volunteer Clerks of Election and Chairperson proceeded to canvass the vote: Brenda Drummond, Gwen Goff, Judy French, Nicole Sudduth and Jana Atwell.

The ballots which were cast between the hours of 12:00 PM and 8:00 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 regarding transferring funds and purchase of truck & mower: 307  
*(This figure includes 12 absentee ballots.)*

Number of yes votes in favor of transferring funds and purchase of truck & mower: 231

Number of no votes opposed to transferring funds and purchase of truck & mower: 76

Number of ballots declared as VOID: 0

Number of ballots left blank: 0

TOTAL: 307

**The Board of Education is authorized to transfer to the Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Reserve Fund from the existing Capital (Bus) Reserve Fund the amount of \$74,772.15 which Capital (Bus) Reserve Fund shall also be liquidated and dissolved by this proposition as the original purpose of the Capital (Bus) Reserve Fund is no longer desirable for School District purposes and authorize to appropriate and expend the maximum**

**estimated amount of \$60,000.00 from the Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Reserve Fund for the purchase of the following equipment: a heavy duty body truck with V-plow and sander, and a mower.**

Total number of ballots regarding the election of a school board member: 307  
*(This figure includes 12 absentee ballots.)*

Number of votes cast in favor of Medara Sherman: 146  
Number of votes cast in favor of James Carroll: 153  
Number of write-in votes in favor of: Jason Fiegl (1)  
Number of write-in votes in favor of: Gerald Goulet (1)  
Number of ballots declared as VOID: 2  
Number of ballots left blank: 4

TOTAL: 307

**James Carroll was elected to the Board of Education for the five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2018 and expiring on June 30, 2023.**

Total number of ballots cast regarding the school budget: 307  
*(This figure includes 12 absentee ballots.)*

Number of yes votes in favor of the adoption of the school budget: 134  
Number of no votes opposed to the adoption of the school budget: 171  
Number of ballots declared as VOID: 1  
Number of ballots left blank: 1

TOTAL: 307

**The proposed school budget was declared to have been defeated.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM

Minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Education.

Date approved by the BOE: June 14, 2018

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Jana Atwell, District Clerk