

WESTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Weston, Connecticut

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SPECIAL MEETING
Central Office Conference Room

August 4, 2010
5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Phil Schaefer, Ellen Uzenoff, Dick Bochinski, Denise Harvey, Sonya Stack, Les Wolf

ABSENT: Dana Levin

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Mr. Jerome Belair, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Lewis Brey, Director of Human Resources

MOTION: Moved that the Weston Board of Education enter Executive Session at 5:02 p.m. to discuss an Attorney Communication.
Proposed by Mrs. Uzenoff, Second by Mrs. Stack. All in favor, the Motion passed. (6-0)

MOTION: Moved that Mr. Jerome R. Belair, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Lewis Brey, Human Resources Director may enter Executive Session.
Proposed by Mrs. Uzenoff, Second by Mr. Wolf. All in favor, the Motion passed. (6-0)

MOTION: Moved that the Weston Board of Education enter into Public Session at 5:25 p.m.
Proposed by Mr. Wolf, Second by Mrs. Stack. All in favor, Motion passed. (6-0)

PUBLIC SESSION RESUMED

MOTION: Moved that Mrs. Gayle Weinstein, First Selectman, may enter Executive Session to address the Board for the sole purpose of providing information.
Proposed by Mrs. Harvey, Second by Mrs. Stack.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Wolf stated he did not think it is appropriate to invite the First Selectman to Executive Session. It is not a personal issue, whether it is Gayle or any other First Selectman. There is ample opportunity for the First Selectman to make his or her views known at any time by contacting Board members via telephone or email. I don't think it is appropriate in that I am afraid it sets precedent that any other First Selectman who thinks it is important that they attend an Executive Session. I don't think it is appropriate. I think if the Board so desires we can call a Special Meeting, it is public, all these people could attend. They could voice their opinions. The First Selectman could certainly start off the Public Comment with the points they want the Board to understand. But, to do it in Executive Session I think it is inappropriate and sets a precedent. Gayle, I would say it has nothing to do with you personally. I hope you understand that. As a matter of fact, I am very fond of you, but I don't think this is an appropriate venue and obviously, we are aware of what the issue is and what is on your mind.

Mrs. Harvey stated that the three main Boards have had an excellent period of cooperation over the past couple of years and in the spirit of continuing that type of cooperation but under the circumstances I am going to vote in favor of the Motion.

Mr. Bochinski stated that these are exceptional circumstances, not just any other Executive Session, and that is why we are taking this vote in Public Session about one individual on one Motion. I don't think it sets a harmful precedent.

VOTE: Proposed by Mrs. Harvey, Second by Mrs. Stack.
The Motion passed (5-1) Phil Schaefer, Ellen Uzenoff, Dick Bochinski, Denise Harvey,
Sonya Stack.
Mr. Wolf voted No.

MOTION: Moved that Public Session adjourn to Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. and invite Mr.
Belair and Mr. Brey to rejoin the meeting.
Proposed by Mrs. Uzenoff, second by Mr. Wolf. The Motion passed. (6-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESUMED

Mrs. Weinstein addressed the Board of Education and left the Executive Session. The Executive Session continued to discuss proposed employment contracts for the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Director of Finance and Operations.

MOTION: Moved that the Board adjourn to Public Session at 7:23 p.m.
Proposed by Mrs. Stack, Second by Mrs. Uzenoff. The Motion passed. (6-0)

PUBLIC SESSION RESUMED

MOTION: Moved that Public Session be adjourned at 7:24 p.m.
Proposed by Mr. Wolf, Second Mrs. Stack. The Motion passed. (6-0)

Respectfully submitted:
Richard Bochinski
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Chairman

Secretary

Approved by the Board of Education: