# WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION \*AGENDA

(Agenda Subject to Modification in Accordance with Law)

## PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

7:30 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (15 MINUTES)

VOTE TO APPOINT NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

SWEARING-IN OF NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

MINUTES:

#### DISCUSSION:

1. Student and Faculty Calendar, 2017-18 School Calendar (Encl.) Dr. Landon

### **ADJOURNMENT**

\*A 2/3 vote is required to go to executive session, to add a topic to the agenda of a regular meeting, or to start a new topic after 10:30 p.m. The meeting can also be viewed on cable TV on channel 78; Frontier TV channel 99 and by video stream @www.westport.k12.ct.us PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WELCOME USING THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- Comment on non-agenda topics will occur during the first 15 minutes except when staff or guest presentations are scheduled.
- Board will not engage in dialogue on non-agenda items.
- Public may speak as agenda topics come up for discussion or information.
- Speakers on non-agenda items are limited to 2 minutes each, except by prior arrangement with chair.
- Speakers on agenda items are limited to 3 minutes each, except by prior arrangement with chair.
- · Speakers must give name and use microphone.
- Responses to questions may be deferred if answers not immediately available.
- · Public comment is normally not invited for topics listed for action after having been publicly discussed at one or more meetings.

## WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**FLLIOTT LANDON** 

Superintendent of Schools

110 MYRTLE AVENUE WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT 06880

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To:

Members of the Board of Education

From:

Elliott Landon

Subject:

Student and Faculty Calendar/2017-18 School Year

Date:

February 8, 2016

As has been our practice, the Board of Education discusses and approves a student and faculty calendar two years in advance of implementation. It will be necessary, therefore, for the Board to consider and approve a student and faculty calendar for the 2017-18 school year.

For the second time, and consistent with Public Act 13-247 approved by the Legislature of the State of Connecticut, our Board of Education will be required to adopt a calendar that is consistent in its essential components with that of the "Uniform School Calendar" adopted by our Regional Educational Service Center, Cooperative Educational Services. The essential components for the uniform school calendar are as follows:

- 1. At least 180 days of actual school sessions during each school year (The Westport Public Schools require students to be in attendance for 182 days).
- 2. A uniform start date as determined by Cooperative Educational Services
- 3. Uniform days for professional development and in-service training for certified employees (The Cooperative Educational Services uniform regional calendar includes 2 such days; the Westport Public Schools require 6 of these days for its certified employees).
- 4. Not more than 3 uniform school vacation periods during each school year, not more than two of which shall be a one week school vacation period and one of which shall be during the summer.

With these guidelines determining the nature of our 2016-17 school calendar, a calendar has been prepared that is consistent in every way with the essential components required in the "Uniform School Calendar" adopted by Cooperative Educational Services, but also provides for the nuances required by the Westport Board of Education, as follows:

- 1. 182 days of actual school sessions for students (Same as the uniform calendar plus 2).
- 2. 6 staff development days for certified employees (Same as uniform calendar plus 4).
- 3. One week vacation in December; one week vacation in April (Same as uniform calendar).

It has come to my attention that both Greenwich and New Canaan have, for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years, have adopted a traditional calendar with a full February break, as well as an April break. Should the Board be interested in following the lead of those two school districts, I have prepared alternative calendars for the consideration of the Board.

# WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-2018 FEBRUARY 8, 2016

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