

WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Special Meeting

Place: Library

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Time: 6:00 PM

OFFICIAL MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** At: 6:09 PM By: President LaRock
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
√ Alice LaRock Jim Carroll-absent √ Sue Russell-entered 6:19 PM √ Tom Kohler √ Jason Welch

4. **INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES**

Also Present: A. Paul Scott, Interim Superintendent

Jana Atwell, District Clerk

Sharlene Petro-Durgan, District Treasurer

Josh Meyer, Principal

Visitors: Janet Hoff

Cathy Brankman

Ellen Cole

Mike Tyler

Jay Fiegl

Tricia Miller

Evan George

Ryan Hathaway

Kim Dedam

Joanne Mazzotte

Brennan Mazzotte

Cena Abramo

Ofa Vaiciulis

Tomasi Vaiciulis

Daniel Rutz

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. The Board President or designee will ask for a show of hands to determine how many members of the public wish to offer comment. The Board will make use of that tally to help it determine the allowed duration of any one individual's public comment. The **first segment** of this public comment opportunity is exclusively for district residents. A **second segment** for non-residents will be offered if there are non-residents who wish to offer public comment, as well. Opinions, ideas and concerns that are offered by the public will be considered and taken under advisement. Thank you!

When called upon by the Board President to speak aloud, please identify yourself and provide your school district of residence. The intent is to provide reasonable equity and access to public comment tonight, while keeping the duration of public comment reasonable.

Comments and suggestions were received from Cathy Brankman, Janet Hoff and Ryan Hathaway regarding the recently defeated spending plan.

6. ADOPT A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR JUNE 19, 2018 VOTER CONSIDERATION

- a. The school board will consider adopting a proposed \$6,296,938 budget plan for 2018-19 that calls for a property tax increase of 2.42% which is at the property tax cap threshold. This proposed budget abolishes three full-time teacher positions, July 1st forward. Other cost reductions eliminate various instructional program materials, supplies, textbooks and classroom equipment items that had been identified fall 2017 by teachers as prospective 2018-19 top priorities for instructional programs, if and as the budget allowed for purchase of such top priority instructional items.

Discussion evolved. A motion was made by Sue Russell, seconded by Jason Welch to open the floor to hear feedback. Comments were provided by teacher and WEA Co-President Cathy Brankman, WCS teacher Jason Fiegl and Town Supervisor Mike Tyler.

Motion to adopt the proposed 2018-19 budget plan:

Motion: Tom Kohler Second: Sue Russell Yes: 3 No: 1 Abstain: 0 Accept
Roll Call Vote: LaRock – yes, Kohler – no, Russell – yes, Welch – yes, Carroll – absent

7. SET TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018 AT 6 PM FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SCHOOL BOARD'S PROPOSED 2018-19 BUDGET PLAN, SLATED FOR VOTER CONSIDERATION JUNE 19, 2018 FROM NOON UNTIL 8 PM IN THE AUDITORIUM LOBBY

Motion: Sue Russell Second: Jason Welch Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. 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.

Principal Meyer was invited to attend executive session.

In: 6:58 PM Motion: Sue Russell Second: Jason Welch Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0
Accept

Out: 7:53 PM Motion: Sue Russell Second: Tom Kohler Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0
Accept

No action taken.

~~**9. RE-CONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION**~~

10. ADJOURN

Time: 7:54 PM Motion: Tom Kohler Second: Jason Welch

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

Date approved by the BOE: June 14, 2018

Jana Atwell, District Clerk

Next Meeting:

- Public Budget Hearing Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 6 PM
- Regular Meeting Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 5:45 PM
- Budget Re-Vote Tuesday, June 19, 2018 Noon – 8 PM