

EDUCATE, CHALLENGE, & INSPIRE

WESTBROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, October 28, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.
Special Board of Education Meeting
Google Meet

MINUTES

Members Present: Zachary Hayden, Sally Greaves, Kim Walker, Mary Ella Luft, Michelle, Palumbo, Don Perreault, Michele Brigham, Christine Kuehlewind,

Absent: Mike Esposito

Also present: Dr. Patricia Charles, Interim Superintendent; Administrators: Tara Winch, Ruth Rose, Susan Miller, Madeline Illinger; IT Specialist, Ben Russell; CABE Consultants, Mary Broderick, Paul Gagliarducci; Shipman & Goodwin Attorney Leander Dolphin

I. CALL TO ORDER – Board Chair, Z. Hayden, called the special meeting of October 28 to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOTION BY K. Walker and SECOND by M. Palumbo to move to Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. Amended to invite Attorney Leander Dolphin to Executive Session. Vote unanimous.

III. NEW BUSINESS – Executive Session

1. Discussion Regarding Proposed Appointment of Individual as Superintendent

Return to Public Session at 7:30 p.m.

IV. PUBLIC SESSION ITEM: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Appointment of Superintendent

Z. Hayden, Chair, expressed appreciation to CABE Consultants Mary Broderick and Paul Gagliarducci, for their assistance in the superintendent search process and expressed his appreciation to the Search Committee, who worked with him: Don Perreault, Sally Greaves, Kim Walker, Michelle Palumbo, Mary Ella Luft, Christine Kuehlewind, Michele Brigham. He was also appreciative of the assistance from Dr. Charles and Cecilia Lester, as well as participation from staff, administrators, and community members.

MOTION by S. Greaves and SECOND by K. Walker, that the Board appoint Dr. Kristina Martineau as Superintendent of Schools, effective December 1st, 2020, subject to the following conditions:

1. approval of the Commissioner of Education in accordance with Section 10-157 of the Connecticut General Statutes;
2. satisfactory completion of all statutory requirements concerning hiring of Board of Education employees; and
3. finalization of contract terms regarding that appointment and subject to the approval of those contract terms of the Board.

VOTE: Aye(s): D. Perreault, C. Kuehlewind, M. Palumbo, M. Luft, M. Brigham, K. Walker, S. Greaves, Z. Hayden MOTION passes unanimously.

Chair, Z. Hayden, introduced Dr. Kristina Martineau, welcoming her on behalf of the BOE and Westbrook community.

Dr. Martineau expressed her excitement to serve the children and families of Westbrook and to make a long term commitment to WPS.

- V. ADJOURN: MOTION by M. Brigham and SECOND by K. Walker to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Walker, Board Secretary

Cecilia S. Lester, Board Recording Clerk

BOE Approved: November 10, 2020